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Subject: Covid 19 Emergency Response Measures - Proposed Traffic Management on King's Place, Portobello

Dear Councillors and Stakeholders

### **Covid-19 Cycling and Walking Emergency Response Measures**

Proposed Traffic Management on Kings Place, Portobello

Thank you for your comments regarding the proposed emergency road measures. Comments have been reviewed and a summary of comments is included in the attached assessment feedback form to the Council Incident Management Team (CIMT). Following consideration by the CIMT on 17 August the proposals have been approved for implementation. Apologies for the delay in forwarding this to you.

Officers will be monitoring all the temporary measures and will make adjustments as necessary to mitigate any impacts.

We expect that these measures will be implemented from the week commencing the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 with temporary traffic management equipment, such as temporary barriers. Where deemed suitable, this equipment will then be replaced with planters once available.

Further information about how the Council is implementing temporary road measures to support safe walking, wheeling and cycling is available at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/spacesforpeople](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/spacesforpeople)

### **On behalf of Spaces for People Team**

Kind regards,



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Notification sent to all ward councillors, transport spokespeople, emergency services, Living Streets, Spokes, RNIB, Edinburgh Access Panel and relevant Community Councils on 6 July 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.

The proposal is to create a safe active travel link that will connect both sections of the promenade currently severed by an existing car park. The scope of works includes the formation of a turning circle and loading area (with appropriate restrictions) to serve the adjacent businesses, and temporarily suspend all parking and vehicular access to the existing car park.

The SfP team will engage with residents and provide adequate notification regarding revised access arrangements (these measures will restrict access to the occupied car park area).

The scheme does not require or depend upon the removal or relocation of caravans currently located within King's Place.

Any future improvement scheme will be considered, in close consultation with the local community that will aim to improve access, active travel and public realm at this section of the promenade, these are not directly related to the Spaces for People measures.

### **Project Proposal**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Kings Place, Portobello	Creation of a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists to negotiate the car park between the Portobello and Seafield Promenades.	Progress with suspension of parking and provision of a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists as part of overall emergency measures to help people travel safely while meeting physical distancing requirements.

### **Feedback**

<b>Comment from</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Responses from Elected Members and Stakeholder Organisations</b>		

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<p>Cllr Mary Campbell</p>	<p>Thank you, so glad to see something happening here. Is there any potential to bring in angled markings for parking on Kings Road? This would help residents, as hopefully day trippers will move elsewhere with parking removed at Kings Place.</p>	<p>This is a possibility in the future. However, careful consideration needs to be given to the safety of angled parking and this should be taken forward as a separate project.</p>
<p>Cllr Callum Laidlaw</p>	<p>Regarding King’s Place I am delighted to see movement here as this has been a sore point for many years and we have long tried to turn the area currently occupied by caravans and vehicles into a safe space for pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>Portobello Community Council (Lee Kindness)</p>	<p>Hi, this is a response from Portobello Community Council on proposed emergency measures at Kings Place. Given the timescale for responses and standing advice from the CEC Governance Team it is not possible for the community council to come to a new position on these plans. We have shared the plans with the community.</p> <p>However, Portobello Promenade at Kings Place is a long-running topic for the community council, one which we have previously consulted on and have been working with council officers. The results of our consultation on Kings Place parking indicted a preference for closure of Kings Place to vehicles and a continuous Promenade. This is broadly in-line with the proposed emergency measures and we would therefor support the plans.</p> <p>The need to prevent Kings Road traffic from Kings Place and Portobello Promenade is clear in the plans. However red wands are also being used to delineate a route along the Promenade. This is not necessary, and is incongruous with the rest of Portobello Prom, where pedestrians and cyclists mix. We have discussed the idea of marked cycle lanes on the Prom before, with concerns it would lead to increased cycling speed – see slide 16.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. The design attempts to achieve the connecting of both promenades and provides a continuous, uninterrupted route for people walking and cycling.</p> <p>This design feature has been revisited and it is agreed that the wands are not necessary. They have now been removed from the proposed design.</p>

