

# Project Newsletter



January 2024

## Welcome

We are updating all residents on progress with the trial Corstorphine Connections project. Our aim is to create safer and more comfortable conditions for walking, wheeling and cycling, as well as more attractive streets and outdoor spaces where residents can enjoy spending time.

## Construction completed

All the main construction work for the trial has now been completed. In the coming few months we will add more bollards and cycle parking at key locations, replace planters with signs at the school streets, address the water drainage issue at Kirk Loan and install speed cushions on Featherhall Avenue and Corstorphine High Street.



## Changes on Manse Road

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.

## Residents' views on the project - market research

The impact of the Corstorphine Connections project is being measured and monitored in a variety of ways. Key to this work are surveys with Corstorphine residents, and users of local shops and businesses.

In October this year, we had a second independent survey carried out to find out what residents within the project area, and those using local businesses, felt about the trial

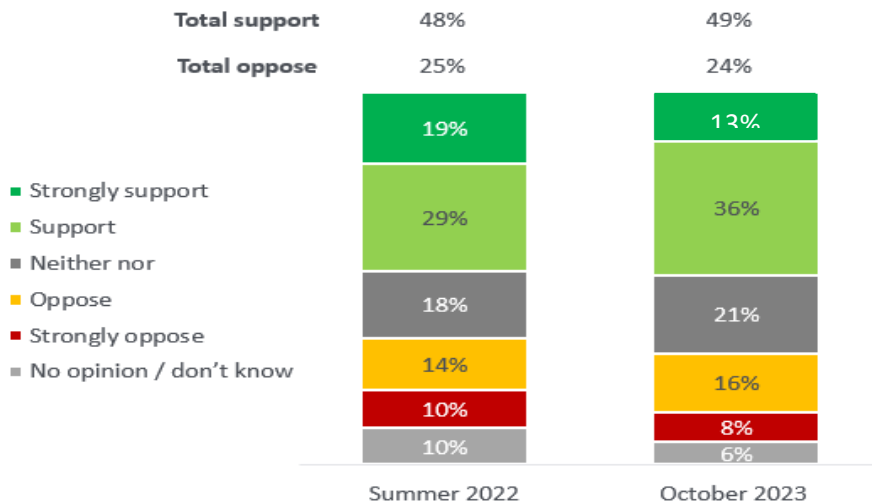
changes. The first survey was carried out in summer 2022 and is used as a baseline for monitoring any changes. A third survey will be done this year.

Interviewers did face to face interviews on streets including Corstorphine High Street, St John's Road, Manse Street, Saughton Road North and Lampacre Road.

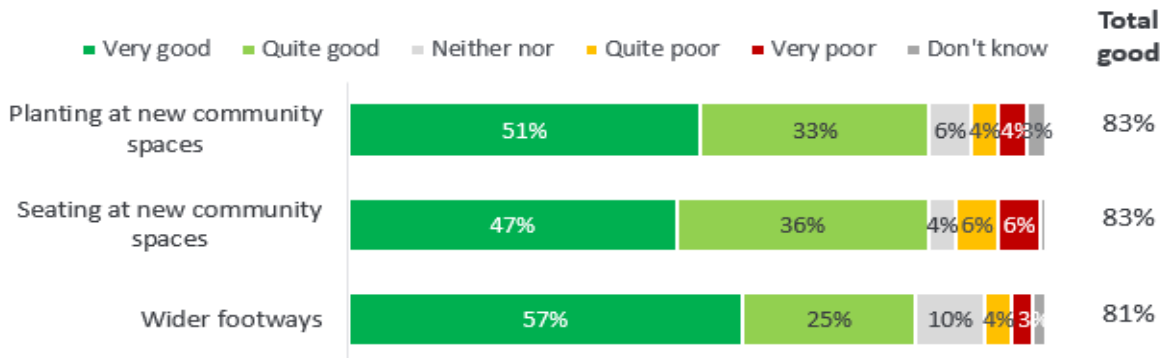
We've outlined some of the findings below, and you can read a more detailed summary and download the full report on our website:

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**49% residents interviewed were in support of the project and 24% were opposed.**



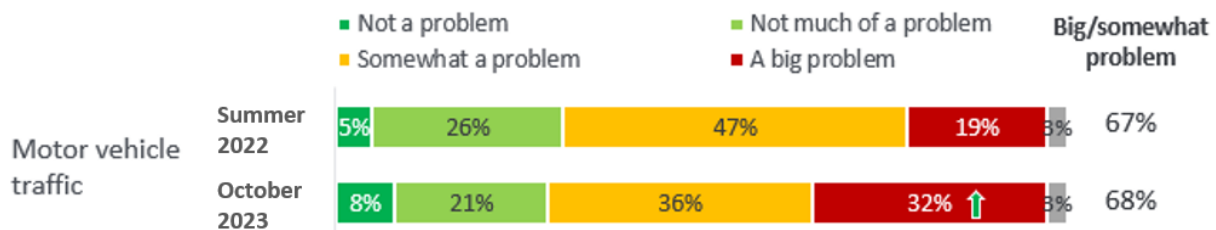
**Most residents interviewed like the wider pavements, seating and planting.**



**Of the parents interviewed, more feel that streets are safer for children going to school.**



## There are still concerns about traffic levels, particularly on Saughton Road North, Corstorphine High Street and Ladywell Road.



### Change to the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) and second consultation

In December, we wrote to all residents to let them know that, in response to feedback from the community and traffic data, we are making a slight change to the ETRO School Streets restrictions. We have reduced the length of these restrictions from 8am-10am to 8am-9.30am. You can read more about this change on our website.

### Tell us what you think

The change to the ETRO means we have started a new six-month consultation period. We want to give you plenty of opportunity to tell us what you think. 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.

The consultation period runs from 8 January to 7 July 2024, and then we will report these results to the Council Committees (see 'Next steps' section below). 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. Details of how you can share your views are on our website [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/corstorphineconnections](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/corstorphineconnections)

### Next steps for the project

- 8 January to 7 July 2024 - new six-month ETRO consultation period
- 8 January - change to the ETRO to reduce the length of the morning 'School Streets' restriction from 8am-10am to 8am-9.30am, remove section of Manse Road parking restrictions
- March 2024 – report to the Council's Transport & Environment Committee on the first 6 months consultation, monitoring and market research
- Summer/autumn 2024 – update to the Council's Transport & Environment Committee and report to Council's Licensing Sub-Committee on all the consultation, monitoring and market research for the project. Licensing Sub-Committee will decide on permanent status of the project
- Winter 2024/2025 – implement permanent scheme, if approved, under Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

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