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Dear Councillors and Stakeholders

COVID-19 Walking & Cycling Emergency Response Measures

Proposed walking and cycling scheme - Restalrig Road South (Smokey Brae)

Please be advised that as part of overall emergency measures in response to Covid 19, we are proposing to introduce safety improvements for people walking and cycling on Restalrig Road South (Smokey Brae). It is proposed that by changing the layout on this short but strategic link between communities in the east of the city, this will help to enable people to choose walking and cycling while meeting physical distancing requirements.

Due to the proximity of the measures to the Marionville Fire Station, pre-notification consultation has been undertaken with Fire Scotland with the attached proposal being developed to reduce any potential impacts on emergency service response times.

Please find attached the proposed designs for the scheme which in summary include:

- Protected road space reallocation for the benefit of pedestrians on the east footway, which will also permit the removal of the existing guardrail to further increase the usable pedestrian space.
- Prohibition of southbound vehicular traffic on the constrained section under the overbridges.
- Introduction of a protected northbound contraflow cycle lane between the extents of the one-way section.
- Introduction of a southbound advisory climbing lane on the two-way section of the corridor.
- Introduction of road markings (hatching) on the roundabout to reduce traffic speeds on approach and on the roundabout.

If you have any comments relating to these proposals, please send them to spacesforpeople@edinburgh.gov.uk by **1200hrs on 26 March 2021**.

All feedback will be reviewed and where possible the scheme will be further refined. Feedback will be summarised in an assessment feedback form which will be presented to the Council Incident Management Team for approval. Please note that we will be unable to respond to individual emails.

If the proposal is approved for implementation, publicity will then be undertaken so that local people are aware of the changes. A dedicated inbox will help us to manage any feedback around proposals – spacesforpeople@edinburgh.gov.uk

The introduction of, or changes to, any restrictions will be implemented under emergency delegated decision-making powers using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order.

Kind regards

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