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Dear Councillors and Stakeholders

Covid-19 Cycling and Walking Emergency Response Measures

Proposed A1 Bus Priority and Cycle Improvements Scheme

Please be advised that as part of overall emergency measures we are proposing to introduce new bus priority and cycle improvements measures on sections of the A1 corridor from close to Leith Walk to the junction with Mountcastle Drive South. The measures proposed have been designed to build upon and enhance existing provisions for people cycling and using public transport, with the principal aims of encouraging and supporting cyclists to travel safely while also prioritising public transport on one of the cities strategic transport corridors.

I have attached the proposed designs for the scheme. In summary it shows:

- Introduction of sections of new segregated and mandatory cycle lanes.
- Improvements to existing sections of advisory cycle lanes.
- Introduction of sections of new bus lanes.
- Improvements to junctions and crossings along the corridor to make them safer for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Introduction of parking, waiting and loading restrictions where applicable along the corridor.
- Introduction of vehicle filtering in specific locations along the corridor (i.e. Hillside Crescent and Southfield Road West).

Please note that there are a number of Sheets within the attached designs that state ‘No interventions are proposed with this area’. These areas already have existing public transport and/or cycling provisions that we are proposing to retain and integrate our proposals into with an overall aim of making the corridor more coherent, desirable and safer for people cycling and using public transport.

Given the urgency to make the required changes any comments relating to these proposals should be received by **1700hrs on Thursday 24 September** to spacesforpeople@edinburgh.gov.uk.

All feedback will be reviewed and where possible the scheme will be further refined. Feedback will be summarised in an assessment feedback form which will be presented to the Council Incident Management Team for approval. Please note that we will be unable to respond to individual emails.

If the proposal is approved for implementation, publicity will then be undertaken so that local people are aware of the changes. A dedicated inbox will help us to manage any feedback around proposals – spacesforpeople@edinburgh.gov.uk

The introduction of, or changes to, any restrictions will be implemented under emergency delegated decision-making powers using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order.

Regards

On behalf of Spaces for People Team

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