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Subject: Proposed cycle/pedestrian route from the roundabout at Silverknowes Parkway to the North Edinburgh Path Network (NEPN) at Silverknowes Road South

Dear Councillors and Stakeholders

## Covid-19 Cycling and Walking Emergency Response Measures

### **Proposed cycle/pedestrian route from the roundabout at Silverknowes Parkway to the North Edinburgh Path Network (NEPN) at Silverknowes Road South**

Please be advised that as part of overall emergency measures, that re-designate key parts of the road network to help pedestrians and cyclists travel safely while meeting physical distancing requirements, we are proposing to provide a cycle route between Silverknowes Road (north of Silverknowes Parkway) and the Blackhall Path. We acknowledge that many experienced cyclists will continue to use the main road however, the creation of this link will ensure vulnerable cyclists can reach Silverknowes Promenade from the North Edinburgh Path Network (NEPN) without having to negotiate main road traffic or a roundabout. This will make Silverknowes Promenade accessible to all levels of biking experience. It will also benefit local Silverknowes residents who may wish to cycle to the Promenade or onto the NEPN.

Please note, this scheme is more direct than the one previously promoted and includes 360m of main road segregation for cyclists. Due to the width required to allow two buses to pass each other it is not possible to accommodate segregated cycle provision on Silverknowes Road between the roundabout and Silverknowes Court.

The proposals include the following:-

- 50m length of segregated, bi-directional cycle lane at the west end of Silverknowes Parkway between the roundabout and Silverknowes Place using Rosehill Lane Defenders.
- A quiet route for cyclists along Silverknowes Place and Silverknowes Court marked out with cycle symbols on the carriageway surface and signage.
- 360m length of segregated, bi-directional cycle lane on Silverknowes Road between Silverknowes Court and Silverknowes Drive using Rosehill Lane Defenders.
- Improved connections to the NEPN
- Temporary footway build-out to assist school children crossing at the existing patrol crossing.
- Carriageway narrowing of a historically wide and fast section of Silverknowes Road.

The impact on on-street parking will be marginal.

Please find attached the proposed designs for the scheme.

Given the urgency to make the required changes any comments relating to these proposals should be received by **1200hrs on Friday 11 December** to [spacesforpeople@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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

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