

55996 Pavement Buildout on Portobello High Street

Please provide information regarding the cost of the temporary pavement buildout on Portobello High Street between Fishwives' Causeway and Bridge Street becoming permanent and details of the consultation and approvals to make this permanent.

The construction cost for the pavement widening of the footway on the northeast side of Portobello High Street, between Fishwives' Causeway and Bridge Street, was £25,347.31 (excluding VAT).

The footway widening at this location was originally introduced on a temporary basis, as part of the Council's Spaces for People programme of measures, to assist people to walk safely during the pandemic.

On 1 September 2022, the Council's Transport and Environment Committee considered a report on the potential to retain Spaces for People measures permanently, due to their potential to contribute to the delivery of the Council's aims and objectives to improve infrastructure for people walking, wheeling and cycling.

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Please refer to 'Item 7.7 – Active Travel Measures – Travelling Safely Update'.

Amongst the recommendations, which are included in Appendix 2 of the above report, was that consideration be given to making this, and three other similar temporary footway widenings, at Dalry Road, Morningside Road and St John's Road, permanent (see extract below).

SCHEMES DEVELOPED FROM LTN PROPOSALS					
Craigs Road	Crossing improvements at Craigmount High School	Give and Go features removed Local intervention part of School Travel Plan Review	N/A	No longer part of Travelling Safely programme	Measures now part of the School Travel Plan Review – Future plans to be considered under the terms of the ongoing School Travel Plan Review.
Corstorphine High Street	Widened pavements leading to Primary School	Now included in Corstorphine Connections ETRO	N/A	No longer part of Travelling Safely programme	Now included in Corstorphine Connections ETRO
SPACES FOR EXERCISE					
Maybury Road	Temporary traffic lights	Temporary signals to be removed when appropriate with the construction of the proposed Craigs Road junction	N/A	No ETRO proposed Construction of new junction expected late 2022. Removal of temporary pedestrian crossing when appropriate.	No ETRO required
Removal of Street Clutter					
Various priority locations	Schedule of prioritised street clutter removal undertaken in partnership with Living Streets	Works complete.	N/A	N/A	No further action under the Travelling Safely Programme
Pedestrian Priority Improvements at Controlled Crossings	Project to improve controlled	Works complete.	N/A	N/A	No further action under the Travelling Safely Programme

Pedestrian Experience Improvement Programme	pedestrian crossings New project	Project in development, subject to agreed funding.	N/A	Legacy SIF schemes may be considered for investment. Consider permanent footway widening where temporary segregation units remain in place on: o Dalry Road o Morningside Road o Portobello High Street o St John's Road	Any Traffic Orders/ETROs required to be identified under the PEIP programmes
Current School	Various	All school			School Travel Plan need to follow

Section 39A of the Roads Scotland Act 1984 gives Councils the power to construct traffic calming works, as prescribed by the Roads (Traffic Calming) (Scotland) Regulations 1994.

On 12 December 2024, the Transport and Environment Committee approved a report on an improved process for the implementation of traffic calming measures.

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Please refer to 'Item 7.9 – Improved Process for Implementation of Traffic Calming Measures'.

The Portobello High Street footway widening was made permanent in accordance with this process. The process includes a requirement to consult with the emergency services and other key stakeholders. There is no requirement to undertake a public consultation for relatively minor works of this nature.