

## Covid-19 Cycling and Walking Emergency Response Measures:

### Proposed measures at Davidsons Mains Primary School – Corbiehill Road

### Response from Spokes – the Lothian Cycle Campaign, 31 August 2020

Thank you for inviting us to comment on these proposals and we welcome that you are proposing to re-designate key parts of the road network to help pedestrians and cyclists travel safely while meeting physical distancing requirements.

As such we are pleased to welcome the TTRO for additional 'no waiting' lines on Corbiehill Road. which addresses a small section of road that currently has no yellow lines. Helpful as this is, we are concerned that the reported current widespread ignoring of the existing restrictions will apply here too.

This is a very limited intervention and **we recommend** that consideration also be given to:

1. Significant temporary pavement widening outside the school, where families are having to walk on the roadway to maintain social distancing. There is already some temporary use of cones and we request that these be upgraded to heavier duty temporary infrastructure as soon as materials become available.
2. Suspending eastbound bus stop (*Vivian Terrace*) located close to the school gates, because it is usually busy for bus journeys into town at morning school start time and is on the walking route from the Silverknowes part of the catchment area. There are alternative town-bound bus stops 3 minutes (*Corbiehill Avenue*) and 4 minutes (*Main Street*) walk away.
3. Speed limitation and pavement widening measures being implemented now to improve safety at the junction of Silverknowes Road/ Main Street/ Silverknowes Road South - where the crossroads is already recognised as being a dangerous weak point on the route to and from school for the large percentage of the school pupils living in Silverknowes. This is a busy area, with families channelled along the narrow pavements on Main Street, because the pedestrian crossing is offset - at which there have been recent accidents and near misses, mainly from cars travelling at speed from the east.
4. Closing Silverknowes Road South, with a complete closure at its north-end junction with Main Street and making it residents only access from the south end. in order to provide a quiet route to the school.

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