

## CIMT 4th February 2021 – Spaces for People Project Approval

Notification sent to all ward councillors, transport spokespeople, emergency services, Living Streets, Spokes, RNIB, Edinburgh Access Panel and relevant Community Councils on 19/01/2021 . Recipients were given five days to respond with comments. The measures would be implemented under emergency delegated decision-making powers using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order. Given the urgent nature of these works, normal expectations about community consultations cannot be fulfilled.

### Project Proposal

Location	Justification	Recommendation
Bonaly PS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To prohibit motor vehicles on Bonaly Brae with closure at Bonaly Brae/Bonaly Grove</li> </ul>	<u>To proceed with prohibition of motor vehicles.</u>

### Feedback

Comment from	Comment	Response
<b>Councillors</b>		
Cllr Jason Rust	It is disappointing that there could not be contact directly with the residents of Bonaly Brae in respect of this proposal.	The procedure for notification was agreed by Councillors at the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
	What provision has been made for visitors to residents	Visitors will be required to park outside the closure.
Cllr Jason Rust	Is this measure only applicable when the school is open; and of so throughout Monday to Friday or at drop off/pick up time?	No, it is in force 24/7 as we do not have the resources to open and close Bonaly Brae at the beginning and end of the school day.
Cllr Jason Rust	What risk or other assessment has been undertaken of surrounding streets e.g. Bonaly Grove/Bonaly Drive/Bonaly Grove?	This will be monitored following the implementation of the temporary restrictions.
Cllr Jason Rust	Will trades vehicles be permitted access?	Yes, marked trades vehicles are permitted.
Cllr Jason Rust	How will this be enforced?	This closure will be enforced by Police Scotland as and when resources allow.
Cllr Jason Rust	Will delivery vehicles be permitted access?	Yes, marked delivery vehicles are permitted.

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Cllr Jason Rust	What signage will be put in place?	The measures will initially be introduced using temporary traffic management and then switched to planters and more semi-permanent measures as resources become available.
Cllr Jason Rust	What type of obstruction shall be put in place?	The measures will initially be introduced using temporary traffic management and then switched to planters and more semi-permanent measures as resources become available.
Cllr Jason Rust	Will any railings be removed?	No - we will however liaise with the school on this.
Cllr Jason Rust	What traffic studies /stats are available for Bonaly Brae pre-March lockdown?	We do not hold any traffic survey data for Bonaly Brae that has been collected in the most recent three years.
Cllr Jason Rust	The proposals appear to be a cut down version of the School Streets proposals of 2014/2015 – if this is the case, how are they now termed an emergency?	This is a temporary prohibition of vehicles to enable parents to physically distance whilst transmission of Covid 19 remains a significant threat. when on the school run at the immediate school frontage and has no relation to any previous projects. It has taken time to design and implement proposals for all 87 Primary, 23 High Schools and the independent schools. It is just as much an emergency now as it was in May 2020 when these procedures were approved by Councillors at the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
Cllr Scott Arthur	The common theme from the responses is that closing Bonaly Brae will simply push the problem elsewhere. Can the SfP team work with residents and parents to explore this point?	We will continue to liaise with the school following the implementation of the measures.
Cllr Scott Arthur	In terms of accessibility, many disabled people depend on cars (both to drive and as a passenger) and taxis. Road changes shouldn't prevent disabled people from being able to stop near the school. Changes to usual travel patterns can add to anxiety for all of us, but to some disabled people in particular. The scheme should therefore be seen in this context – continual changes should therefore be avoided where possible, and should be effectively communicated to the public (including disabled people).	Blue badge holders are exempt from the restrictions

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<b>Stakeholders</b>		
<p>Catriona Burness RNIB</p>	<p>Street layouts can cause difficulties at the best of times for visually impaired people. We want to ensure that any temporary changes to our streets that may appear across Scotland allow blind and partially sighted people and those with other disabilities to get around safely.</p> <p>Our policy position detailing our concerns and potential solutions, including a Coronavirus Courtesy Code which we believe would help ensure blind and partially sighted people can get out and about whilst maintaining a safe distance from others can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.rnib.org.uk/scotland/campaigning-rnib-scotland/coronavirus-courtesy-code">https://www.rnib.org.uk/scotland/campaigning-rnib-scotland/coronavirus-courtesy-code</a></p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Spokes</p>	<p>The proposed closure looks to be a sensible and measured way of providing some extra space for arriving pupils and parents to remain socially distanced whilst allowing access for residents, deliveries and waste collection. Design of road closure mechanism It is not clear what devices are planned which would allow prevent access to cars other than those covered by exceptions but the notices should say clearly that the road remains open to pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	<p>The road will remain open for cyclists and pedestrians.</p>
<b>Community Councils</b>		
<p>Colinton Amenity</p>	<p>Bonaly Brae directs well-spread-out pedestrian traffic onto Bonaly Grove, there to join with other pedestrians in a much busier scenario (although much reduced since the start of the academic year). Closing off Bonaly Brae does not help this in any way...</p> <p>Colinton Amenity Association (CAA) would be very happy to engage with you on traffic problems around Bonaly Primary School under 'normal'</p>	<p>This has been agreed with the school in response to the pandemic. Any future measures in relation to school travel will involve consultation with the community councils.</p>

