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subject: Proposed Measures at Leith Walk Primary School to aid safe travel to school

Dear Spaces for People

I am responding on behalf of Spokes the Lothian Cycle Campaign.

We support measures to improve safety at this location, including the one-way proposal, which should reduce traffic in the area around the school, as well as giving space for footway widening. However we have some comments and queries as below.

1. The letter states that Brunswick Road will be made one-way Eastbound, whereas the drawing shows it as one-way Westbound. Which is it intended to be?
2. Will the direction of the one-way fit in with any scheduled works eg from the Trams to Newhaven project on Leith Walk and access restrictions to McDonald Road from Brunswick Road?
3. Brunswick Road forms part of Quiet Route 20. Therefore, regardless of the one-way direction, there should be an exemption for contraflow cycling. We understand that this is general CEC policy for new one-way systems. The exemption should be made clear to all road users and some protection should ideally be included for the contraflowing cyclists. A temporary mini island at the start of the contraflow would help to deter rogue drivers.
4. What will be the diversion route?

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment on this proposed scheme.

We hope that you can take these points into consideration.

Martin McDonnell