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	<p>Likewise on phase 2 coloured asphalt would be used to delineate a route – same concerns as above. Instead the surface should be made good, with a consistent finish across the area.</p> <p>The community council is keen to see that these temporary measures don't bring to an end our current cooperation with council officials to enhance this space. This cooperation will allow local residents to input into an improvement of the space.</p> <p>NOTE: We are aware of a number of Facebook posts looking for people to respond to Portobello Community Council's plans to remove caravans at Kings Place – obviously a misunderstanding of roles and who is proposing what. Just to give a bit of context to any responses you get.</p>	<p>The phase 2 plan was included as a point of reference with the SfP Public Safety proposal. Any future proposals will be developed by other colleagues in close consultation with local stakeholders and communities. The SfP proposal is to improve public safety across the existing car park area.</p> <p>The local community will be consulted again on any proposals for a permanent scheme.</p> <p>Noted. It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p>
<p>Edinburgh Access Panel</p>	<p>While we are broadly supportive of the proposal to close King's Place to traffic, we would express the following caveats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide parking provision nearby for blue badge holders.</li> <li>• Please ensure the surfaces of pedestrian areas are suitable for wheelchair users.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>As no disabled persons' parking spaces have been removed, it is not currently proposed to provide any elsewhere. This however can be given further consideration by the designer. Blue Badge holders may continue to park free of charge and without time limit on all yellow line restrictions (where there is no loading prohibition in place). Patching works that will be undertaken to improve the existing surface will facilitate wheelchair access and movement.</p>
<p>Spokes Party</p>	<p>We are writing to let you know that we strongly support the proposed traffic management scheme for King's Place. Closing King's Place to traffic and suspending</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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	<p>parking will result in immediate benefits to people walking, wheeling and cycling. These benefits include space for distancing, as well as removing the risks associated with drivers manoeuvring in amongst pedestrians, cyclists and people using mobility aids. This is important for visitors, residents, and those using the Prom as a safe cycling/wheeling route to Leith and other destinations.</p> <p>We also support the proposals as we believe they will benefit the local businesses in King's Place. However, we need to ensure that businesses do not set out tables and chairs (or other street furniture) in the area marked out within the wands. The space must be kept clear for safety reasons, and in particular, for those people with visual impairments.</p> <p>King's Place is a major destination for people traveling by bike. At the moment, many people are locking their bikes to the railings. It would be useful to provide more bike parking in in Phase 2 as part of the carriageway resurfacing work. This will leave the railings free for pedestrians (for taking photographs etc).</p> <p>We urge you to implement the scheme as fast as possible, and to undertake regular checks and enforcement. In other parts of the city, some drivers are parking over wands/removing wands etc. This is unacceptable behaviour.</p>	<p>The Council is taking a proactive approach to supporting businesses reopening and the economic recovery of the city. Premises may apply to have tables and chairs placed outside their business and all applications are considered taking into account available space and public health as well as the safety of all stakeholders.</p> <p>We will address bike parking as part of a city wide roll out of proposed bike parking.</p> <p>The timeframe for implementing the scheme is anticipated to be in the coming weeks and therefore reasonably quickly. We are no longer proposing Traffic Management Wands and instead fixed permanent bollards.</p>
<p>The Boathouse</p>	<p>Very pleased that King's Place is included in the Council's proposals under the Covid-19 emergency measures but there isn't a lot of detail. Are you able to offer any further explanation as to what exactly is planned?</p>	<p>The scheme will incorporate the following features;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bollards are being erected to prevent parking</li> <li>• A mini roundabout is proposed to provide a turning provision.</li> <li>• Local surfacing repairs may be undertaken on public safety grounds.</li> </ul>

