

12th December 2022

Dear Resident,

Corstorphine Connections Low Traffic Neighbourhood Project Update

I am writing to give you an update on the Corstorphine Connections Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) project following on from our correspondence in February 2022.

We are pleased to confirm the project is now planned for a first phase of construction to start on 23 January 2023, with completion due on 24 February 2023. On the 24 February the ETRO process will start and associated 6-month consultation period is live; with the trial in place for up to 18 months. Details on how you can provide feedback on the scheme is in the ETRO section below.

The final scheme proposals and details of previous engagement can be found on the project website:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cycling-walking-projects-1/corstorphine-connections/1>

2022 measures

In Spring/Summer of 2022, we undertook the removal of footway clutter such as bollards, railings, vegetation and some signs. We also improved the two primary school entrances to make them safer and more welcoming. These works were completed in advance of the ETRO as they did not require traffic orders to implement.

Going forward, the implementation of the remainder of the LTN shall be undertaken as a two-phased approach:

Phase 1 – January - February 2023 measures

Phase 1 will focus around improving access for walking, wheeling and cycling, particularly around the two primary schools. This will be achieved through reducing and calming through traffic at key locations. Phase 1 will also introduce new placemaking, including new seating, planters and hanging baskets as well as engagement on the development of artistic works to complement these changes. Please refer to the scheme plan in Project Details section of the website for details and also the maps, included with this letter, of the changes and associated traffic operations.

Construction works are due to commence from 23 January 2023 for a period of 5 weeks, though subject to potential change. Each working area will require traffic management and some temporary parking suspensions, of which notices will be posted locally. The phase 1 measures will include:

- Continuation of the school streets vehicle restrictions at Corstorphine and Carrick Knowe Primary schools.
- Vehicle restriction and pocket park at Featherhall Crescent junction with Meadow Place Road.
- Peak time bus gate at northern end of Manse Road (08:00 to 10:00 and 14:45 to 18:30 Monday to Friday inclusive) – with access maintained for buses, taxis and cycles at all times.
- Traffic calming on Dovecot Road.
- No exit for motor vehicles on Featherhall Avenue at junction with St. Johns Road – with contraflow cycling.
- Seating, planting and new path connection at Saughton Road North shop / Union Park.
- Re-positioning the give-go traffic calming on High Street in response to resident feedback.

- 3no, new uncontrolled crossing improvements on Saughton Road North.
- Hanging baskets at various locations

Phase 2 – late Spring 2023 measures

Phase 2 measures will see the footway widening and crossing improvements introduced, see plans attached. This is currently planned for construction to start in Spring '23. These works will enhance the accessibility for people walking in the area and address some of the issues with narrow and sub-standard footways on key streets; as well as aiming to reduce traffic speeds. Further notifications will be issued to residents and businesses when the construction programme is agreed.

ETRO Consultation

The first phase of the project is now planned for completion on 24 February 2023 when the ETRO comes into effect. In accordance with the new Scottish Government ETRO regulations, a formal notification of the trial and changes will then be published 7 days prior to the start date.

The ETRO process includes a 6-month consultation period to provide feedback about the scheme. During this time, anyone can raise comments, objections or statements of support about the experimental orders. During the trial all feedback received will be considered by the project team with a view to refining the LTN. If any changes are made to the ETRO during the first 6 months, this will trigger another 6 months of consultation.

You can respond to the ETRO consultation for the LTN on the traffic orders website:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roads-pavements/view-comment-traffic-orders-new>

If you wish to respond by mail, you can do so via:

Traffic Orders
3.3 Waverley Court
4 East Market Street
Edinburgh
EH8 8BG

A full project timeline and set of Frequently Asked Questions are available on the project website.

Monitoring and evaluation

We have completed our baseline data collection. This included: traffic speed and volume counts, walking, cycling and wheeling counts, air and noise quality. In addition, residents and business surveys are planned in the spring and consultation has taken place with Access Groups and Emergency Services. A copy of the full Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and baseline results are available on the project web page. The intention is to evaluate and report on the LTN impacts at 6 months and 12 months post-implementation.

Finally, to keep up to date with the project please join our mailing list by entering your details on the project website. Please get in touch via the details below if you require any of the materials in print or other accessible forms.

Thank you for your time and interest in the project.

Yours faithfully,



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