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Dear Councillors and Stakeholders

Covid-19 Emergency Response Measures

Proposed waiting/loading restriction changes to facilitate footway widening – Stockbridge Town Centre (Raeburn Place)

On 17 July we wrote to you advising that measures for Stockbridge under the Spaces for People programme had been approved by the Council Incident Management Team (CIMT) and that there were plans to install the Spaces for People measures on Thursday 29th / Friday 30 July. Sadly, as a result of delays to ongoing essential gas mains replacement work it was not possible to install the entirety of the scheme on the intended dates, with Raeburn Place remaining an active SGN site.

We have been in regular dialogue with SGN throughout and are aware that their works are now nearing completion. They have stated that they are due to be clear of the location on 31st October 2020. During the intervening time since we originally intended to install the measures the Spaces for People plans have been refined and these will be introduced using the robust equipment which can be seen elsewhere in scheme (Kerr Street and Hamilton Place). Attached are plans showing the design for the measures in Raeburn Place which will be installed. We are currently anticipating that these will begin to be installed as early as possible during week commencing 2nd November 2020. The designs have been drawn up to balance the various needs of the community and visitors to the area, with the primary objective of creating greater space to socially distance in busy areas, while also being mindful of the need to support businesses and economic recovery.

Officers will monitor the temporary measures on installation and thereafter, and will make adjustments as necessary to mitigate any unforeseen impact. Further information about how the Council is implementing temporary road measures to support safe walking, wheeling, running and cycling is available at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/spacesforpeople. As you will be aware a dedicated inbox will help us to manage any feedback around schemes – 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

Spaces for People Team