

Spaces for People

Scheme Review Form

Location	Original justification
Tollcross 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>No additional measures have been introduced, however following changes have been made after Design Review Group (DRG) approval.</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. These were the locations the traders who attended the meeting would like considered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footway widening outside Sainsbury's on Morningside Road- remove or reduce to allow more parking on the main street – recommendation to leave as is due to additional space already provided to the south of existing loading bay and the one other at the south end of the row of parking bays. 2. Footway widening outside Merlin pub – remove/reduce as no queues outside the pub – recommendation to leave this in, alternative to remove this section and widen opposite side which would assist with the T&C permit application for – 163 Morningside Road – Patisserie Maxime. 3. 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. 4. 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. 5. 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 	Y	

<p>lane only. This would increase current carriageway width by 1.1m taking full width to 7.2m.</p> <p>6. Councillor Neil Ross request for more available areas for blue badge holders to park such as single yellow line areas and also more parking around doctor's surgery (see above recommendation).</p>		
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Road Safety Audit feedback:
Awaiting outcome of Road Safety Audit stage 3.
Public Feedback / Complaints
<p>Complaints have been received about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough loading space • No space for customers who want to drive to the area and park on the main street. • Narrow stretch outside Church Hill Theatre • Tripping hazard of Rosehill rubber kerb product. • See above recommendations and requests from elected members and traders. <p>There has also been reports of incidents of people tripping falling over the products used for the footway widening and cycle segregation, the details of these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 incidents reported on Friday 2nd October 2020 – Scottish Ambulance Service have been contacted, no further details have been obtained to confirm what lead to the incidents reported. • A further incident involving a pedestrian and cyclists. No further information provided regarding the details which lead to the incident.
Review Groups recommendations:
Design Team's recommendations would be for project to remain in place with the changes detailed in the additional changes section.

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