

## 32480 Spaces For People

I'd like to know when and where the tender process for all the Spaces for People bollards and base plates were advertised. How much notice was given?

An existing framework contract for Transport Traffic Management was used to facilitate early programme delivery. Due to the urgency of the programme and the requirement to install more robust measures so that people could physically distance, a waiver report was submitted to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on the 11 June 2020 to carry out a procurement exercise to establish product specification, determine market rates and build a range of supplier options. The delivery team then selected products and services that reflect best value for immediate installations. This allowed the Spaces for People team to source and negotiate prices for critical traffic management equipment, during the early stages of programme delivery (June 2020 to August 2020).

I want confirmation that no members of the council or members of the transport committee have any relationship with the company awarded the contract to manufacture or implement the bollards and rubber base plates and cardboard information panels? The relationship I refer to is a family bloodline or a business relationship or a director whether executive or non-executive.

Having reviewed the Councillors' Register of Interests and the declarations of interest made by Councillors at City of Edinburgh Council and Transport and Environment Committee meetings on the webcasts, there is no information held that the Councillors have such a "relationship with the company awarded the contract to manufacture or implement the bollards and rubber base plates and cardboard information panels".

The city of Edinburgh Council are always promoting 'the green agenda' why would you use all these bollards made from plastic?

Due to the urgent nature of the programme in trying to protect the public from Covid-19 by creating additional space so that people can physically distance, certain materials were required to delineate areas. Where possible, recycled materials were used for example the base units of the cycle lane defenders are made from 100% recycle materials (old vehicle tyres).

The city of transport member Lesley Macinnes always stated these were temporary measures, as they are temporary please can you give the date these temporary measures will end?

A public consultation on the retention of Spaces for People measures has been carried out and a decision on the future of Spaces for People Schemes will be made at the Transport and Environment Committee in June. The decision will be based on consultation results, independent market research, a review by technical officers and consideration of how well such changes fit with the Council's long-term transport policy objectives.

The Spaces for People measures were introduced as temporary measures and the council must have set aside a substantial amount for their removal at the end of this temporary period, please can you tell me how much was set aside for their removal?

The current estimated projected cost for final removal is £877,403.00 but this is subject to change.

The Spaces for people measures were introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic. Now we are coming out of this pandemic when will the council return the roads to their previous widths and enter into a consultation with all the resident affected?

Please refer to A4 above.

In addition, although there is a vaccination programme in place, the Scottish Government guidance is still to stay 2m away from other people. There is still a requirement to physically distance as the virus can still spread even if people have been vaccinated so there is still a requirement for the additional space. As we move through the government phases, people will be able to move around the country and the world more freely but with this comes risk of the virus and the different variants spreading, as is evident in other parts of the country so we still need to be vigilant.

As stated above the council keep altering their plans, what was the cost of the removal of the bollards and line removal on Drum Brae?

The approximate cost was £1,800.00.

How many people have suffered injuries as a consequence of tripping or falling or stumbling over the rubber base plates or cones within the City of Edinburgh Spaces for People area?

There have been five personal injury accident claims submitted citing the Spaces for People measures as the cause.

How many complaints have you had from residents with regards to the implementation of the Spaces for People?

There have been 178 enquiries stating that they would like to make a complaint about the Spaces for People programme and 16 enquiries that have been escalated to Stage 2 complaints.

How many businesses have complained about the Spaces for people scheme?

We have not categorised the complaints received by businesses or residents so they will form part of the total amount provided in A9 above.