

To whom it may concern,

Please find below the Corstorphine Primary School Travel Action Group (STAG) response to the Retaining Spaces for People Measures consultation. Should you require any clarification or further detail, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### **Manse Street and Featherhall Road**

The closure to through traffic to the rear of Corstorphine Primary has been incredibly successful in providing extra space for families and in reducing traffic, congestion, dangerous parking and we believe it is likely to also have reduced air pollution near the back gates of the school. Residential and service vehicles are still able to access all properties as needed. It would be good to see a more aesthetic solution implemented to show that the road is open to walking, wheeling and cycling whilst still allowing access for residents, service vehicles and disabled drivers who require access. This would also help children to understand the boundaries of the safer space. More regular enforcement to deter those who continue to use the road when they shouldn't would also be worthwhile (perhaps a permit system could be implemented).

### **St John's Road**

As some sections of pavement on St John's Road are particularly narrow, the extra pedestrian space has been very useful for families travelling to and from Corstorphine Primary. We would like to see the widened pavements retained and provided for the length of St John's Road as the provision is a bit stop/start and a continuous widened pavement would create a more attractive and useable public realm and make for safer routes to school. St John's Road remains a barrier to those looking to cycle to school and no safe cycling provision has been implemented here as part of the Spaces for People programme. We would like to see this change in future - perhaps half the width of the road lane could be given to pedestrians and half to a protected cycle lane. Pedestrian crossing point timings still leave people standing waiting for far too long and these should be adjusted to prioritise people not vehicles.

Should there be an opportunity for additional measures. Clermiston Road requires traffic calming and better pedestrian provision, particularly on the bottom section from Forrester/Belgrave Road towards St John's Road (and especially next to Sher hairdressers) as this section is very unpleasant for those walking or wheeling and there is not enough space to pass oncoming pedestrians. As a main route in to Corstorphine Primary for those living on the north side of St John's Road, it is unpleasant and dangerous.

### **Corstorphine High Street**

The extra pavement space, particularly to the east between the school gates and Manse Road has been transformative and should be kept permanently with a full width pavement, dropped kerbs and bollards to prevent pavement parking. We would like to see the defenders in front of the school adjusted slightly to provide more pavement space (the temporary wands were further out but the new defenders have been installed closer to the kerb). We also felt that the central wands had the effect of slowing vehicles and have noticed an increase in speeds after they were removed. Whilst the wands were unsightly and not appropriate as a permanent fixture, we would appreciate investigation and implementation of permanent speed reduction measures outside the school. The build outs have had some positive effect in keeping traffic further from pedestrians however speed remains an issue and further measures are needed to address this.

### **Junction narrowing around Corstorphine High Street area and yellow lines**

The junction narrowing has been very successful in improving conditions for pedestrians and should be made permanent with appropriate tactile treatment and pavement/road level adjustments to

allow those with mobility issues to travel unimpeded. The addition of double yellow lines has improved sight lines for pedestrians crossing at junctions and should remain.

#### **Ladywell Road and Meadow Place Road**

The new cycle lanes have just been installed in the past couple of days so we have not had the opportunity to see how these work in practice but we support the implementation of protected bike lanes which can aid children and families to get to school and move around the area safely. The junction between Meadow Place Road and Ladywell Road will require improvement to fully enable and encourage family cycling. The main issue raised on local social media pages to date seems to be around parking for the Ladywell Medical Centre and we would suggest that the building owners are approached to suggest that they allow for patient parking within their car park for those who require to drive to appointments. The Council also needs to find a solution for the cycle lane on Ladywell Road to be continuous whilst maintaining provision of disabled parking for residents. Rosendale Road in Lambeth has recently been redesigned to accommodate similar demands and may provide good source data for how a permanent change could work.

#### **Westerbroom Terrace and Broomhall Place**

The road closure outside Gylemuir Primary has had a positive effect for those travelling to Corstorphine Primary through the Gyle Park and we would like to see this remain.

Overall, School Travel Action Group members have found the measures implemented around the school and wider Corstorphine area to be very positive and beneficial and would like to see all measures remain in place, perhaps with a few modifications (as noted above). We have received no negative feedback from the school community to date.

We would like to thank the Spaces for People team (and Martyn Lings in particular) for taking the time to listen to our concerns and work with us in implementing the SfP solutions around Corstorphine Primary School.

Best wishes  
STAG