

COVID-19 Cycling and Walking Emergency Response Measures - for Schools proposed road closure - Bonaly Primary School

Response from Spokes South Edinburgh, 26th 2021

This response considers the proposals shared by the Spaces for People Team on 19th January 2021

General comments

We welcome the Spaces for People proposal to close a small section of the road in the immediate vicinity of the school gate as defined below and in the accompanying map.

To prohibit motor vehicles on Bonaly Brae with closure at Bonaly Brae/Bonaly Grove

We are pleased by the proposals put forward, and we urge the council to review our detailed comments carefully.

Detailed comments

Bonaly Primary School sits near top of Bonaly Road just before the road bridge into the Pentland Regional Park and the vast majority of residential properties are downhill, so there is no real traffic passing the School main entrance. The back entrance to the school is from a quiet 'P' shaped cul de sac with immediate access to the school's well used bike park, playground and entrance.

The proposed closure looks to be a sensible and measured way of providing some extra space for arriving pupils and parents to remain socially distanced whilst allowing access for residents, deliveries and waste collection.

Design of road closure mechanism

It is not clear what devices are planned which would allow prevent access to cars other than those covered by exceptions but the notices should say clearly that the road remains open to pedestrians and cyclists.

