

Residents
East Craigs

Date 11 August 2020

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Dear Resident

Covid-19 Cycling and Walking Emergency Response Measures Low Traffic Neighbourhood – East Craigs

I am writing to inform you that we are proposing to implement a low traffic neighbourhood (LTN), including a series of traffic restrictions and segregated cycle lanes, in the East Craigs area in the coming weeks. This is one of the emergency projects the Council is undertaking to re-designate key parts of the road network to help pedestrians and cyclists travel safely and follow government advice on physical distancing.

Identification of the need for an LTN and its configuration comes from consultation feedback received during the West Edinburgh Link (WEL) project, the Spaces for People Commonplace website, local school's travel plan and traffic surveys of vehicle volumes and speeds in the area. More details of this can be found via the WEL website: www.westedinburghlink.info.

An outline map of the proposals is enclosed with this letter. The key changes include:

- Introduction of uni-directional segregated cycleways along Drum Brae North
- Introduction of advisory cycle lanes on part of Drum Brae South
- Improvements to junctions in East Craigs to make them safer for cyclists and pedestrians
- Introduction of six road closures, with filtered permeability for cycles and pedestrians in the East Craigs area including:
 - North Gyle Terrace
 - North Gyle Road
 - Craigs Gardens
 - Craigs Loan
 - Craigmount Avenue North
- Introduction of a bus gate on Craigs Road

Full design details and information about the scheme's rationale, background and frequently asked questions is provided on the WEL website: www.westedinburghlink.info.

We will monitor the impact of the measures and based on this monitoring we will consider any other measures that we may need to be implement. We will carry out engagement with residents, including a survey, in the Autumn and publish results on the Council's website as the project progresses. This will be used to helpfully shape the configuration of the LTN going forward.

It is planned that the scheme will eventually be proposed for permanent implementation in late 2020 or 2021 under a Traffic Regulation Order. As part of this order a further public consultation will be held on the proposals.

Over the coming weeks we'll be implementing several other changes across the city to help prioritise walking and cycling. Immediate actions will tackle places where removing motorised traffic or re-allocating road space will significantly improve the ability of people to follow advice on physical distancing whilst staying safe. There has been considerable, understandable public demand for action to help facilitate safe daily exercise and the movement of essential workers.

COVID-19 has significantly changed the way residents are using the road network, and we want to make sure we are supporting local people to access their local open spaces by creating safe, accessible routes.

Due to the uncertainty over how long the current situation and related guidance will last, we're not able to say how long this closure will be in place, but please check the Council website at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/spaceforeveryone for updates.

Should you have any immediate concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at spacesforpeople@edinburgh.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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