

SPOKES response to Covid-19 Cycling and Walking Emergency Response - Proposed Measures at The Royal High School

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Dear Spaces for People Team

Spokes Response to the Spaces for People proposals for the Royal High School.

Thank you for this consultation. Spokes continues to welcome and support the Spaces for People proposals.

These modest proposals for this school have our support. However,

1. We presume that the proposed road closure will still be open to cyclists and that the signage will make that clear.
2. We would draw your attention to the major "pinch point" on the main walking and cycling route for those school pupils living in the part of the catchment area south of the Queensferry Road, at the Clermiston Road North junction. Pupils are funneled there:
 - across a two-stage pedestrian crossing
 - on the narrow pavements
 - at the very narrow gap in the wall.

This very congested location urgently needs to be addressed.

3. We would also ask that you address the "pinch point" and railings at the lane through from Silverknowes Terrace to the toucan crossing of Barnton Gardens/Cramond Road South. Our suggestion is temporary pavement widening on the east side of Barnton Gardens, along to the junction with Silverknowes Avenue. This would provide safer walking routes from that part of the catchment area east of Barnton Gardens and reduce congestion on NCR 1. If sufficient width is available, a temporary southbound segregated cycle lane in the same location would also link the existing Silverknowes Avenue west bound cycle lane, to the toucan crossing.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or would like further elaboration about any aspect of this response.

Kind regards

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