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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 March 2024 17:38
To: Angus Robertson MSP , Euan Davidson , Road Safety Customer Care
Cc: Alan Beal , Fiona Bennett
Subject: Re: Craigleith drive - Traffic (Case Ref: ED59290) (Case Ref: AR3751)

Dear Mr Robertson and Cllr Davidson

I refer to our previous email exchanges below re: Craigleith Drive - Traffic and Safety concerns.

Since our last email exchange there has been no progress or updates on what the council is proposing/planning to address the various concerns raised. Further there has been no change to the lack of clear/improved signage and road markings regards 20mph speed alert.

I feel the situation is getting worse with increased volume and speeding traffic (including buses, commercial vehicles and drivers in a hurry and those wanting to avoid traffic lights on other main routes). There have also been instances where HGV vehicles have got as far as the narrow tunnel (+restricted height) ending up in a difficult situation and then struggling to find a way to turn around to go back.

Results of the councils speed monitoring exercise last year I feel were flawed. The result from councils team claim vehicles' "calculated average speed" were "within their toleration limits of 20mph zones" except in a few location where this was breached. Whilst that may be the case I think the results are skewed as at during periods with the largest volumes of traffic particularly at school peak times the traffic is almost at a standstill since it is only possible for one vehicle at time to pass through the narrow tunnel thus causing traffic coming in the opposite direction having to stop and give way - consequently resulting in a misleading average speed measure. At the same time this situation makes it very difficult and dangerous for pedestrian and cyclist to pass through while there is a queue of vehicles on either side of the narrow tunnel and sometimes also encountering impatient and rude drivers.

I would be grateful if you can urge the council on behalf of the residents of Craigleith Drive to take urgent and appropriate actions to address these issues.

I look forward to receiving further updates on progress.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: Cllr Euan Davidson

Sent: 9 April 2024 12:15
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Cllr.Alan.Beal@edinburgh.gov.uk, cllr.fiona.bennett@edinburgh.gov.uk, Robertson A (Angus), MSP , Cllr.Euan.Davidson@edinburgh.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Craigleith drive - Traffic (Case Ref: ED59290) (Case Ref: AR3751)

Dear [REDACTED],

I see that [REDACTED] has been in touch to confirm my previous update, in which I mentioned that the Road Safety team would be exploring options for speed reduction measures as part of the 2024/2025 programme of works.

When I have a more firm date confirmed, I will get back to you.

Kind regards,
Euan

Cllr Euan Davidson | He/Him | Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Children's Services, Health and Social Care| Corstorphine/Murrayfield Ward |

On 11 Apr 2024, at 10:14, Angus Robertson MSP
<Angus.Robertson.MSP@parliament.scot> wrote:

Good morning [REDACTED] and Cllr Davidson

I read, with regret, that there has, as yet been no progress with the road markings refresh and signage and that the volume and speed of traffic has increased.

From Cllr Davidson's email, I see that there is a commitment that the Road Safety team will be exploring options for speed reduction measures and I look forward to hearing of any improvements.

Please get in touch if there is any further action required in the future.

Best wishes

Angus

Angus Robertson MSP
Member of the Scottish Parliament for Edinburgh Central

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:40 PM
To: Angus Robertson MSP <Angus.Robertson.MSP@parliament.scot>
Cc: Euan Davidson <Cllr.Euan.Davidson@edinburgh.gov.uk>; Fiona Bennett <cllr.fiona.bennett@edinburgh.gov.uk>; Alan Beal <Cllr.Alan.Beal@edinburgh.gov.uk>; Road Safety Customer Care <transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Craigleith drive - Traffic (Case Ref: ED59290) (Case Ref: AR3751)

Good afternoon Mr Robertson

Thank you for your email and your continued interest in the traffic issues at Craigleith Drive. I agree with you and regretfully nothing is being done regards enforcing the 20mph speed limit while other options are being explored. The lack of clear signage and road markings is certainly adding to the problem.

There has been no communication or update of what are options are being explored or any estimated timescales.

I hope you are able to pursue this matter further and please keep me informed of any developments.

Best wishes
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 12 Apr 2024, at 11:01, Road Safety Customer Care
<transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

As previously communicated the Road Safety team undertakes bi-annual batches of traffic surveys at locations where speeding concerns have been raised. Traffic data allows us to direct our resources to the locations where there is significant speed limit non-compliance.

As outlined in the report [Evaluation of the 20mph Speed Limit Roll Out](#), which was approved by the Council's Transport and Environment Committee on 11 October 2019, the Council's Road Safety team will investigate the suitability of further speed reduction measures at locations where average speeds are measured above normal tolerance.

I can confirm that a traffic survey was carried out on Craigleith Drive between 24 – 30 April 2023 and the free flow average speed recorded was 25.7mph.

