

## 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> Jan 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
Gyleuir Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close Wester Broom Place at the junction with South Gyle Road, maintaining access for pedestrians and cyclists.</li> <li>• Prohibit motor vehicles at the junction of Broomhall Drive and South Gyle Road, with exemptions 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 measures</u>

### Feedback

Comment from	Comment	Response
<b>Councillors</b>		
Cllr Gillian Gloyer	<p>Of course traffic is a real problem around the school, but the solution you have identified will not solve it, in my view, merely displace it. My concerns at the lack of local consultation or even notification of these SFP interventions are long-standing and I will not rehearse them again, since the residents are making that case perfectly well for themselves.</p> <p>Please would you let me know how these proposals might be amended to meet the concerns of the local residents? Or, better still, how the residents might be involved in developing a scheme that genuinely meets the needs of the local and school communities?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

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		<p>engagement and consultation process that we would for permanent projects.</p> <p>The Council is delivering the measures using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice, and a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order, as per guidance from Transport Scotland regarding the response to Covid-19 and the need to provide quality cycling infrastructure to enable social distancing, retain new and less confident cyclists, and enable sustainable travel choices. All process is in line with relevant legislation and Government guidance.</p>
<b>Community Council</b>		
Corstorphine Community Council	worry that family and friends will not be able to park	They will be able to park outwith the prohibition, unless they are blue badge holders.
Corstorphine Community Council	concern around deliveries not being accessible for the affected properties	Deliveries will be exempt from the order.
Corstorphine Community Council	appropriate enforcement of these filtered streets	Police Scotland will enforce as and when resources allow.
Corstorphine Community Council	safety concerns with respect to lorries and other large vehicles turning in the road outside the school	This will be monitored in liaison with the school, arrangements have been put in place with waste services.
Corstorphine Community Council	24 hour closure rather than timed closures re school streets style	We do not have the resources to open and close the road at specific times of day, therefore all temporary closures around schools in response to covid-19 are in place 24/7.
Corstorphine Community Council	There have also been residents and locals supportive of this proposal, and I am sure they have also been in touch with you with respect to their views, such as:	Noted

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	<p>the space around the school being less busy with traffic and giving families opportunity to socially distance</p> <p>walking and cycling along this stretch will be improved (particularly at the access to the park)</p>	
Corstorphine Community Council	safety for the children and families will be improved as there will hopefully be less traffic	Noted
Corstorphine Community Council	I hope you take these comments on board and are able to modify or re-assess the proposal based on this feedback and other views provided. Residents would be particularly keen to engage with the council officers to get clarity on these plans and alleviate their concerns. We would hope that if this temporary intervention is to progress, that it will be modified promptly based on lived-in feedback from residents, as well as families with their kids at school.	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. As the measures are temporary we will continually review and amend the proposals as deemed necessary.
Corstorphine Primary School Travel Action Group (STAG)	As the Corstorphine Primary School catchment stretches out to the west, past Maybury Road on the north side of Glasgow Road, these changes will impact our school community. We have many families who walk or cycle to our school through Gyle Park and past Gylemuir Primary then along Westerbroom Place and Broomhall Drive. This is also the route that our Bike Bus would normally take (route map attached for info).	Noted
Corstorphine Primary School Travel Action Group (STAG)	Whilst supporting the proposed measures, we do have a concern that South Gyle Road (a designated cycle route which is well used) may suffer from an increase in cars on that road if Westerbroom Place and Broomhall Drive are closed and so any mitigating actions that could be taken to ensure that route is made as safe as possible would be much appreciated.	Noted – we will continue to liaise with the schools and please contact us with an concerns and we can work to address them.

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<p>Corstorphine Primary School Travel Action Group (STAG)</p>	<p>South Gyle road is already busy and difficult at drop off and pick up times, mainly due to parked vehicles (both legally and illegally parked). The issues can occur for an extended period of time as the school currently has a long period for drop off and pick up. We believe that parking restrictions and enforcement along South Gyle Road and Westerbroom Place are needed as part of these measures or in the very near future. Parents have mentioned a particular issue with a large van parking on the corner of Westerbroom Place/Broomhall Drive. As it is parked on the corner, it's impossible to see if it's clear around the corner as you are on the wrong side of the road to pass it (when heading west on route home from the school) - we believe that the van may belong to a resident as it is a persistent fixture and issue.</p>	<p>We will liaise with parking and request additional enforcement.</p>
<p>Corstorphine Primary School Travel Action Group (STAG)</p>	<p>We thank you for the work you are undertaking to help make travel safer for walking and cycling and we hope to see these measures in place in due course. If we can be of any help or you require further details regarding the issues that our families are experiencing on their journeys to school in this area, please don't hesitate to contact us at this email address.</p>	<p>Noted – thank you for your support</p>
<p>Stakeholders</p>		
<p>Public comment Against</p>		
	<p><b>This will merely move the school drop off / pick-up traffic onto other roads in that area, potentially causing obstruction to local residents and rail user</b></p>	<p>Noted – we will continue to liaise with the school</p>