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	conditions (i.e. pre- or post-covid). However, we cannot support your existing ill-thought-out proposal in any way as (a) there appears not to be a problem to solve in Bonaly Brae, and (b) there are insufficient details as to how the proposed changes to traffic access will be monitored, etc	
<b>Public</b>		
	My initial queries would be if visitors to our homes and delivery vehicles would be permitted into Bonaly Brae or if they would all have to park on the Grove and who would be responsible for ensuring any traffic order was being adhered to?	<p>Visitors will not be allowed within the closure at any time.</p> <p>Deliveries from liveried vehicles will be permitted.</p> <p>Police Scotland will be responsible for enforcement</p>
	It will certainly be good news for those of us who observe the problems and risks for residents trying to access and leave and children going to and from school thanks to inconsiderate and, at times, dangerous driving and parking.	Noted – thank you for the support
	What does this proposal mean for visitors or delivery vehicles e.g. groceries?	<p>Visitors will not be allowed within the closure at any time.</p> <p>Deliveries from liveried vehicles will be permitted.</p>
	<p>How long will the proposed changes remain in place?</p> <p>What will trigger them to be lifted?</p>	The measures will be reviewed in line with Scottish Government guidance on physical distancing.
	What is the Council's advice to households in Bonaly Brae who have non-disabled but elderly relatives with health issues, albeit they do not meet the criteria for a blue badge.	We suggest parking outwith Bpnaly Brae and walking the remainder of the journey.
	What about vehicles used for uplift and drop off of children of those working from home and needing family or friends childcare as support? What about those who have shared parental responsibilities with someone	We suggest parking outwith Bonaly Brae and walking the remainder of the journey.

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	outside of Bonaly Brae - surely a child being dropped off / uplifted could be taken in to Bonaly Brae by the other parent dropping the child back?	
	what should actually be put in place is a system of non-vehicular drop offs and pick ups from Bonaly Primary at Bonaly Brae. It is those vehicles that are the sole cause of problems. There is never any issue at any other time of the day other than at the start and end of the school day.	We do not advocate drop off areas at school as this ultimately encourages more parents and carers to use cars. If more people travelled actively and sustainably to school then there would be less of a road safety issue caused by congestion at the school gates.
	I trust residents won't require a permit to access the Brae. Linked to this I assume there will be no financial cost to residents of Bonaly Brae of this proposal.	Residents will not require a permit and there are no financial implications for residents of Bonaly Brae.
	I hope this is not a back door measure to reducing the road lanes as has been done in Morningside, to divide the road further into cycle lanes and walking corridors.	No further measures are currently proposed.
	I formally object to the proposal to close Bonaly Brae to road traffic vehicles. Based on the following: - Pavements meet legislative requirements for widths and there are minimal street furniture present. There is no evidence of "danger to the public" as required within the Road Traffic Regulation Act, as required to prove basis for road closure. - The road is not a private road, it is a public road, serving a public service building (the School).	There is insufficient space for parents and carers to safely physically distance at the school entrance points. This closure is COVID related and not to legislative requirements for road layouts. It is being implemented under emergency delegated decision-making powers from Scottish Government using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order in response to the pandemic.
	I am all in favour in any extra measures which will ensure her safety and the safety of her peers during drop off and pick up times.	Noted – thank you for the support.
	Ultimately, it will just move the problem from one area to another.	Noted – this will be monitored.
	How do you plan to implement it?	The measures will initially be introduced using temporary traffic management and then switched to planters and more semi-permanent measures as resources become available.

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	How do you plan to enforce it?	It will be enforced by Police Scotland
	Is it temporary or permanent?	It is a temporary scheme to assist parents to physically distance at the school gates
	Is there a review date to judge its effectiveness?	We plan to monitor effectiveness of each scheme and the school will be informed of dates.
	Is anything being done to discourage vehicle use by school parents?	We will liaise with the school on this.
	There are no other pick up and drop off points for the school, and as much as you wish that people should not drive, it is not yet illegal and young children do still require vehicular pick up from the school (for many reasons - for example, it is unreasonable to expect a 6 year old to walk a mile back home at 5:40pm, and arguably less safe in the dark at present. At this time of night there are also no crossing patrols still active for the older children, so the walk home is far riskier than the drive back).	We encourage families to travel actively to school for both health and road safety reasons.
	- The road in question is naturally traffic calmed as it is a small square. There are no speeding issues present.	These measures are not being put in place to combat speeding.
	Closing the road would not improve safety, indeed it may reduce it. Pedestrians are likely to falsely think that the road is safe to walk on, encouraging pedestrians in the road, but residents and deliveries and council services will still use the roads and as such the risk of injury will increase.	Noted
	Parking will simply increase on the adjacent roads, which arguably are more congested and parked-up. But still parents (myself included) will park there instead.	Noted
	There is simply no improvement to safety caused by this measure.	This is not being implemented on road safety grounds, but to enable parents to physically distance when on the school run.
	I live in Bonaly Grove and have a terrible job getting in and out of my driveway because of school traffic, both staff and parents and have in the past had to call the	Noted

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	police after being unable to locate the owner of the vehicle which is blocking my driveway. I don't think pedestrians or cyclists are in much danger in Bonaly Brae	
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