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Dear Spaces for People Team

We have not had time to do a detailed response for Parsons Green Primary School. As with all schools in Edinburgh, we believe that children and parents should be able to walk, wheel, cycle and scoot to school easily and safely on direct routes. 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. We welcome any measures that enable and encourage safe active travel, alongside measures to ensure social distancing and reduce the risks to children from traffic. We also welcome measures that help parents switch from car to more sustainable modes given the limited use of public transport during the pandemic.

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.

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).

With kind regards

Spokes Party

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