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	<p>When, for example, do you expect the caravans to be removed?</p> <p>Does this mean that King's Place will be entirely closed to vehicular traffic? Presumably there will still have to be gated access for authorised vehicles and for deliveries? Will the Council ensure that this system is sufficiently robust to prevent abuse? In other words, not just a padlocked gate where it is too easy for keys to go rogue, as has happened elsewhere on the prom.</p> <p>What likely timescales are there for the completion of each phase?</p> <p>I appreciate that at this stage you may not know much more than we do but any further information you have would be appreciated.</p>	<p>It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of this programme.</p> <p>It is intended to close King's Place to traffic. A hammerhead turning area will be provided for the purposes of deliveries and loading. Only service/emergency vehicles will be allowed to access the promenade. There will be a delivery lane for private service vehicles only. Double yellow lines will prevent parking but allow deliveries.</p> <p>The intended timescales are for both phases to be implemented and completed within an approximate two week period planned to take place in October. We will continue to keep key stakeholders updated on any progress.</p>
<p>Living Streets (general response)</p>	<p>This is a general response to the various cycle schemes advertised under the 'spaces for people' initiative (eg Wester Hailes Road, Ferry Road, Comiston Road, etc). We support improvements to cycling infrastructure which encourages cycling and reduces motor traffic, so long as it is not detrimental to the actual and potential walking environment. Organisations like Spokes have rightly been very clear that new space for cycling must come from space for motor vehicles, rather than for walking. We therefore wish to record our support for the overall</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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	programme.	
Portobello Amenity Society	<p>Portobello Amenity Society has considered the proposed changes at King's Place and wishes the following comments to be taken into account;</p> <p>The Society welcomes the removal of the caravans and the return of the promenade and surrounding area to public use. It is a great opportunity to link the two areas of the promenade. However, whilst acknowledging that the removal of parking is part of the overall strategy of the Council and is welcomed by some, consideration has to be made of the needs of local residents and visitors to park their vehicles.</p> <p>There is nothing that can be seen in the proposal that provides disabled parking. Access to the beach and promenade in Portobello is restricted for those with mobility issues and these proposals disadvantage this sector of the community. If more disabled parking is not provided on King's Road then more parking at the Tumbles car park should be specifically marked for disabled parking.</p> <p>The design of the roadway linking the two sections of promenade, as delineated by the wands, would appear to be such as to facilitate cyclists with the smooth, sweeping curves encouraging cycling at speed and will endanger pedestrians and other users. This is a very busy area of</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>This scheme is a temporary measure in response to the Covid-19 emergency and therefore parking is being suspended on a temporary basis in order to facilitate the safe movement of people on foot or on bike whilst social distancing. It is acknowledged that this will cause temporary inconvenience for local residents who will need to find alternative locations to park. It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p> <p>The designer will give this suggestion more consideration. Disabled persons' parking bays cannot be provided through a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) and therefore an option may be to remove several standard parking spaces on Kings Road and replace them with yellow lines or informally signed 'blue badge holders only' spaces. This would result, however, in further loss of parking on Kings Road for people who don't hold blue badges.</p> <p>The design has been amended to remove the curved, segregated path that is referred to as well as the temporary wands. A key component of the proposal is to suspend parking and produce a safe shared area for pedestrians and cyclists. It is not considered to be necessary to erect 'cyclists dismount' signs. However,</p>

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	<p>the promenade with an access ramp to the beach and people at the cafe and public house; the Boathouse pub has reduced the width of the promenade with outdoor tables and seating. There should be some speed reducing measures to ensure that cyclists in this area travel at a safe speed that is comfortable for pedestrians. It is suggested that cyclists need to compulsorily dismount at King's Road and that clear signage is erected indicating that this is an area where pedestrians and children will be circulating putting the emphasis on cyclists to be aware of other users.</p> <p>Members of Portobello Amenity Society have been actively involved over many years in seeking better landscaping for this important node on the promenade and are disappointed in the lack of quality landscaping and especially the proposal in phase 2 to lay a strip of red tarmac. The Council has already involved the community on what is desired to make this area a destination for Edinburgh's seaside and the hard landscape proposal shown is of poor quality with hard surfaces of little interest that do not visually improve this area to create a sense of place. Once the red tarmac is laid it will be there for many, many years.</p> <p>The Society asks that phase 2 is delayed so that, if phase 1 is implemented and the caravans are removed, the difference this makes can be monitored in terms of how pedestrians and cyclists then behave and a proper landscape plan for this area can be drawn up which fully ensures pedestrian safety and takes the views of local residents into full consideration.</p>	<p>we will consider the erection of informal signage that advises cyclists to observe their speed. There is ample space for both pedestrians and cyclists to interact without conflict.</p> <p>The nature of the promenade changes as it enters Kings Place and cyclists will be encouraged to reduce their speed, through informal advisory signage, to take account of the presence of more pedestrians.</p> <p>We will continue to monitor behaviours here and if necessary, add more courtesy signage. It is not proposed to use road markings of any kind (including SLOW) on the promenade as it gives the sense of being more like a road.</p> <p>This intervention will be implemented as part of the Spaces for People project. Future improvement schemes will be considered, in close consultation with the local community which will aim to improve access, active travel and public realm at this section of the promenade. The red tarmac will no longer be considered as part of these immediate changes.</p>
<p><b>Public in favour of Proposals</b></p>		
	<p><b>General Statements of Support</b></p>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various statements expressing general support for the scheme were provided.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Public safety &amp; disabled access</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ground surface requires urgent repair of cracks and potholes. It is dangerous for people on bikes, difficult for people using mobility aids, and a trip hazard.</li> <li>• Close proximity of caravans is a safety issue in terms of being an accident hazard for cyclists and pedestrians as they cause an obstruction and reduce visibility. Their removal would allow safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists.</li> <li>• This is further compounded by residents leaving out rubbish or other belongings.</li> <li>• The area feels intimidating as you feel you are invading someone else's space.</li> <li>• The caravans hinder disabled access.</li> </ul>	<p>Surface patching and repairs is proposed as part of the project.</p> <p>Noted. It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p> <p>Noted. Waste and Cleansing will continue to collect waste as normal and concerns will be passed to them.</p> <p>Noted. It is hoped that the intervention may improve any negative perceptions.</p> <p>Noted. It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p>
	<b>Environmental and Public health risk</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The caravan site has not got adequate facilities for basic sanitation, waste &amp; hygiene for its residents.</li> <li>• This is further complicated by Covid-19 where public facilities are shut. The beach is often seen with used toilet tissue, human faeces &amp; used menstruation products. This poses a serious public health risk and requires an urgent risk assessment to ensure the safety of both the residents and the local community.</li> <li>• Due to the double parking/spacing of caravans it would be impossible for an emergency access vehicle to pass through this area if required.</li> <li>• The close proximity of caravans is a fire risk.</li> </ul>	<p>It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p> <p>These concerns have been passed to the relevant service teams and action has been taken.</p> <p>Contact has been made with partners in the Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Service and assessment undertaken of fire risk.</p>

