

Spaces for People

Scheme Review Form

Location	Original justification
Morningside Town Centre	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		N
<p>Have additional measures been introduced – if yes provide details:</p> <p><u>No additional measures have been introduced since December 2020, however following changes have been made after Design Review Group (DRG) approval from previous reviews</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northbound section between Newbattle Terrace to Abbotsford Park – Change from footway widening to cycle lane only (section heading up hill). <p>Additional possible changes were discussed with traders and the below points were agreed to be considered as part of the review process. The below locations were approved to be changed in the October review process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Footway widening south of Newbattle Terrace (both sides) – Recommendation to remove these two small stretches to allow more on street parking close to doctor's surgery on Morningside Road. Actioned on Monday 30th November 2020. Footway widening just south of Luca's – Two spaces which currently form a short stretch of footway widening – Recommendation these be removed and return the pay & display parking bays. Actioned on Monday 30th November 2020. Section outside Church Hill Theatre – reports have been received that the reduced carriageway width of 6.1m is causing issues for two large vehicles (reported also via Councillor Mandy Watt). Recommendation is to remove footway widening section (1.1m) and reinstate new cycle lane only. This would increase current carriageway width by 1.1m taking full width to 7.2m. Actioned on Monday 30th November 2020. 	Y	

Road Safety Audit feedback:
Results of Stage 3 Road Safety Audit discussed in December 2020 review.
Public Feedback / Complaints
Complaints have been received about: Since the review in December 2020 there has been 7 email correspondence relating to the Morningside Spaces for People scheme. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Councillor Mandy Watt – request to reinstate some or all of the parking bays outside Sainsburys (between Millar Cres and Maxwell St) to improve loading at this location. This is due to vehicles currently parking on double yellow lines to load or visit shops.2. Request for removal of some sections of the footway widening outside Chalmers Church (Morningside Rd at Newbattle Terrace). This was received from the church who have concerns where wedding or funeral vehicles will stop, this concern is for when current restrictions are reduced.3. Positive feedback and request to extend measures to make pedestrian areas larger and more frequent.4. Negative feedback stating vehicular traffic has been negatively impacted and the current measures make it difficult for blue badge holders to stop or park.5. Negative feedback – segregation units are an eye sore, cyclists have not large a say and no proper consultation carried prior to implementing.6. Living Streets have made some further suggestions for measures to be introduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request tables and chairs and goods on sale enforcement.• Request parking enforcement.• Assess if footway widening could be installed on the South side of Chamberlain Road going around the corner by the Eric Liddle Centre.

7. 1 further suggestion from Living Streets: To close off this section with a segregation unit – Unit would block the drainage, new road markings will be installed to reinforce what area is for.



Review Groups recommendations:

Design Team's recommendation would be to keep the current measures in place with further consideration to the points made above.

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Site visits were carried out regularly between December 2020 to February 2021.

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