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	<b>traffic, thereby causing new traffic problems, I object to your proposal.</b>	
	If cars are not allowed to access Wester Broom Place this will force vehicles onto surrounding streets (including South Gyle Road which is already busier than Wester Broom Place with the same safety issues) and create new problems.	Noted – we will continue to liaise with the school
	There are already sufficient dedicated paths in the vicinity for Pedestrians & and the few Cyclists that exist, to use. No need to waste money on something that is not required.	This is in response to Covid-19 and funding has been made available from Scottish Government for the measures to support physical distancing.
	I feel the only people who will be winners in this issue will be the council - closing roads and charging home owners for permits will just be intolerable	There will be no permits or charges of any kind for residents.
	I feel if you close the road you will force cars to try to do a three point turn in this street which is very dangerous to the school kids	Noted – we will monitor this
	If you close the street who is allowed to park in the street, as I have 2 cars and I leave 1 in the street and 1 in my driveway. do i have to park the second car in a surrounding street,or will i be ok to have my car outside.	Residents still have full access, this includes parking.
	Parents have refused to listen to the school's pleas not to park at the gates for many years. Why will this be any different?	This will be enforced by Police Scotland.
Public comment in favour		
	The school drop off and pick up are awful. People regularly park over driveways and my elderly neighbours have carer's in throughout the day so need access. My husband has regularly been prevented from going to work as people have parked over our drive.	Noted
	I think this is an excellent idea and am all for making streets safer for active travel throughout the city.	Noted - Thank you for your support.

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	As a parent cycling this area regularly to drop off/pick up the kids at the childminder I support this changes. Cycling Wester Broom Place is very dangerous especially since the car parked obstruct visibility on this narrow road where car drive too fast.	
	The issue is not just a school issue. Edinburgh city train in the street and cars are there all weekend and every evening. It won't be an issue is everyone parked responsibly however they park on corners and this is a hazard when children are walking with friends and not always paying attention. I once almost hit a group of children on bikes as a van was parked on the corner and I could not see. As I know the street I was driving 5 miles an hour which saved them.	Noted
	The traffic does not need to be move onto other streets close by. Tesco have said to park in the car park and now there is a pavement that means that the children can walk round without needing to cross a road.	Noted
<b>Public - General</b>		
	I would like to know how the bin lorry and gritters will get along the street if it is a dead end.	There are arrangements in place for access.
	the information given is insufficient to allow local people to come to an informed decision on whether or not they support the proposed measures.	This is a process agreed by councillors at the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 and a TTRO does not require any formal consultation.
	The increase in traffic on other roads in the area will only serve to further damage the road and pavement surfaces which are already in a very dangerous state. This has been made worse by the incompetent and substandard job done by City Fibre which has left crumbling repairs, broken kerbs and an increase in the already large number of potholes.	Noted

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	What is the position with delivery lorries and vans ie Royal mail, General delivery , supermarket food delivery , building supplies and workmen visiting for repairs or work ie plumbers ,gas fitters builders etc who require there van at your premises ?.	Deliveries from liveried vehicles and tradespeople will be allowed.
	If this a major concern there is another school gate opposite 15 Westerbroom place that can be opened to allow easier acces into the school grounds	We will liaise with the school on this.
	<b>More consultation needed</b>	This is a process agreed by councillors at the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 and a TTRO does not require any formal consultation.
	b) Why are the restrictions 24/7 and not limited to specific times	We do not have the resources to open and close the road at specific times of day, therefore all temporary closures around schools in response to covid-19 are in place 24/7.
	Who are allowed to access the street other than those listed in your e-mail. eg Visitors to residents, tradespeople and deliveries to residents. Will special arrangements need to be introduced for this?	Deliveries from liveried vehicles and tradespeople will be allowed. Visitors will have to park outwith the restrictions.
	Are school visitors and staff allowed to park in Wester Broom Place?	No
	How will the restricted entry be monitored and enforced. I am concerned that if restricted entry is not enforced pupils will stile dropped off at the school and as the South Gyle Road access is blocked they will be forced to turning the street which as stated above is a dangerous manoeuvre when children may be crossing the street.	It will be enforced by Police Scotland as resources allow.
	Why wont the council consider a permanent one way system instead of blocking off Westerbroom Place at the junction with South Gyle Road this has been suggested many times over the years majority of residents exit this way anyway and no entry signs can be erected denying anyone entry into Westerbroom Place from South Gyle Road .	Noted

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	And allow delivery lorries to the school and refuse vehicles a safer exit, instead of negotiating reverse manoeuvres or attempted 3 point turns.	
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