

## CIMT 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Spaces for People Project Approval

Notification sent to all ward councillors, transport spokespeople, emergency services, Living Streets, Spokes, RNIB, Edinburgh Access Panel and relevant Community Councils on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Recipients were given five days to respond with comments. The measures would be implemented under emergency delegated decision-making powers using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order. Given the urgent nature of these works, normal expectations about community consultations cannot be fulfilled.

### Project Proposal

Location	Justification	Recommendation
Ferryhill Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close Wester Drylaw Avenue at the junction with Groathill Road North, whilst maintaining access for pedestrians and cyclists.</li> <li>• Prohibit motor vehicles at the junction of Wester Drylaw Avenue at the junction with Wester Drylaw Drive, with exemptions are for residents, pedestrians, cyclists, blue badge holders, emergency services, waste vehicles, school deliveries and access to car park for school staff.</li> </ul>	<u>Proceed with vehicle prohibition and associated closures.</u>

### Feedback

Comment from	Comment	Response
<b>Councillors</b>		
Cllr Max Mitchell	I flagged this with the Community Council and Parent Council for wider circulation. There's a general confusion as to why this is being proposed as the intervention and why this is really needed.?	In line with Scottish Government guidance, we are following the notification and engagement process which was approved by Councillors at the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 14 May 2020. This includes a period of notification to allow ward members, local stakeholders, community representative and key partners to consider the proposed measures and provide feedback so that design alterations can be made. As these temporary measures are about protecting local residents and supporting business to operate safely during the covid-19 pandemic, we need to install the measures as quickly as we can. This means we're not able to carry out the full engagement and consultation process that we would for permanent projects.

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	I've received concerns from those on Wester Drylaw Drive and Wester Drylaw Place about increasing traffic pressure on their streets. Already tight in these streets anyway with parked vehicles on either side of the roads. Another point raised, given vehicular access is being maintained from the West Drylaw Drive end, it seems rather pointless to close off the end at Groathill Road North. Some irritation has been expressed that you're describing these measures as an emergency. Perhaps consideration could be given to Groathill Road North instead	
<b>Community Councils</b>	<b>No comments received</b>	
<b>Stakeholders</b>		
Catriona Burness RNIB	<p>Street layouts can cause difficulties at the best of times for visually impaired people. We want to ensure that any temporary changes to our streets that may appear across Scotland allow blind and partially sighted people and those with other disabilities to get around safely.</p> <p>Our policy position detailing our concerns and potential solutions, including a Coronavirus Courtesy Code which we believe would help ensure blind and partially sighted people can get out and about whilst maintaining a safe distance from others can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.rnib.org.uk/scotland/campaigning-rnib-scotland/coronavirus-courtesy-code">https://www.rnib.org.uk/scotland/campaigning-rnib-scotland/coronavirus-courtesy-code</a></p>	Noted
<b>Public</b>		
	my concern with this road closure is it'll only cause more traffic on wester drylaw drive which is already a narrow road with cars parked on either side and lots of kids playing in the street and it'll also cause congestion on Easter Drylaw Drive (top end...my street)during school days with parents parking or looking for parking spaces...my street is a busy street with parents/kids	Noted – we will monitor this and liaise with the school.

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	<p>walking along there to and from the school...our street is already a rat run for vehicles as it's a short cut from groathill road to ferry road...we don't even let our kids play out in the street as there's alot of vehicles traveling in our street well above the 20mph speed limit</p>	
	<p>When the school is open under normal circumstances the parking at start and finish times is awful, so we do understand the need for change.</p> <p>We more or less agree with the proposal in principle but if you cannot prevent parents dropping their children off in Wester Drylaw Avenue then there is no point</p> <p>Can you explain how this is going to be policed?</p>	<p>The scheme will be policed by Police Scotland as resources allow.</p>
	<p>At the moment, parked cars down Wester Drylaw Drive towards Groathill Road North are a problem as they are parked on both sides of the road and on the pavement making it hazardous to pass both on foot, sometimes having to walk on the road with prams/wheelchairs, and by car with no space to pull in to allow drivers to pass. Extra cars parking will just add to this existing problem.</p>	<p>Noted – we will monitor this and liaise with the school.</p>