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	<b>COVID 19</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The caravan residents in Portobello do not have adequate space to socially distance their homes. The community are often seen disregarding lockdown restrictions.</li> <li>Without a review into managing the issues above they pose a significant risk to themselves/others.</li> </ul>	<p>It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p> <p>Officers have been in contact with caravan residents during Covid-19 ensuring the provision of appropriate support and information about public health protection.</p>
	<b>Climate Emergency</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Scottish government has declared a climate emergency. Achieving a comprehensive cycling network is crucial in carbon reduction plans. The road at King's Road needs urgent attention to be made suitable for cyclists &amp; pedestrians.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted and agreed. The delivery of a suitable cycling and pedestrian link is fundamental to the design.</p>
	<b>Amenity Value / Connecting the Promenades</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several respondents stated that the caravans and their residents have a negative impact on amenity with rubbish, noise and vandalism all cited as issues as well as negative impact on visual amenity.</li> </ul>	<p>It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p> <p>These concerns have been passed to the relevant service teams and action has been taken. Further action will be taken as appropriate.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several respondents advised that they feel uncomfortable walking through this area &amp; that it's dirty, messy and unsightly.</li> </ul>	<p>These concerns have been passed to the relevant service teams and action has been taken. Further action will be taken as appropriate.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road is blocked and there are no facilities for toilet use or disposal of waste etc. making the whole area unwelcoming.</li> </ul>	<p>The opening of a pedestrian and cycling route by connecting the two promenades is fundamental to the design. Noted. Waste and Cleansing will continue to</p>

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		collect waste as normal and concerns will be passed to them.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The promenades should be extended and connected. There is a need for an uninterrupted route running the entire length of the prom.</li> </ul>	This is one of the intended outcomes of the project and the design achieves this by connecting both promenades.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It seems that a large majority of the public are missing out so a small minority can gain.</li> </ul>	The proposal is to create a safe active travel link that will connect both sections of the promenade that are currently severed by an existing car park. This will provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists as part of overall emergency measures to help people travel safely while meeting physical distancing requirements. It is acknowledged that this will cause temporary inconvenience for local residents who will need to find alternative locations to park.
	<b>Parking / Siting of Caravans</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of caravans and accompanying cars has steadily increased such that they almost block the Promenade.</li> </ul>	<p>A solution to this issue can potentially be found in the future however not through the Spaces for People programme. A segregated, demarcated cycle/pedestrian path is being proposed which will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This will provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists as part of overall emergency measures to help people travel safely while meeting physical distancing requirements. It is acknowledged that this will cause temporary inconvenience for local residents who will need to find alternative locations to park.</p> <p>It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is not an official campsite, with no provision for toilets nor adequate regulation.</li> </ul>	It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removing them would restore a Promenade for recreation and commuting to Leith and beyond.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The removal of the eyesore caravans parked at the waterfront is long overdue.</li> </ul>	phase of improvement works.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Getting rid of the caravans would give more space for cyclists and pedestrians.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The unmarked car parking means that cars regularly park in hatched areas meant for turning.</li> </ul>	Car parking will temporarily be removed as part of this scheme and permanent improvements can be looked at as part of a future project.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is impossible for social distancing there, with people on foot and on bike trying to dodge drivers moving in and out of parking places.</li> </ul>	This is an issue that this design seeks to address although it is accepted that there are space constraints in this particular area.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I really don't understand why there are still so many vehicles parked there, and how people can get away with living there permanently.</li> </ul>	It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades.
	<b>Potential Permanence of Project</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would prefer this to be a permanent change rather than for Covid-19 so as to become a safe, attractive area for all of the public to enjoy.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The quicker a permanent alternative is decided the better, in my opinion, and one that improves the area and maximises space, freedom, and equality for all.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Commercial Premises</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Boathouse have encroached onto public space with tables, chairs and planters and this adds to the congestion of the area.</li> </ul>	The Council is taking a proactive approach to supporting businesses reopening and the economic recovery of the city. Premises may apply to have tables and chairs placed outside their business and all applications are considered, taking into account available space and public health as well as the safety of all stakeholders. If a business is found to in breach of their permit conditions or does not have a permit then enforcement action can be taken.
<b>Public expressing concerns with / objecting to the</b>		

