

## **Retaining ‘Spaces for People’ measures – let us know your views**

**Closes 21 March 2021**

### **Spaces for People**

During the Coronavirus pandemic, we've put 'Spaces for People' measures in place that aim to:

- help parents/carers and children to physically distance near schools
- help people to physically distance while using high streets, some city centre streets, and while exercising
- provide protected cycle lanes on mains roads, so that people can consider cycling for trips that they might otherwise make by public transport.

Many Spaces for People measures are in place, but some are either currently being installed or will be installed soon. To allow quick installation of the Spaces for People measures within the available budget, we've used low cost materials, including rubber kerbs and plastic barriers.

### **Why we are consulting**

The Council is considering whether to keep some 'Spaces for People' measures in place, either on a trial basis or more permanently. This is because many of the measures may help achieve Council objectives unrelated to the Coronavirus pandemic, including:

- encouraging more people to switch to more sustainable ways of travelling such as walking or cycling
- supporting high streets and city centre businesses by providing more space for people
- improving road safety
- improving health
- reducing carbon dioxide emissions, to help Edinburgh achieve [net zero carbon by 2030](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/climate-2) (www.edinburgh.gov.uk/climate-2).

Before deciding whether to go through the legal processes necessary to keep projects in place, we want to hear people's views.

**Please respond to this survey to help us to better understand how you feel about retaining the different types of 'Spaces for People' projects and any you particularly wish to see retained or removed.**

For some questions, you will need to refer to the list of streets and/or schools in the three supporting documents attached to complete your answers:

- ETRO.SfP engagement STREET list for questions 2, 7 and 9
- ETRO.SfP engagement STREET list for questions 11 and 13
- ETRO.SfP engagement SCHOOLS list for questions 2, 7 and 9

Please use the enclosed reply-paid envelope to return your completed questionnaire.

## Photographs of the types of Spaces for People temporary measures

City Centre



Protected cycle lanes



Spaces for exercise



Shopping streets



## Your awareness of Spaces for People measures

1. Please select the option which best describes your familiarity with each of the following types of project in Edinburgh:

	<b>I often use a road with this type of measure</b>	<b>I occasionally use a road with this type of measure</b>	<b>I am aware of a road with this type of measure, but I have not personally used it.</b>	<b>I am not aware of this type of measure</b>
Measures to provide more space and improve road safety for parents and children near schools				
New protected cycle lanes on main roads eg Comiston Road, Ferry Road, Crewe Road, Old Dalkeith Road				
Additional space for walking and/or cycling in shopping streets eg Morningside, Corstorphine, Stockbridge, Gorgie				
Additional space for walking and/or cycling in the city centre eg Waverley Bridge closure, Mound cycle lane				

Measures to provide more space for people to exercise eg closures to motor traffic of Silverknowes Road, Links Gardens, Braid Road, Cammo Walk				
New signed 'quiet connections' for cycling, with road closures to reduce traffic eg Greenbank to Meadows, Hope Lane and Stanley St				

2. Can you select the streets/roads with a Spaces for People project that you are most familiar with?

Please review the lists in the documents called:

- ETRO.SfP engagement STREET list for questions 2, 7 and 9
- ETRO.SfP engagement SCHOOLS list for questions 2, 7 and 9. Note that we have only listed schools where we have made significant changes on street.

You can select up to five streets and two schools or tell us that you are not familiar with any spaces for people measures. Please type street below or select that you are not familiar with any spaces for people measures

Street	Your response
Street / area 1	
Street / area 2	
Street / area 3	
Street / area 4	
Street / area 5	
I am not familiar with any 'spaces for people' measures.	

3. What forms of transport have you used on streets/roads with a Spaces for People project? Please select all that apply.

Means of transport	Please say Yes for what you have used
Car	
Taxi	
Private hire	
Bus	
Tram	
Walk	
Wheelchair or mobility scooter	
Cycle	
Motorcycle	

Other (please state)	
----------------------	--

### Benefits and disadvantages of Spaces for People

Question 4 is about your overall level of support for keeping in place the measures introduced under the Spaces for People programme after the Coronavirus pandemic, as a means of achieving longer term Council objectives.

Questions 5 and 6 are to help us understand what you think are the main benefits and/or disadvantages of keeping the measures in place.

