

## CIMT 4<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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. 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
Juniper Green Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibit vehicles at the junction of Baberton Mains Drive and Baberton Mains Wynd, whilst maintaining access for pedestrians, cyclist, blue badge holder, waste collection and school staff.</li> <li>• Approach golf club to request the use of their car park at the beginning and end of the school day as a 'park and stride' area.</li> </ul>	<u>Proceed with temporary measures</u>

### Feedback

Comment from	Comment	Response
<b>Councillors</b>		
Cllr Susan Webber	What is the emergency that requires the implementation of these proposals? We have had Covid-19 in the city for the past 9 months and there was no need for emergency provisions prior to now and we have managed to survive with existing measures.	There is still a need to provide space for parents to physically distance at the school gates, and there will be for some time to come. We have a limited resource and over 100 schools across the city to formulate plans for. All measures will continue to be reviewed in line with government guidance.
	In terms of the restrictions proposed, could you specify what barriers will be in place to restrict access and how these barriers will be removed for those needing access?	Vehicle access will be maintained. The barriers will not be required to be moved at any point.
	There is no clarity to hours of operation – if relating to the school are they proposed 24 / 7 / 365?	We do not have the resource to open and close the road each day, therefore the proposal is for 24/7 restrictions.

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	For those needing access (eg carers/tradesman/deliveries/emergency vehicles), what access is available to them?	Vehicle access will be maintained. The barriers will not be required to be moved at any point.
	What enforcement of the new proposals will take place? If enforcement is available for SfP, why is it not available for the current restrictions?	SfP measures will be enforced as and when resources are available.
	The biggest problem is that the current parking restrictions are not enforced. If they were enforced there would be no need for these new proposals.	Noted
	The Golf Club is NOT an option for a park n stride – this would increase risk to the residents living in Merilees court – I cannot support this	Your objection is noted
<b>Community Councils</b>	<b>No comments to Spaces for People inbox</b>	
<b>Stakeholders</b>		
Robin Wickes Access Panel	Based on my interpretation of Google Maps, it looks as though your proposed road closure would totally isolate Baberton Mains Bank, Wynd and Wind for general traffic since there is no alternative route. Please check. Perhaps the closure is only part-time?	Vehicle access will be maintained. Residents will be exempt from the prohibition.
Robin Wickes Access Panel	Please ensure any park & stride route is suitable for wheelchair users and others with mobility difficulties.	Access for blue badge holders will be maintained.
<b>Public Feedback</b>		
	Will access still be available to residents?	Yes, there will still be access for residents
	Will deliveries be allowed to residents?	Yes, deliveries will be exempt from the vehicle prohibition
	Completely closing BMW and BM Bank at peak times simply pushes the problem onto Baberton mains drive, where there is already double road parking, parents parking on pavements. This is at key crossing areas for children walking, scooting and cycling from the Baberton Estate, onto a bend where buses already have problems passing parked cars, this is even more hazardous in winter weather.	Noted - we will liaise with the school.
	I fully support that something needs to be done to manage the issue of parents dropping children off at school in vehicles on Baberton Mains Wynd however greater clarity around the impact this will have on residents is required.	Residents will notice a drop in the traffic using the streets around the school but residents will not be impacted negatively by the proposals.
	Also waste lorries and deliveries are hazardous at peak drop off and pick up times so should be sheduled outwith these times.	Noted - we will liaise with the school.

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	Will the restrictions only be in place for a set time period each day such as drop off and pick up time from the school?	The closure will be made on a temporary basis and will be 24/7 as we do not have resources to open and close the road at specific times of day.
	Firm plans for Edinburgh Council to close off BMW and have an access only for residents during school hours	The closure will be made on a temporary basis and will be 24/7 as we do not have resources to open and close the road at specific times of day.
	We need an enforceable deterrent to make sure parents do not park irresponsibly.	Noted - we will liaise with the school.
	Barrier at the school gate similar to one half way up the second hill within the car park	
	Parents to be charged for parking illegally	The closure will be enforced under a temporary traffic regulation order.(TTRO)
	CCTV cameras installed	This is not legally permitted in Scotland.
	Parking at the golf club not a viable option as the streets on the approach are already very busy	noted
	Ask parents to walk or cycle rather than drive	We have done this in the past, we have had park smart campaigns over the past few years. We will continue to work with the school on this.
	This is an over reaction to the accident that occurred with the gas main	This is a 'spaces for people' project and has no link with the incident with the gas main. It is purely to allow parents to physically distance on the route to school and to make sure that we do not have congestion at the school gates.
<b>Commonplace</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Introduce no entry (eastbound) to junction of Woodhall Terrace and Baberton Avenue for motorised vehicles. This means continued access for cyclists</li> <li>· Runs 24/7, as opposed to being restricted to specific hours</li> </ul> <p>I believe this change will reduce 'rat runners' and improve the safety of local residents by reducing the risk of an accident, especially during rush hour.</p>	Out with the scope of this project

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	This is also consistent with a number of Council and Government policies such as Sustrans and Safer Routes to School.	
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