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proposals		
	<b>Parking</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposals do not consider the needs of the residents of the surrounding streets. The proposals will further exacerbate the current parking pressures.</li> </ul>	<p>This scheme is a temporary measure in response to the Covid-19 emergency and therefore parking is being suspended on a temporary basis in order to facilitate the safe movement of people on foot or on bike whilst social distancing. It is acknowledged that this will cause temporary inconvenience for local residents who will need to find alternative locations to park.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I note that the Council are, controversially and against much public opinion, already planning to reduce the parking spaces on Portobello High Street and surrounding areas and to lose the parking at King's Place would strongly discriminate against not only local residents but also people who would like to use the beach and area but who have limited mobility.</li> </ul>	<p>As above. In terms of people with limited mobility the design can be re-visited to potentially meet this demand. Blue Badge holders may continue to park free of charge and without time limit on all yellow line restrictions (where there is no loading prohibition in place).</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We surely still want to attract visitors?</li> </ul>	<p>Attracting visitors is desirable but it would be preferable to encourage them to travel in alternative modes to private car use.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The loss of 20 + parking spaces in Kings Place will inevitably push the resulting overflow up onto Kings Road and further into Portobello - what is the council's plan for managing this?</li> </ul>	<p>This scheme is a temporary measure in response to the Covid-19 emergency and therefore parking is being suspended on a temporary basis in order to facilitate the safe movement of people on foot or on bike whilst social distancing. It is acknowledged that this will cause temporary inconvenience for local residents.</p>
	<b>Need for the Project</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area is currently more than large enough to properly socially distance and so this is not needed as an emergency measure.</li> </ul>	<p>The space in question is an obvious pinch point between the two promenades and a large number of responses to this notification have indicated that near-accidents are common which would suggest that an intervention is required.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of cyclists and pedestrians using the proposed area is negligible and does not warrant</li> </ul>	<p>This might be the case over the course of a year however during lockdown, and particularly in cases, of good weather, it is evident that the area is extremely well</p>

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	<p>the costs and disruption involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds could be put to better use through road repairs.</li> <li>• Does not address some long-standing issues.</li> <li>• All of Portobello Promenade is congested and unsafe.</li> <li>• The proposal seems disproportionate to the damage this would do to those living in the King's Place carpark.</li> <li>• There is already ample space for pedestrians and cyclists.</li> <li>• In addition, you will block the area for cycles and pedestrians while the work is carried out which is contrary to your stated aims.</li> </ul>	<p>used.          Road surface patching is proposed as part of this project.          Future interventions may seek to resolve these.          Future interventions may seek to resolve these.          It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades.          The space in question is an obvious pinch point between the two promenades and improvements are necessary.          The implementation of the scheme is programmed to not take more than two weeks which is considered to be an acceptable period of time during which users of the space can expect to experience a degree of inconvenience.</p>
<b>Public Behaviour</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I've been appalled by the selfish and thoughtless behaviour of many cyclists on the Prom over the last three months. I strongly feel that the Prom should actually be completely off bounds for cyclists until the threat from Covid 19 has passed. The streets are quieter than normal and the cyclists could use them again and leave the Prom free for pedestrians.</li> <li>• It seems from your plans for King's Place that this will actually speed cyclists up as it is an unbroken, wide cycle path with nothing to slow them down.</li> <li>• While on the subject of the Council encouraging cycling and wheeled travel - there has been a big increase in cycling on pavements in the Portobello area recently. There seems to be no policing of these breaches of the law and I believe your policy of further encouraging cycling is actually</li> </ul>	<p>Advisory signage will be considered in order to reduce the speed of cyclists travelling through the space. The suggestion to exclude cyclists from the space is noted. However, as lockdown eases it is anticipated that roads will become busier and therefore off-road provision for cyclists is still important.</p> <p>Advisory signage will be considered in order to reduce the speed of cyclists travelling through the space.</p> <p>Enforcement of antisocial behaviour of cyclists is not relevant to this project and would instead be a matter for the Police.</p>

