

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
Hermitage Park PS	Remove guardrail and build out footway in front of school	Proceed with implementation of measures

Feedback

Location	Comment from	Comment	Response
	Councillors		
	Cllr Gordon Munro	I am supportive of proposals to tackle what has been a long running problem here . I ask that consideration is given to wider proposals that have been talked about by the Parent body and local residents in the past which include a one way system using Lochend Road or Restalrig Road as access/egress or intervention measures such as planters to prevent the current problem of multiple cars parking without regard to other vehicles or even pupils directly outside the school	Noted - will look into this as part of the School Travel Plan review
	Cllr Claire Miller	Parents and other local residents are asking for a modal filter to prevent motor traffic entering from Lochend Road. Residents with motor vehicles can enter from the Restalrig Road end. A modal filter would allow an application to become a school street which I understand would be likely to be supported by the parent council and the school.	Noted - will look into this as part of the School Travel Plan review
	Cllr Claire Miller	I'd be strongly supportive of this measure and ask only that you can confirm details of how parking enforcement will work here for the most benefit of the measure	We will continue to request enforcement here to prevent double parking on existing parking restrictions.
	Cllr Chas Booth	The proposed measures will certainly help to address this, and therefore I strongly support them.	Noted

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	Cllr Chas Booth	However, I would also urge you to go further and to consider introducing a modal filter on this street, to permit non-motorised traffic but prevent motorised traffic. This could be applied either at the Lochend Road end (residents and deliveries could enter from the Restalrig Road end) or at the point where Hermitage Park joins Ryehill Grove.	Noted - will look into this as part of the School Travel Plan review
	Cllr Chas Booth	I understand the parent council are keen to introduce a school street, but have been told they cannot do so while the street remains a through-route. Introducing a modal filter would allow the proposal for a school street to be progressed, thus further improving road safety for residents and school children. I have been contacted by a number of constituents in support of this proposal.	Noted - will look into this as part of the School Travel Plan review
	Cllr Adam McVey	Very supportive of this measure being implemented as quickly as possible. There has been a lot of parents waiting at pick up time and space isn't sufficient to accommodate so this will help. I would also support Hermitage park being added being added to the school streets programme to help improve safety at drop off and pick up even further.	Noted - will look into this as part of the School Travel Plan review
	Stakeholders		
	Spokes	Hermitage Park Primary has had a historic problem with dangerous traffic levels, inconsiderate parking and associated air pollution which the School Association have gone to great lengths to try and resolve over the past decade.	Noted
	Spokes	We believe the proposed changes to the pavement will significantly improve the conditions directly outside the school at it's main entrance, and for that reason, we strongly support them.	Noted
	Spokes	However, we foresee the historic issues on the rest of the street to continue and to this end, would urge the council to consider closing Hermitage Park (the road), preferably 24/7 or, at least, at key times of the school day, whilst maintaining access for residents.	Noted - will look into this as part of the School Travel Plan review

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	Spokes	Extending the length of footway build-out to the north-eastern corner of the school site to include the space in front of the large double-gate. This is the main access to the playground for pupils and parents travelling to and from the school from this direction. The gate allows for vehicular access to the playground and, as such, there is a dropped, cobbled surface which breaks the pavement. This creates a pinch-point as people park over the entrance and on the cobbles – just at the point where children are making their way into the playground.	Noted
		Increasing the capacity of bike and scooter storage in the playground to enable and encourage the option of active travel for pupils, parents and teachers. At present, there are only 5 Sheffield stands for a school / nursery population of approximately 400.	Noted - will look into this as part of the School Travel Plan review
	Peter Hawkins Spokes additional comment	We support both the proposals; it's minor changes ('remove guard-rail'; 'build out footway along frontage of school').	Noted
	Peter Hawkins Spokes additional comment	Hermitage Park is a through-route to the colonies-style housing beyond. The street is narrow, and is protected already by humps at regular intervals; traffic generally moves slowly. Parking on both sides (for residents) also acts as traffic-calming.	Noted
	Robin Wickes Access Panel	Please ensure it's safe to remove the guard rail.	Noted
	Public		
	Commonplace	Restrict traffic on Hermitage Park to create more space for safe walking and cycling for children and parents/carers. Currently pavements are too narrow and there are too many cars stopping to pick up kids right outside school.	Noted
	Commonplace	Create filtered permeability from Lochend Road junction by introducing bollards. Residents could still access the road from the other end.	Noted - will look into this as part of the School Travel Plan review
		Parking removed around the school, planters introduced to make a more pleasant street environment.	Noted - will look into this as part of the School Travel Plan review