

CIMT 4th 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 3rd 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
Pirniehall PS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close road at the junction with Pennywell Road and West Pilton Crescent, allowing access to pedestrians, cyclists, residents, waste collections and deliveries Close road at the junction of West Pilton Crescent and West Pilton Bank maintaining access for pedestrians and cyclists. 	<u>Proceed with temporary measures</u>

Feedback

Comment from	Comment	Response
Councillor comments		
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.
Cllr Susan Webber	As with all previous SfP proposals, there has been no direct consultation with those affected. Sadly, no lessons appear to have been learned in that lack of progress. It is clear the most affected people in these proposals are local residents, but no one is taking their views into account.	These measures are being promoted under a temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) and therefore no consultation is required. This process was approved by Councillors on 14 th May 2020.

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Cllr Susan Webber	There needs to be formal consultation on these proposals rather than this extremely limited engagement.	These measures are being promoted under a temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) and therefore no consultation is required.
Cllr Susan Webber	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 via alternative routes. The barriers will not be required to be moved at any point by the public – only waste services may have to move them on collection days. This has been agreed with waste services.
Cllr Susan Webber	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.
Cllr Susan Webber	For those needing access (eg carers/tradesman/deliveries/emergency vehicles), what access is available to them?	Vehicle access will be maintained via alternative routes
Cllr Susan Webber	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.
Cllr Susan Webber	Has any risk assessment been undertaken in terms of movement of waste vehicles and other large vehicles if the proposals are implemented?	All proposals are agreed with colleagues in waste services. As previously noted vehicle access will be maintained.
Cllr Susan Webber	What complaints have been made to the Council in the past year which these proposals seek to address?	There are ongoing complaints about parents parking too close to the school and causing congestion and related road safety issues for those who choose to walk, scoot or cycle to school. This is making it difficult for parents to physically distance.
No community council comments		
Stakeholders		

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Robin Wickes Access Panel	Please ensure drop-off / pick-up outside the school by blue badge holders is possible, and is easy and safe.	Noted – blue badge access will be maintained.
Robin Wickes Access Panel	Please include blue badge holders in your list of those allowed through the road closures.	Noted – blue badge access will be maintained.
Robin Wickes Access Panel	Note that this is an area of relatively high deprivation. There are many people who rely on their cars to get about because of mobility difficulties although they don't have blue badges. Please give some thought to exempting them from your restrictions as well as blue badge holders.	This is not possible within the legal order – only blue badges can be exempt.
Robin Wickes Access Panel	It's essential to ensure there's plenty of room for large vehicles to turn around safely so that they can both enter and exit through the restriction at the northern end of West Pilton Crescent	Noted
Head Teacher	Only problem we can see is that this also shuts off access to staff car park which serves 2 school and 60 plus staff- and if local access is to be maintained, what's actually going to stop parents in cars! And it might cause greater congestion at the front gate as that road is remaining open?	School staff access will be maintained. We will liaise with you directly to ensure it is having a positive impact.
Head Teacher	Think it's great to be thinking of ways to make socially distancing easier.	Noted
Head Teacher	But our biggest problem is that many parents park cars dangerously all over the pavements and surrounding roads despite police presence at times and pleas from both schools. There have been accidents involving children but little has had an effect on congestion.	Noted - we will liaise with you directly
No Public Comments		