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	encouraging people to break the law.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By making this area even more attractive to cyclists they are even more likely to use the promenade.</li> <li>• The speed at which many cyclists go along the prom needs to be dealt with.</li> </ul>	<p>This is an intended aim of the project. Advisory signage will be considered in order to reduce the speed of cyclists travelling through the space. Enforcement of antisocial behaviour of cyclists is not relevant to this project and is a Police matter.</p>
	<b>Residents in Caravans</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I hope you reconsider your plans to change the use of King's Place and also hope that you are planning to re-home the people currently living there in caravans.</li> </ul>	<p>It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I do not agree with this proposed change as it will bring unnecessary disruption to the community based at the Promenade &amp; will not significantly improve the safety &amp; freedom of pedestrians &amp; cyclists at the shore.</li> </ul>	<p>As above. It is disputed that this will not improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians. The space is currently a busy and disorganised car park with unsafe vehicle movements and therefore moving pedestrians and cyclists onto a segregated path will improve safety.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need for social distancing will most likely diminish over the next few months, so you are intending to permanently destroy a community in order to temporarily make cycling socially distanced, over a few meters, for a few months.</li> <li>• Now is not the time to be dividing communities and building walls between them, it is a time to be inclusive and allow diverse communities to co-exist with each other.</li> </ul>	<p>It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p>
	<b>Design</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To delineate it with red chips would appear cheap and be a detrimental start to community aspirations for this to be designed as a shared space where all users are equal. It may have long term effects on use of the space when better design solutions are clearly available.</li> </ul>	<p>This feature of the design will be amended. The space will benefit from surface patching, but no coloured chips or bitumen will be used.</p>

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	<b>Project Initiation and Consultation</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several respondents questioned the timing and justification of the project.</li> <li>• The current public health situation is being used to implement strategic measures related to cycling.</li> <li>• It has been suggested that inadequate notice has been provided and inadequate consultation has taken place.</li> </ul>	<p>The measures are part of a comprehensive package of interventions around the city that are designed to facilitate the safe movement of people whilst social distancing.</p> <p>The nature of the package of projects is quick implementation of projects using emergency powers and therefore the degree of consolation is not would it would be like for other non-emergency measures.</p>
<b>Public suggestions</b>		
	<b>Commercial Premises</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please ensure that the local businesses do not put street furniture in the space marked out by the wands. Street furniture (tables and chairs) would reduce space for social distancing. It would be dangerous for visually impaired people and would also result in more conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.</li> </ul>	<p>The Council is taking a proactive approach to supporting businesses reopening and the economic recovery of the city. Premises may apply to have tables and chairs placed outside their business and all applications are considered taking into account available space and public health as well as the safety of all stakeholders. If a premises is found to in breach of their permit conditions or does not have a permit then enforcement action can be taken.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boathouse pub - it is worth having a closer look at their activities and checking whether they have permission to do what they are doing.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's really important to allow extra space for café seating, too, to allow for business recovery. Boardwalks on the beach could have very Covid-friendly tables and seating for the cafés, with litter-avoidance a priority. The street areas can then be free for Covid-friendly walking, running and cycling. (Maybe a few parking places, and NO planters).</li> </ul>	<p>As above.</p> <p>This is an aspiration for future improvements in the area. The temporary measures proposed are simply for parking suspension and safeguarding pedestrian and cycling movements.</p>
	<b>Bike Parking</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several respondents stated that more bike parking is required that is staggered along the Prom.</li> </ul>	<p>This could be an aspiration for future improvements in the area. The temporary measures proposed are simply for parking suspension and safeguarding pedestrian and</p>



