

Proposed Gilmerton Crossroads Parking Restriction Scheme

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Spokes welcomes the proposals to reduce delays to bus journeys at Gilmerton crossroads.

We have a few suggestions which we think should be implemented at the same time. These measures would make it easier, quicker and safer for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport to move around Gilmerton.

We note that the [Guidance Notes](#) for the fund state that the funding is to be used “to ensure alignment with other modes of public transport and active travel” and that “There must be consideration of active travel, integration with other public transport and place-making”. We believe that our suggestions fit well with these aims.

- The yellow lines and kerb markings on Ferniehill Drive also need refreshing, as it is not uncommon for HGV drivers to stop here.
- A bus lane camera for the bus lane on Ferniehill Drive would improve priority of buses and cyclists over cars.
- Extending the junction box at the Ravenscroft St junction southwards by a few metres would make it easier for pedestrians to use the crossing here (including to access the bus stops).
- Adding No Loading restrictions to the existing double yellow lines opposite Domino's would enable enforcement against drivers parking on the pavement. This is a longstanding problem which often forces pedestrians to walk in the road and delays northbound buses.
- Adding parking restrictions on the westbound side of Newtoft Street between the crossing and Gilmerton Library will prevent pedestrians and buses being endangered and delayed by drivers who often park on the pavement here. This is particularly important since the proposed parking restrictions in the eastbound carriageway may mean that the people who currently park there are likely to start parking on the opposite side instead.
- We also hope that increased and proactive enforcement action will be taken, particularly in the evenings, when many people park on the pavement between Gilmerton Cove and Ravenscroft Street.

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