

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
Parsons Green Primary School	Close Paisley Drive between Paisley Avenue and Meadowfield Road to allow parents a safe waiting area.	Proceed with measures.

Feedback

Location	Comment from	Comment	Response
	Councillors		
	Cllr Claire Miller	I'd fully support this and would also ask if the school and the parent/pupil communities have been able to comment – I know that this school has previously done some quite extensive work on how to improve active travel routes to their school and they will have useful input	Noted
	Stakeholders		
	Edinburgh Access Panel	Please ensure drop-off and pick-up is available outside the school for blue badge holders.	Noted
	Spokes	We have not had time to do a detailed response for Parsons Green Primary School.	Noted
		As with all schools in Edinburgh, we believe that	Noted

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		children and parents should be able to walk, wheel, cycle and scoot to school easily and safely on direct routes.	
	Spokes	We support the use of 'school streets' which have been effective across the city in addressing traffic issues and improving the safety of children, parents and staff in the vicinity of schools.	Noted – this will be considered in the School Travel Plan Review
	Spokes	We also welcome measures that help parents switch from car to more sustainable modes given the limited use of public transport during the pandemic	Noted
	Spokes	With this in mind, we support the Council's proposals to close Paisley Drive to school traffic. We understand that this is also supported by the school's management.	Noted
	Spokes	We also understand that the school is keen to see measures undertaken to close Meadowfield Drive to traffic at school drop off and pick up times. Given that Meadowfield Drive is a bus route, measures would need to be undertaken to ensure that buses are able to continue their services (for example with the use of a bus/taxi/cycle gate at specified times).	Noted – we will liaise with the school on this
	Public		
		Close Paisley Drive between Paisley Avenue and Meadowfield Drive to allow parents a safe waiting area.	Noted
		We'd also like to see Meadowfield Drive closed at drop off and pick up times	Noted
	Commonplace	Cut back hedges in surrounding streets as it is difficult to find space for buggies.	Noted