

32954 Spaces for People Feedback

I wish to request:

Copies of all equality impact assessments carried out in respect of;

- (a) the Greenbank to Meadows quiet route;
- (b) the Comiston Road and Braid Road segregated cycle routes and road closures;
- (c) the removal of bus stops in favour of segregated cycle routes at George IV Bridge and the Mound; and
- (d) all proposed street pedestrianisations planned in future iterations of this scheme (eg George Street).

(a), (b) and (c). An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) was carried out in relation to the introduction of Spaces for People (SfP) measures in May 2020:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229216/creating-safe-spaces-for-walking-and-cycling>

and subsequently refreshed in October 2020:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/28404/creating-safe-spaces-for-walking-and-cycling>.

A new Impact Assessment was carried out recently in relation to the measures recommended for retention, ahead of the Transport and Environment Committee in June 2021:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s34888/7.1%20-%20Potential%20Retention%20of%20SfP%20measures.pdf>

The IIA is in appendix four to the report – ‘Appendix 4 – Integrated Impact Assessment’ (Page 52 of 74).

The most recent IIA was carried out with the knowledge of issues raised in correspondence and in the consultation and engagement exercise in relation to design features which have been used frequently in the Spaces for People schemes, and with knowledge of how the Council has taken action to address any scheme-specific issues to date, for example through the Council’s design review group. Each scheme was not considered one by one, but rather this was an overall assessment of the needs of people with protected characteristics, and mitigation of any potential negative impacts of the types of infrastructure installed as part of the SfP schemes on these groups.

(d). Please refer to the combined Integrated Impact Assessment in relation to George Street and First New Town Public Realm Design at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/27164/george-st-and-new-town-integrated-impact-assessment>

Information on the breakdown of consultation responses received in respect of the measures listed at requests 1(a)-(d) in the consultation which took place earlier this year.

Responses to consultation can be found on the project’s web pages at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/14837/spaces-for-people-downloads>

The following information on the market research carried out which is being relied on by you instead of the consultation:

- a. When it was carried out.
- b. By what methods (eg phone interviews, on-street interviews etc)
- c. How many people were interviewed
- d. A breakdown of their demographics
- e. Information on how the interviewees were selected
- f. Information on how many interviewees are resident within 2 miles of the Greenbank to Meadows quiet route and in particular, how many are resident in the Braid Estate.
- g. A copy of the questions asked.
- h. Information on the responses received, with a particular focus on responses relating to the measures listed in request 1(a)-(d) above.
- i. Confirmation of which market research company carried out the research, and the procurement process followed to appoint them.
- j. All information held relating to Sustrans' role in (and/or input into) the market research process.

(a) February – April 2021.

(b) Online

(c) 583

(d) The sample is reflective of the 2018 Edinburgh People's Survey, available at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/say/edinburgh-people-survey/1>

(e) Use of market researcher's panel providers to source individuals meeting the target sample demographics based on the Edinburgh People's Survey sample demographic.

(f) We did not collect full post codes from respondents and so cannot provide this information.

(g) The questions asked can be downloaded at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/29544/spaces-for-people-consultation-hub-and-market-research-questions>

(h) Responses to consultation can be found on the project's web pages at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/14837/spaces-for-people-downloads>

(i) Research was carried out by Social Marketing Gateway in partnership with Jump Research. SMG/Jump were already under contract to the Council for related work prior to the decision to conduct the market research concerned. The relevant commission had been substantially under-utilised during financial year 2020-2021 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

(j) Sustrans had no role in and/or input into the market research process.