

CIMT 14th September 2020 – Spaces for People Project Approval

Notification sent to all ward councillors, transport spokespeople, emergency services, Living Streets, Spokes, RNIB, Edinburgh Access Panel and relevant Community Councils on 3rd September 2020. Recipients were given five days to respond with comments. The measures would be implemented under emergency delegated decision-making powers using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order. Given the urgent nature of these works, normal expectations about community consultations cannot be fulfilled.

Project Proposal

Location	Justification	Recommendation
Craigentenny Primary School	Revoke parking on Loganlea Drive, immediately in front of school and widen pavement by 1.5m	Proceed with implementation of measures.

Feedback

Location	Comment from	Comment	Response
	Councillors		
	Alex Staniforth	I absolutely support the measures being suggested for both schools. Parking at Loganlea outside Craigentenny Primary is certainly an issue I've heard raised at parent council meetings before and Parsons Green has been desperate to make the outside of the school grounds better for pedestrians for some time.	Noted
	Claire Miller	I'm strongly supportive of this measure and would like to ask about how enforcement will be carried out since there is a culture of pavement parking in this neighbourhood on widened pavement areas so this will need to be a consideration.	Noted – no way of enforcing Pavement Parking at present as there is no legislation to cover this.
	Stakeholders		
	Robin Wickes Access	Please ensure drop-off and pick-up is available outside the school for blue badge holders.	Noted

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	Panel		
	Spokes	<p>Spokes Porty welcomes the opportunity to comment on the council's proposals for creating safe spaces as pupils arrive and leave Craigentenny Primary School. We see these as an initial set of broader measures that will make the journey from home to school feel much safer for pupils and parents.</p> <p>The Spaces for People proposal is to extend the northern pavement between the two school gates on Loganlea Drive, the entrance on the south-east of the school. We support this as more children are now walking to school, many of course accompanied by their parent(s), but consider that further interventions are required</p>	Noted – we will continue to liaise with the school on any further interventions.
Loaning Road	Spokes	The existing entrance on Loaning Road is no longer in use due to building works, with an alternative entrance provided via a pedestrian gate into the green (football) area to the north-east of the school. We recommend that CEC considers widening the pavement at this gate in addition to the proposed alterations at Loganlea Drive.	Noted – we will liaise with the school on this
	Spokes	Bus route no 25 goes along Loganlea Drive (in one direction). When the pavement is extended onto the carriageway, we recommend that CEC considers suspending parking on one side of the road. We suggest suspending parking on the school side of Loganlea Drive to avoid disruption to local residents, who predominantly use the southern side of the street.	Noted – will monitor this
	Spokes	The proposed extension of the pavement would have the added benefit of reducing the opportunity for parents who drop off or collect their children by car to park near the school gates. Extending the pavement could therefore increase pupil safety and reduce	Noted

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		pollution, in addition to allowing people to keep at a Covid secure distance from others.	
	Spokes	There has been a notable surge in walking, scooting and cycling to school. Enabling more pupils to walk / cycle may require changes to the Travel Route to School (we think all schools have Travel Plans) to make them safer.	Noted
Craigentenny Avenue	Spokes	A key travel route crosses the junction of Craigentenny Avenue and Craigentenny Road. When travelling east along the Craigentenny Road pavement, visibility up Craigentenny Avenue is poor, making this an intimidating junction.	Noted – this will be addressed in the School Travel Plan Review
Craigentenny Avenue	Spokes	There have been several speeding related incidents around this junction in recent years. We strongly recommend that temporary signalled crossings are installed at appropriate crossing points, with a view to making these permanent in future.	Noted – this will be addressed in the School Travel Plan Review
	Spokes	In future plans for the area, we would welcome protected cycle lanes that will allow children, and others, to travel more safely to school.	Noted – this will be addressed in the School Travel Plan Review
	Public		
	Parent Council	Whilst we welcome these changes, we feel that they are too little, too late. We still strongly believe that further (more permanent) measures need to be put in place.	Noted – this will be addressed in the School Travel Plan Review
	Parent Council	We also feel that the proposed restrictions will only force people to park at the rear of the school (Loaning Road), a road that is also quite busy with school children crossing.	Noted – we will liaise with the school on this