Corstorphine Connections Consultation

Response from Spokes, November 2023

Spokes are grateful for the opportunity to provide feedback on the ongoing [Corstorphine Connections](#) ETRO project.

The project creates safer and more pleasant conditions for walking, wheeling and cycling, including routes to the primary school, and notably along Manse Road which, as a narrow village road, is totally unsuitable for heavy traffic.

More widely, policies and interventions such as these are essential for achieving wider council policies, such as the target to reduce car-kilometres by 30% by 2030.

We hope that our feedback is useful for evaluating the project, and for the design of similar projects elsewhere in the city. We note [recent](#) and [ongoing](#) extensive research projects into LTNs, which suggests major benefits within the area, with little evidence to suggest negative results on scheme boundaries.

- We welcome the recent decision at Transport & Environment Committee to retain the bus gate for the full 18-month ETRO experiment. Indeed there is a strong argument for making it 24/7, to ameliorate the current problems at the north end of Manse Road and to provide a clearer message for drivers.
- Find a solution to the problems at the Ladywell Road/Featherhall Avenue junction. Evaluation from the 2018 one-way trial on Featherhall Avenue should also be useful here.
- Footway widening within the project has been very welcome, but opportunities to go further should be taken. This includes on Corstorphine High Street, between Manse Road and Kirk Loan.
- Zebra crossings would be a huge improvement on the informal and uncontrolled crossings. The opportunity should be taken to trial low-cost options, such as paint-only zebras.
- The placemaking improvements at the Carrick Knowe shops have been a huge improvement for pedestrians - particularly the reduction in kerbside parking on the corner outside the Co-Op. Double yellow lines/no loading markings could be added to further improve the situation.