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		cycling movements.
	<b>Community Engagement</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I hope that a future vision for an enhanced public realm at Kings Place, Portobello can be delivered in a scheme that builds on community engagement.</li> </ul>	Full community engagement will be undertaken relating to future interventions which are not implemented under emergency delegated decision-making powers using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order and related to the Covid 19 emergency.
	<b>Design</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have a safety concern about mixing fast cyclists and pedestrians; perhaps cycling lanes could be painted on the whole length of the Prom?</li> </ul>	This could be considered as part of a future scheme.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It would be great to see King's Place free of cars and filled instead with bright planters blocking the entrance to King's place, allowing people to enjoy this part of the prom.</li> </ul>	This could be considered as part of a future scheme.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some clear markings to keep cyclists and pedestrians apart at pinch points might be helpful.</li> </ul>	It is not proposed to provide segregation of any kind.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You should show a gate there for access for the Coastguard and other emergency services.</li> <li>Removal of the existing bollards and gates at the start of the current Portobello Prom and the Seafield "Prom".</li> </ul>	Collapsible / demountable bollards are specified for this purpose. This can be done but we need to ensure sufficient bollards are in place at Seafield Road to prevent a return of parked cars.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any design where it is not a straight fast cycling possibility, coming out and in of Seafield section would be very appreciated by many people.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If cars were to be removed as per proposals, there is no need to delineate a space with red chip surfaces. This would only serve to speed cyclists through the shared space and discourage walkers from using the red surfaced area. The plastic wands in phase 2 are also redundant if cars are already excluded and would again only serve to segregate active travel users from each other and speeding cyclists in a detrimental way.</li> </ul>	It is proposed to no longer use red chips in the design however clear demarcation of pedestrian / cycling space is required and it is therefore intended to proceed with installing the wands.

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	<b>Parking</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There absolutely has to be some amount of parking at King's Place, for visitors to the beach and the eating/drinking places there.</li> </ul>	This scheme is a temporary measure in response to the Covid-19 emergency and therefore parking is being suspended on a temporary basis in order to facilitate the safe movement of people on foot or on bike whilst social distancing. It is acknowledged that this will cause temporary inconvenience for local residents and visitors.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removing all parking will only serve to increase the dangerous and obstructive parking situation in adjoining Kings Road and does not take into consideration local resident's needs.</li> </ul>	This scheme is a temporary measure in response to the Covid-19 emergency and therefore parking is being suspended on a temporary basis. It is acknowledged that this will cause temporary inconvenience for local residents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There needs to be enforcement too around this area as it has been plagued by inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous car parking</li> </ul>	Where parking restrictions are in place the parking attendants will take relevant enforcement action. If there are no restrictions in place then it is a matter for the Police.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideally, once the Kings Place changes have gone through, a change in Kings Road parking situation should be investigated. Personally, I would like to see the street changed to resident or permit parking only, with disability spaces incorporated at points.</li> </ul>	Noted. Portobello is being considered as part of the Strategic Review of parking within the city.
	<p>This is a matter for CEC Locality / Parking to consider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a matter for CEC Locality / Parking to consider.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional parking spaces could be looked at also? Possibly to the west side which would be good for all of Portobello.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking on Kings road could be redeveloped to maximise spaces (e.g. chevron parking) which would be a welcome proposal.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision for disabled parking is required.</li> </ul>	The designer of this scheme will review the proposals and the availability of space in order to give this suggestion more consideration. Blue Badge holders may

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		continue to park free of charge and without time limit on all yellow line restrictions (where there is no loading prohibition in place).
	<b>Wider Area</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The long stretch of promenade needs speed ramps placed along at regular interval as motorbike and pedal bikes speed along there.</li> <li>The roads along Joppa, St John's Street, Pitville Street should become permit zones as I am afraid the caravans will just move along there.</li> </ul>	<p>This could be considered as part of a future scheme.</p> <p>Portobello is being considered as part of the Strategic Review of parking within the city.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The gates separating the caravans from the stretch of the prom adjacent to the Lothian Buses garage are often left unlocked. As are gates at the far end of this stretch. Is there a risk that the caravans will simply relocate to this area when they are moved on?</li> </ul>	Noted. This will be passed to the relevant team for possible action.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is also an issue with cars and bikes racing down Kings Road to access Kings Place. Traffic calming measures on Kings Road would also be a huge help.</li> </ul>	This could be considered as part of a future scheme.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I really think that the council's money would be put to better use if they improved the cycle lanes on the more dangerous and busy roads.</li> <li>Attention to and management of social distancing might be better spent looking at the spacing issues on other normally busier parts of the Portobello Promenade.</li> </ul>	<p>This space has been identified as a pinch point that needs to be resolved. The Council has a budget and has secured match funding for a significant number of projects on roads.</p> <p>This space has been earmarked as a priority for intervention along the promenade. Further interventions at different locations could be instigated in the future.</p>
	<b>Longer Term Use</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We also need to focus on delivering a long-term people friendly design solution for this space. Future designs that promote safe movement and</li> </ul>	Noted and agreed.

