

8 December 2023

Dear Resident,

We are writing to update you on a change to the Corstorphine Connections trial project.

Change to the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO): school streets timings and improved parking for Manse Road residents

One of the main objectives of the trial has been to improve the safety and ease of movement for children at the two primary schools in the area.

To achieve this, one of the measures has been to continue the 'School Streets' restrictions, which prohibit traffic from using streets by school entrances during the start and end of the school day (with an exemption for residents of the street). These restrictions operate Monday to Friday 8am-10am and Monday to Thursday 2pm-4pm (11am-1pm Friday).

Through the trial, we have looked at:

- the traffic data for the streets
- timings of school activities
- feedback from residents of the streets
- feedback from the head teachers.

As a result, we are changing the ETRO to reduce the length of the morning 'School Streets' restriction from 8am-10am to 8am-9.30am. Afternoon restrictions will not change. We are trialling this to give more flexibility for deliveries and visitors by motor vehicle to residents on these streets. As school drop off finishes before 9.30am, the change will not affect road safety for school children.

Some Manse Road residents have told us that they find parking challenging because of the parking restrictions near 27-31 Manse Road. These restrictions were introduced so that a large refuse lorry could turn left if required. We have changed this so we can remove these parking restrictions.

Tell us what you think

We want to give you as much opportunity as possible to tell us what you think. The changes outlined above will start a new six-month consultation period for the ETRO. We will also carry out further monitoring and share this data with you during the new consultation period, so you can comment on this too.

While reviewing the order, as part of this change, we noted that there was a discrepancy in the advert which stated that responses to the ETRO should be made by 11 November 2023. This should have read 23 November 2023, and in all our other communications we stated 23 November. We would like to reassure you that all feedback submitted from 11 to 23 November, will be included in our reports to councillors.

Your comments submitted from 24 May to 23 November 2023 will be included in our reports to councillors. You do not need to resubmit your comments in the second six-month consultation period, but you are very welcome to submit any further comments on the project and specifically on the new measures and latest monitoring data when it is released.

Key dates and reporting to Council committees

We aim to introduce the change to the school streets and Manse Road parking at the start of the new school term on 8 January 2024.

We will report to the Council's Transport and Environment Committee in March with an update on the six-month monitoring data, ETRO consultation results (from 24 May – 23 November), and the market research.

The consultation period will run from 8 January to 7 July 2024, and then we will report these results to the Council's Licensing Sub-Committee. This report will include the summary of the feedback to both of the six-month consultation periods and the monitoring data on traffic levels, air and noise quality, and footfall and cycling counts from both periods.

We shall also provide updates to the Transport and Environment Committee at key points in the development of the trial.

The overall 18-month length of the ETRO is not proposed to change. You can find out more about ETRO process and how to respond via our website www.edinburgh.gov.uk/corstorphineconnections

Keeping you informed

We will keep you up to date about these changes through:

- letters to every household within the project area
- an update to our project mailing list and stakeholder groups
- updates via the Nextdoor community app
- updated website
- onsite notices/lamppost wraps
- updates to the Corstorphine Community Council and Community Reference Group.
- updated ETRO notices in the press, online and on street

Manse Road bus gate

Making changes to the bus gate now were considered by Council officers. At this stage, when we are still waiting on the six-month monitoring data, as well as analysis of the consultation feedback, we are not proposing a change to the bus gate operation. At the Transport and Environment Committee on 16 November 2023, a proposal to remove the bus gate was considered and the decision was to not take any action at this early stage.

Kind regards



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