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Dear Spaces for People Team (cc to Spokes and ward councillors)

Brunstane Primary School

Spokes Porty welcomes the measures being proposed to create safe space around the school gates of Brunstane Primary School for parents and children. These measures seem to reflect the wishes of the parent council and school management.

They appear similar to, but stop short of, the 'School Streets' schemes implemented around various other schools in Edinburgh and which have proved very successful and we would support the school management's calls for more restrictions around the school gates.

Brunstane Primary has a historic problem with traffic and there is now a risk that the numbers of parents dropping off by car will increase significantly as people avoid public transport. For this reason it is important that the measures also make walking, cycling, wheeling and scooting to and from the school a safe, easy, practical options.

To this end, we suggest the following amendments to the proposals:

1. Move the filter on the south end of Magdalene Gardens to west of the end of the path to/from Magdalene Glen. This would provide a low traffic link between the school and the paths through Magdalene Glen connecting with much of the catchment. Without this filter, parents and children walking, wheeling and cycling from Magdalene Glen will have to negotiate a short but potentially busy section of Magdalene Gardens.
2. Moving this filter further west still, to the junction with Magdalene Loan may improve things further by preventing a cul-de-sac with associated risks from reversing and turning traffic.
3. North of the school, filtering Magdalene Drive from the junction with Magdalene Avenue to the west side of the junction with Magdalene Gardens. This would provide a safer route south from Duddingston Crescent.

Longer term, there is a clear case for a traffic free or low traffic route linking Magdalene Glen, Brunstane Primary and Portobello High School via an improved crossing on Milton Road. We urge you to consider this in the context of wider active travel networks in the area.

With best wishes

Spokes Porty