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	space for social life and beach-oriented uses are needed.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is worth trying this out as a venture, that can possibly be a permanent change. It makes perfect sense that the promenade is one continuous line.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Caravan Residents</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can a halting site for travellers be provided nearby? Is there any suitable land, for example some part of Leith not owned by Forth Ports, perhaps Marine Esplanade?</li> </ul>	It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.
	<b>Access</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure accessibility is maintained for those with disabilities.</li> </ul>	It is considered that through the suspension of parking, surface improvements and the introduction of a safe path connecting both promenades, access for people with disabilities is significantly improved as a result of this scheme.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access for emergency services is required.</li> </ul>	Collapsible / Demountable bollards specified in the design.
<b>In favour of caravans remaining onsite from Current caravan residents in favour of caravans being retained</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We all have strong ties with the local community and consider ourselves to be permanent residents: some of us work or volunteer actively in Portobello, and we regularly and consistently perform beach clean ups.</li> <li>We preserve the safety and welfare of neighbouring residential blocks by mediating with groups of social late-night gatherings.</li> <li>Moreover, our presence here prevents antisocial</li> </ul>	It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.

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	<p>behaviour from happening in the immediate proximity of our neighbours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is plenty of space for cyclists and pedestrians to pass through the area without major disruptions even while practicing social distancing,</li> <li>• Ultimately, if all of the residents were to be made homeless with a very short notice, we would all be financially and psychologically unable to cope with the stress and the demands of being put at high risk during a global pandemic.</li> <li>• A diverse group of around 20 people and there are families also.</li> <li>• More time is required to provide an alternative place to live.</li> <li>• There haven't been any complaints or social distancing hazards caused by the vans and caravans being here.</li> <li>• Active members of the community involved in projects and volunteering.</li> <li>• The project is not necessary as the area is only very busy during hot and sunny days – the rest of the year it is quiet.</li> <li>• The narrowest part is 4 meters wide which leaves enough space for all cyclists and pedestrians to keep 2 metres apart.</li> <li>• I think one of the real problems for cyclists and pedestrians are not the caravans, but the big green gate at the north of King's Place. Especially when it is closed and the big stone is in front of it.</li> </ul>	<p>As above</p> <p>As above</p> <p>This space has been identified as a pinch point that requires improvements.</p> <p>As above</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>As above</p> <p>As above</p> <p>As above</p> <p>This may be the case on most occasions however this project is a short-term response to exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>This space has been identified as a pinch point that requires improvements.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A cycle lane, the monetary cost and subsequent disruption to the general public, not to mention the stress caused to people who will potentially lose their homes, is unacceptable.</li> <li>• We the caravan dwellers, are not under any false impression that we can stay here indefinitely and if a real and community minded plan that really benefits the community as a whole were put forward, then we would happily enter dialogue with the council to consider alternatives</li> </ul>	<p>As above.</p> <p>Temporary inconvenience will impact on local residents as a result of the scheme.</p>
<b>Support for caravan community from local residents</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In my opinion I can't see their presence doing any harm whatsoever and have found they are genuinely good people who deserve to be there.</li> </ul>	<p>It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p> <p>It is important to understand that access to the car park area will be restricted and managed. Vehicular access will not be permitted beyond the bollards unless agreed by the Authority. If approved the SfP team will notify local residents of the planned changes to access.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The driving force for Spaces for People is safety at a time of pandemic. Forcing an established community to relocate flies against that basic aim.</li> </ul>	As above
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the very least an alternative site must be</li> </ul>	As above

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	<p>arranged if they are going to be forced to leave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing rules are not broken by the people who live there anymore than they are by any other resident in their own home.</li> </ul>	<p>As above</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portobello benefits by their presence.</li> <li>• Lack of consultation cited as a concern.</li> <li>• Displacement of people in caravans. What happens to them?</li> <li>• Have the people in the caravans been consulted?</li> <li>• The caravans have been there for years.</li> <li>• This is becoming a small creative community which if allowed to stay and thrive, would be a positive part of Portobello.</li> <li>• The caravan residents bring about positive impact on amenity through litter picks, deterring crime, etc.</li> <li>• The occasional small group places themselves less than ideally to make passing at a distance easy, but this happens everywhere - in shops, the pavements and the pub outdoor area encroaching on King's Place.</li> <li>• This part of the promenade does not have the same level of footfall that other parts further to the east have.</li> <li>• Until the Council offers anywhere close to enough sites to accommodate the legitimate traveller population, it's unconscionable to evict them.</li> </ul>	<p>As above</p> <p>This is a result of the emergency nature of the scheme. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works. Yes, through this notification process. It is reiterated that the intended outcomes of the project are to provide a continuous active travel route and connecting the two promenades. The removal of caravans is not being proposed as part of the current phase of improvement works.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>As above.</p>