If you want to name specific measures, or make any comments, you can do so in questions 7-14

4. How much do you support or oppose retaining the following types of measure as a means of achieving longer term Council objectives?

We explained our longer-term objectives in the introduction ([Why we are consulting](#)).

Type of measure	Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Projects to support walking and cycling to school, such as: more space for walking and cycling, restricting parking, closing streets near schools (full time or just at school arrival and departure times - 'school streets')						
New protected cycle lanes on main roads						
Additional space for walking and/or cycling in shopping streets						
Additional space for walking and/or cycling in the city centre						
Connecting existing walking/cycling routes used for leisure, by closing some roads to cars and/or providing protected space for walking and cycling on roads.						
New signed 'quiet connections' for day to day cycling, with road closures to reduce traffic.						

5. What would you say are the **most important benefits** of retaining 'Spaces for People' measures in place?

This relates to our longer-term objectives in the introduction ([Why we are consulting](#)).

<b>Reason</b>	<b>Most important benefits Please select up to 5</b>
Easier and safer for children and parents to walk or cycle to school	
Improvements for people walking eg more space, less traffic	
Easier and/or safer to cross the road	
Improvements for people cycling eg protected lanes, quiet links	
More space and better links for walking/cycling/jogging etc for exercise or leisure	
More space to enable you to stop and chat	
More space for street cafes etc	
Increased number of people shopping locally	
Making things easier for people who use a wheelchair or have other mobility difficulties	
Making things easier for people with sight loss	
Lower traffic speeds	
Reduced traffic congestion	
Other - please specify	

6. What would you say are the **most important disadvantages** of retaining 'Spaces for People' measures in place?

<b>Reason</b>	<b>Most important disadvantages Please select up to 5</b>
Harder and/or more dangerous for parents and children travelling to school (eg harder to park)	
Negative impacts on people walking	
Making it harder and/or more dangerous to cross the road	
Negative impacts on people cycling	
Less ability to stop and chat	
Fewer people shopping locally	
Making things harder for people who use a wheelchair or have other mobility difficulties	
Making things harder for people with sight loss	
Inconvenience to car users caused by roads closed to motor traffic	
Lower traffic speeds	
Traffic increases due to diversion caused by road closures	
Increased traffic congestion	
Harder for residents to park or receive deliveries	
Harder for businesses to receive deliveries	
Less car parking in shopping streets	
Other - please specify	

## Existing Spaces for People projects

### Questions 7-10

These ask about specific existing Spaces for People measures that you would like to either remain in place or to be removed following the pandemic.

7. Please select any streets or roads with Spaces for People measures already in place that you would particularly like to **remain** following the pandemic.

Please review the lists in the documents called

- ETRO.SfP engagement STREET list for questions 2, 7 and 9
- ETRO.SfP engagement SCHOOLS list for questions 2, 7 and 9. Note that we have only listed schools where we have made significant changes on street.

You can select 'None', 'Most or all', or up to five streets and two schools Please type street below or select that you are not familiar with any spaces for people measures

Street	Response
Street / area 1	
Street / area 2	
Street / area 3	
Street / area 4	
Street / area 5	
None	
Most or all	

8. If you wish to make a comment about measures you would like to remain in place, including suggested modifications, you may do so here:  
Please note: limit of 60 words to ensure we can effectively analyse responses

9. Please select any streets or roads with Spaces for People measures in place that you would particularly like to be removed following the pandemic.

Please review the lists in the documents called

- ETRO.SfP engagement STREET list for questions 2, 7 and 9
- ETRO.SfP engagement SCHOOLS list for questions 2, 7 and 9. Note that we have only listed schools where we have made significant changes on street.

You can select 'None', 'Most or all', or up to five streets and two schools Please type street below or select that you are not familiar with any spaces for people measures

Street	Your response
Street / area 1	
Street / area 2	
Street / area 3	
Street / area 4	
Street / area 5	
None	
Most or all	

10. If you wish to make a comment about measures you would like to see removed, you may do so here:

Please note: Limit of 60 words to ensure we can effectively analyse responses)

### Spaces for People measures being installed, or not yet installed

We've listed below roads where Spaces for People measures are currently (February 22nd) being installed, are awaiting installation, or are still being planned. Many of these measures were added to the Spaces for People programme in Autumn 2020, following suggestions from members of the public.

