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**subject: Proposed measures on Seafield Road East, at  
junction of Fillyside and Porty Prom:**

Dear Spaces for People team  
cc to Spokes and local councilors.

Spokes Porty fully supports this proposal. It will greatly improve safe access to the busy Leith/Portobello path for residents in Craigentenny and Restalrig.

The use of the area at the end of The Promenade for vehicle parking is an issue that has been causing us and other users of the path concern for some time. This parking presents an obstruction to people using the path and the crossing - there is often parking across the existing crossing's tactile paving - and the manoeuvring by cars parking and leaving the small site presents a real hazard. We're pleased to see that consideration of restricting parking here has been included as an important part of this scheme, but are concerned that the proposed changes may not be effective in achieving this.

1. Will it be possible to enforce parking restrictions with the scheme as proposed? It is our understanding that the double yellow lines on the east side of the carriageway would apply up to the fence line and this would allow for enforcement, however these double yellow lines do not extend south of the crossing and so most of the area would not be covered. Do the crossings zig-zag markings apply across the footway as with the double yellow lines and, if not, could the double yellow lines be extended as far as the fence at the cat and dog home to allow for enforcement? Will the council's parking team enforce these restrictions?
2. Would it be possible to have ground markings added as well as the signs on Mills Barriers?
3. This is a very exposed site, if mills barriers are used then they will need to be securely fixed. For the Eastern side of the site, along the fence line, a couple of smaller planters may be a better option.
4. We wondered if a couple of strategically placed planters would further deter parking without either restricting the path or access for service vehicles. While it may seem counter productive to restrict the path with planters, they are smaller than cars, they do not present a hazard by driving or reversing on the site, and their location can be carefully controlled and adjusted.

Without enforcement and/or physical restrictions we are concerned that parking will continue here much as now, and continue to resent a hazard to path and crossing users.

Thank you for all your hard work on these schemes.

Regards,  
Spokes Porty

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