

## 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 15<sup>th</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
Leith Walk Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make Brunswick Road one-way Eastbound from its junction with East Montgomery Place to its junction with Dicksonfield</li> <li>• Remove guardrail along school frontage.</li> <li>• Install temporary footway to provide an extra 2m space for pedestrians.</li> </ul>	<u>Proceed with one way for all traffic and footway widening.</u>

### Feedback

Comment from	Comment	Response
<b>Councillors</b>		
Cllr Rob Munn	<p>I totally support the footway widening outside of Leith Walk Primary as that should have been put in place earlier.</p> <p>While I can see that making that section of Brunswick Road one way enables the footway widening and makes the area safer for pedestrians I am concerned about reaction of residents locally to this change.</p> <p>Also I want to clarify that the one way section means traffic will travel eastbound as the attached street map seems to show traffic one-way westbound?</p>	Noted. The road will be closed in an eastbound direction from Dicksonfield, traffic will travel in a one way west bound from the junction with East Montgomery Place to Leith Walk.
Cllr Amy McNeese Meechan	I'm not sure about the removal of the guardrail outside the primary school, tbh. It seems to me it will encourage pavement parking, the last thing we need!	Where guardrails have been removed previously other measures have been put in place to deter the space being used for parking – see Lorne Primary or Hermitage Park

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		Primary. In this instance defenders will be used to extend the footway and will prevent vehicles mounting the kerb.
<b>Stakeholders</b>		
Head Teacher	Can we discuss this next week. It all looks fine but I would be really concerned about removing the guard rail. It's the only thing that stops our pupils running straight across the road which is where most parents park.	The lead officer will make contact with the Head Teacher.
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
?Colin Renton, fire Scotland	<p>In the diagram/pdf above and in your description below you state that the intention is to "Make Brunswick Road one-way Eastbound from its junction with East Montgomery Place to its junction with Dicksonfield".</p> <p>However, you have a left turn only sign at the junction with Montgomery Place which would mean traffic flowing WESTBOUND to the no entry sign at Dicksonfield which in it currents form would create a dead end at Dicksonfield so that would appear to be a little oversight.</p>	<p>The road will be closed in an eastbound direction from Dicksonfield, traffic will travel in a one way west bound from the junction with East Montgomery Place to Leith Walk.</p> <p>We will liaise with tram on this, however should issues arise following the implementation please let us know as soon as possible and we will work to resolve any problems.</p>

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	<p>If you actually mean that traffic will flow one way from Montgomery to Dicksonfield I must comment that as a member of the Emergency Services based at McDonald Road Fire Station, that due to the Tramworks, travel around our station area for us is already very difficult and sometimes nigh on impossible to keep track off/negotiate. Time getting to incidents is essential and any unnecessary delays can have an effect on our response capability. Having not long had the Junction from McDonald Road into Brunswick Road opened this has helped in getting to incidents and to have it close again could have consequences.</p> <p>I appreciate problems we have with COVID and what can be done to minimise the spread of the virus but there has to be a balance made I feel, particularly with the roadworks around this area.</p> <p>On a separate note but concerning the spaces for people thing as a whole has any thought ever been given to introducing pedestrian one way systems ie they walk in the same direction as the traffic on the pavement on the left of the cars and traffic flow? If all walking in same direction then not any crossovers/bumping into each other? Hard to police I know but might be well accepted?</p>	
<p>Robin Wickes Access Panel</p>	<p>You say, "Make Brunswick Road one-way Eastbound ". But the signage on the map indicates that it'll be one-way westbound (ie no-entry at the western end to eastbound traffic). Can you clarify please?</p>	<p>The road will be closed in an eastbound direction from Dicksonfield, traffic will travel in a one way west bound from the junction with East Montgomery Place to Leith Walk.</p>

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Spokes	<p>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?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>3. What will be the diversion route?</p>	<p>1. The road will be closed in an eastbound direction from Dicksonfield, traffic will travel in a one way west bound from the junction with East Montgomery Place to Leith Walk.</p> <p>2. Yes, we will continue to liaise with tram on this.</p> <p>3. As part of permanent measures, contraflow cycle facilities will be installed, however in response to Covid-19, the additional space has to be allocated to enable pedestrians to physically distance and cyclists will have to follow the diversion route.</p> <p>4. The diversion route will be along Brunswick Street.</p>
Community Council	No comments	
Public	No comments	