Questions 11 to 14 are about any of these measures that you would particularly like to remain, or to be removed, in pursuit of wider objectives as mentioned in the introduction ([Why we are consulting](#)), following the pandemic.

Note: Some measures are still being designed. When we have designs prepared, we will inform relevant local organisations and give them an opportunity to comment.

11. Please select here any streets or roads from the list of measures currently being installed, or due for installation, that you would particularly like to **stay in place** following the pandemic.

Please review the list in the document called

- ETRO.SfP engagement STREET list for questions 11 and 13

You can select 'None', 'Most or all', or up to five streets and two schools Please type street below or select that you are not familiar with any spaces for people measures

Street	Your response
Street	
Street	
Street	
Street	
Street	
None	
Most or all	

12. If you wish to make a comment about any of these new measures that you would like to stay in place you may do so here:

Please note: limit of 60 words to ensure we can effectively analyse responses

13. Please select here any streets or roads from the list of measures currently being installed, or due for installation, that you would particularly like to be removed following the pandemic.

Please review the list in the document called

- ETRO.SfP engagement STREET list for questions 11 and 13

You can select 'None', 'Most or all', or up to five streets and two schools Please type street below or select that you are not familiar with any spaces for people measures

Street	Your response
Street	
Street	
Street	
Street	
Street	
None	
Most or all	



14. If you wish to make a comment about any of these new measures that you would like to see removed, you may do so here:

Please note: limit of 60 words to ensure we can effectively analyse responses

**Getting around Edinburgh during and before the pandemic**

15. **During the pandemic**, what forms of transport have you most often used when travelling around Edinburgh? (including for short trips to the local shop etc, and leisure trips, as well as longer journeys around town).

Please put 1, 2 or 3 against the mode of transport you most often use where

- 1 is the form of transport you use most often
- 2 is second most often
- 3 is third most often

Means of transport	Most often
Car	
Taxi	
Bus	
Tram	
Walk	
Wheelchair or mobility scooter	
Cycle	
Motorcycle	
Other (please state)	

16. **Thinking back before the pandemic**, what forms of transport did you most often use when travelling around Edinburgh? (including for short trips to the local shop etc, and leisure trips, as well as longer journeys around town)

Please put 1, 2 or 3 against the mode of transport you most often use where

- 1 is the form of transport you use most often
- 2 is second most often
- 3 is third most often

Means of transport	Most often
Car	
Taxi	
Bus	
Tram	
Walk	
Wheelchair or mobility scooter	
Cycle	
Motorcycle	
Other (please state)	

### About you

17. What is your age? Please select one

Age group	
Under 16	
16-24	
25-34	
35-44	
45-54	
55-64	
65-74	
75+	

18. What is your gender? Please select one

Gender	
Female	
Male	
Other gender identity	

19. Do you have any long-term illness, health problem or disability that limits your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? Please select one

Yes	
-----	--

No	
----	--

20. To help us understand where people responding to this consultation live, would you tell us the first part of postcode (eg EH3, EH12)?

## What happens next?

Thank you for taking the time to give us your views.

Before deciding which measures to recommend we keep in place, we'll review responses to this questionnaire and to other engagement activity we're carrying out, as well as assessing the 'Spaces for People' measures against our longer-term policy criteria.

We plan to report the results of this consultation to the Council's Transport and Environment Committee on 22 April (<http://bit.ly/TEC22April2020>)

Please note that, while we'll read all comments, and include summaries in reports, we're not able to respond individually to your comments or requests.

**Any proposals to keep measures in place that involve restrictions on vehicle movement, parking or loading must go through a legal process. This will only happen after this current consultation has concluded and recommendations are made to the Council's Transport and Environment Committee.** The legal process provides an opportunity for objections, which must be considered by the Council before legal orders are made.

We will publish updates and more information about the legal process on our website [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/streetschemes](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/streetschemes)

Our Spaces for People 'de-cluttering' project involves removing poles, railings and bollards get in the way of pedestrian movement. We will only replace these in exceptional circumstances if they are required again once the pandemic is over.

### To return your completed questionnaire

Please use the enclosed reply-paid envelope to return your completed questionnaire.