

Spaces for People

Scheme Review Form

Location	Original justification
George IV Bridge	To provide safe space for pedestrians to walk, exercise and access local shops. To provide safe cycling routes and prioritise public transport as an alternative to driving.

Overall Programme Monitoring Objectives

To protect public health by:

- a) creating safe spaces for walking and cycling that encourage more people to choose active methods of travel as a safe, physically-distanced way to move around the city, preventing a growth in private car use and associated congestion and air pollution
- b) enabling safe physical distancing for everyone during their journeys, daily (government-approved) activities and exercise in the city's streets
- c) mitigating any increased road safety risk as a result of people physical distancing in the city's streets
- d) Supporting adaptation and resilience

Spaces for exercise objectives:

- a) to improve distancing opportunities and road safety at popular exercise spots.
- b) to provide spacious alternatives to paths and routes that are busy with pedestrians and cyclists
- c) to safely link together off-road walking and cycling routes to provide spaces for exercising that are safe from traffic.

Travelling safely objectives:

- a) To facilitate the safe movement of people by foot and cycle across the city, providing an alternative form of travel to private car that still allows the public to feel safe from Covid and road safety risks
- b) To provide an effective, physically distanced alternative means of travel around the city to public transport, whilst PT capacity is reduced due to physical distancing requirements.
- c) Continue to protect and prioritise the city's bus and tram service in order that public transport can operate reliably, thereby maintaining a service frequency that can deliver social distancing for passengers.

Space in the City Centre and town centres objectives:

- a) To enable physical distancing to be practised in the city centre, on local high streets and around neighbourhood shops
- b) To create more public space around shops, cafés and restaurants to support business recovery
- c) To free up space for physical distancing, whilst not subjecting the bus network to significant extra delay

Project Review:

Do the SFP measures meet the project objectives:	YES	NO
implement safe physical distancing to support cycling and walking travel for exercise and essential journeys;	Y	
reduce infection risk on heavily used routes by providing traffic control measures and alternative routes;	Y	
prioritise the implementation of measures in areas of deprivation where car use or public transport access is limited;		N
prioritise access to local exercise and greenspaces, employment centres, and service hubs(e.g. hospitals & schools)	Y	
Improvement for pedestrians	Y	
Improvement for cyclists	Y	
Improvement for public transport	Y	
Have additional measures been introduced – if yes provide details: No additional measures have been introduced, however following an inspection on 07.10.20 it was noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it may be beneficial to remove 2 of the central traffic islands to make it easier for larger vehicles to pass vehicles that are loading. • Additional cones are required to protect the “floating” bus stops from vehicles from driving over them. • Advisory signage should be installed to clearly identify areas for loading. 	Y	

Road Safety Audit feedback:
Awaiting outcome of audit
Public Feedback / Complaints
Complaints have been received about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floating bus stops • Speeding cyclists • Vehicles parking in the ped/cycle space • Not enough loading space • No space for disabled parking • No space for customers who want to drive to the restaurants in the evening
Review Groups recommendations: Continue with measures
Recommendation to continue this proposal
<u>Notes from DRG on 13th of October:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install additional cones and loading signage • Remove central islands.

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