

Spokes Response: Covid-19 Cycling and Walking Emergency Response Measures at Davidsons Mains Primary School

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Dear Spaces for People team

I am responding with the *Spokes* response to this reissued consultation. Please accept my apologies for the slightly late submission. We are very busy!

Spokes welcomes that many comments made previously have been taken on board, notably the closure of the southern end of Silverknowes Road South.

Some detailed points and queries from local *Spokes* members:

1. We are not clear from the plan if CEC propose to put temporary traffic lights at the Main St/ Silverknowes Road South crossroads. This may be implicit. The importance of this is that currently the existing pedestrian crossing there is a few meters to the East, but with very narrow pavements either side – it's impossible to maintain social distancing. Ideally, at this junction people would be able to wait in the road entrances either side, then cross straight over at a temporary Toucan. Is what you are planning?
2. Until recently, there were parking and waiting restrictions over the whole of Corbiehill Road, as shown in the lower plan, with No Parking cones placed to increase compliance. These cones have now been removed and people are starting to park in this area again (despite there being single yellows notionally preventing this). We would like there to be a greater length of pavement widening, particularly to the north and northwest of the school frontage – where there's very heavy footfall, particularly on the other side of the road from the school, as it connects people to the Silverknowes Road South crossing mentioned in point 1, so that there's still a need for space for distancing here. The cones at least stopped cars for the most part, meaning it was possible to step (unprotected) into the road, but experience elsewhere suggests it is possible to use lane defenders or similar to take some road space back for pedestrians.
3. We would also like to ask for a coach parking space to be marked out on the south side of Corbiehill Road, immediately to the southeast of the school frontage (just below the bottom of the map). This is for an after-school club provider, which collects a substantial number of children each day from DMPS and Cramond Primary, and the vehicle is usually large and causes an obstruction as things currently stand at pick-up time for the school. A reserved space would make a huge difference (particularly as it currently waits at a position at which it is proposed to widen the pavement, so it will not be able to do that once this work is complete).

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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