

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
Pentland Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close Oxfords Green at the location indicated• Introduce new waiting and loading restrictions on Pentland Drive	<u>Proceed with vehicle prohibitions and restrictions.</u>

Feedback

Comment from	Comment	Response
Councillors	None received	
Stakeholders		
Catriona Burness RNIB	<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 https://www.rnib.org.uk/scotland/campaigning-rnib-scotland/coronavirus-courtesy-code</p>	Noted

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Spokes	We are pleased by the proposals put forward but we have some concerns. There are no measures on Oxgangs Bank where parking is sometimes dangerous and also we have concerns about through traffic which runs past the main entrance to the school and affects the routes to school for most pupils, and we urge the council to review our detailed comments carefully.	Noted – we will look at this as part of the review and will liaise with the school.
Spokes	We agree the designed closure on Oxgangs Green will allow pupils and parents some space for social distancing on the remaining section of the road. We'd like to draw attention to our points about through traffic from Oxgangs Green which does compromise safety around the school.	Noted
Spokes	The waiting and loading restrictions on Pentland Drive are quite limited and we have doubts that they will be enforced. Within the cul de sac there are some spaces intended for drop off /pick up but there is sometimes troublesome parking around the green roundabout . Again we doubt that restrictions there would be observed without enforcement.	Note d- enforcement will be carried out as and when resources allow.
Spokes	There is a long-standing problem with school drop-off parking in Oxgangs Bank extending up the hill off the map. This is sometimes very dangerous to children walking and in a street with many pensioner houses could have have consequences for other residents. We believe steps should be taken to prevent dangerous parking there and this should be part of the SfP measures for Pentland PS.	Noted – we will look at this as part of the review and will liaise with the school.
Spokes	There is a parking area close to the Oxgangs Broadway that could be used rather than Oxgangs bank and only a short walk from the path to school.	Noted
Spokes	There have been long term safety issues caused by the well-used ratrun that starts at Oxgangs Green and allows traffic to bypass the Greenbank Crossroads and arrive on A702 especially via Pentland View but also Comiston	Noted

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	View. Impatient drivers don't pay proper attention to the young pedestrians, scooters and cyclist making their way to school especially from SwanSpring Avenue along Oxgangs Hill, along Oxgangs Green and at the entrance of Pentland View from Buckstone Terrace (A702).	
Spokes	We would like to see more attention paid, soon if not now, to preventing through traffic with a well designed model filter. Not only with this make the school routes safer, but this in turn might increase the number of pupils who arrive on foot/ scooter/cycle perhaps unaccompanied by parents	Noted
Community Council		
Norman Tinlin on behalf of Fairmilehead Community Council	Parents from the Fairmilehead Community Council area have children at Pentland Primary and Pentland Drive is within our boundary. Can you please clarify how you intend to close Oxgangs Green and prohibit vehicles except for residents, school staff and deliveries?	The measures will initially be introduced using temporary traffic management and then switched to planters and more semi-permanent measures as resources become available
Norman Tinlin on behalf of Fairmilehead Community Council	Is it residents in all of Oxgangs Green or only those on the southern part up to the school?	Only those within the area of the vehicle prohibition.
Norman Tinlin on behalf of Fairmilehead Community Council	What new waiting and loading restrictions are envisaged for Pentland Drive, their extent and hours of operation.	The extents were as shown within the plan and will be double yellows to improve visibility for pedestrians.
Norman Tinlin on behalf of Fairmilehead Community Council	What is the urgency for the proposals?	We are modifying the road layout to give parents and carers sufficient space to physically distance whilst the transmission of the Covid 19 virus remains a threat.
Public		
	Can i ask why no provision is being considered for Oxgangs Bank, being that it is always a very busy entrance to the school ?	Noted – we will liaise with the school.

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	I support these measures.	
	In the post it mentions ‘ new waiting and Loading restrictions in Pentland Drive however they do not appear to be identified on the map . This map merely shows the double yellow lines on the corner of the culde sac .	This is the extent of the proposed temporary restrictions.
	A fairly recent traffic survey was undertaken relating to the redevelopment of Comiston farm house this did NOT identify any issues with traffic or its management and noted the small numbers of cars at school drop of times . Given this fact I would welcome more information on these proposals given that during this pandemic period the traffic to schools is much reduced and at present Nil	These proposals relate to the Covid 19 pandemic and minimising the risk of transmission of the virus. It bears no relation to any traffic surveys for the development of Comiston Farm House. Our proposals will make it easier for parents and carers to physically distance at the school gates.
	Additionally other options such as staggered starting times and finishing times may also be effective in reducing numbers of people / cars at key drop off / pick up times , aiding the safe use of roads / pavements in this area .	Noted – we will liaise with the school.
	I am concerned that given these measures are proposed due to emergency measures relating to the current pandemic there is little evidence to support a problem In This area and certainly during this pandemic I have not observed issues with cars or parking , indeed more parents are walking to / from school using the pathway where there is existing road markings and restrictions in place .	Noted