Following the approval of a report on the [Evaluation of the 20mph Speed Limit Roll Out](#), by the Council's Transport and Environment Committee, site investigations will be undertaken at locations where an average speed above the normal tolerance of 24mph in a posted 20mph speed limit is recorded. A further report was presented to the Committee on 27 February 2020, titled [Approach to Extension of 20mph Speed Limits](#), which included the details of the approach to be used in determining the suitability of additional speed reduction measures.

I can confirm that Craigleith Drive is on the list for a site investigation as it has been identified as having a free-flow average speed above normal tolerance.

The Road Safety Team are continually working to investigate and determine the suitability of additional speed reduction measures citywide. Due to the increase in the number traffic surveys being requested and undertaken this is resulting in an increased number of projects being identified under this workstream and we have to ensure that a thorough investigation is carried out of any further speed reduction measures to ensure that the most suitable measures are implemented at each location.

I have asked our traffic signs department to check this location and ensure all signage meets the current legislation.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Road Safety | Network Management & Enforcement | Transport | Operational Services | Place |
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 8:59 PM
To: Road Safety Customer Care <transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: Angus Robertson MSP <Angus.Robertson.MSP@parliament.scot>
Subject: Re: Craigleith drive - Traffic (Case Ref: ED59290) (Case Ref: AR3751)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. I am fully aware of the traffic survey previously carried out last April and from your previous communication I am aware that Craigleith Drive is on a list for site investigation. It would be helpful if you can share timescales for site investigation at Craigleith Drive.

Also as previously suggested in my previous email the issue isn't simply a question of average speeds as there are other factors to consider and the most important one being the narrow section of the tunnel/bridge and the poor sightline for those passing through to get a clear view of other users (mainly pedestrians and cyclists) approaching from the opposite direction.

I look forward to further updates.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: Road Safety Customer Care <transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 2:19 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Angus Robertson MSP <Angus.Robertson.MSP@parliament.scot>; Local Traffic Improvement <localtrafficimprovement@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Craigleith drive - Traffic (Case Ref: ED59290) (Case Ref: AR3751)

Hi [REDACTED],

Due to the increase in the number of traffic surveys being requested and undertaken this is resulting in an increased number of projects being identified under this workstream. Unfortunately, there are no current timescales regarding these works. This will depend on resources and funding available for this work scheme as the list is extensive.

I am aware that this is not just speed and the road safety team had a pedestrian crossing assessment undertaken through the bridge to assess the PV2.

Each year the Council receives a far greater number of requests for pedestrian crossings than we are able to provide. In order to manage these requests, we have developed a priority system to evaluate locations and the crossing type most suitable for each location. This priority system was approved by the Council's Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee on [28 July 2009](#).

The base data which is used to assess if a location is suitable for a crossing is known as the PV2 value. This is a nationally recognised value that indicates the number of passing vehicles and crossing pedestrians. Pedestrian and vehicle counts are taken over the peak hours of a week day, from 7am to 10am and 3pm to 6pm, and avoiding school holidays or any other factors which might cause an abnormal result.

This base PV2 value is then adjusted to take account of local factors such as the age of those crossing, the composition and speed of passing traffic, the road width, the number of pedestrian accidents and the presence of nearby trip attractors such as schools, doctors' surgeries, shops etc.

A location with an adjusted PV2 value of 1 or higher (2 or higher on a dual carriageway) would be considered for a puffin crossing, locations with a value of 0.3 or higher would be considered for a suite of measures that includes a zebra crossing, refuge island or pavement build-outs. If a very low PV2 value is achieved, no additional crossing facilities may be recommended.

I can confirm that a crossing assessment was undertaken on Craigleith Drive through the tunnel in June 2023, resulting in an adjusted PV2 value of 0.1662. This location does not therefore meet the required criteria for a pedestrian crossing improvements.

I have discussed this location with managers previously and what measures could be placed here to ensure pedestrian safety however the Road Safety Team undertakes regular collision investigations into all streets within the City of Edinburgh Council area. This investigation is carried out using the collision details supplied by Police Scotland, which is responsible for the collection of all personal injury road traffic collision data within its force area. From this analysis it is possible to determine locations where the collision rate is giving cause for concern and where remedial works may require to be implemented.

In the latest available 3-year period (to the end of December 2023) there were no personal injury collisions reported to the Police at the tunnel on Craigleith Drive. Please note that the collision retrieval undertaken and any data provided is accurate as of 15 April 2024.

Road Safety works are targeted at priority locations and the current collision rate means that works at this location could not be recommended at this time. I appreciate that this is not the response that you would have wanted but spending from the road safety budget is to be targeted towards areas which will have the greatest collision reduction benefits and needs to be seen against the overall level of collisions in Edinburgh every year.

However I have passed on your concerns to the new local traffic improvement team also to see if there is any advice they can contribute for your concerns regarding the tunnel.

Kind regards

[Redacted Signature]

Road Safety | Network Management & Enforcement | Transport | Operational Services | Place |
City of Edinburgh Council

From: Local Traffic Improvement

Sent: 07 June 2024 10:59

To: [Redacted Recipient]

Cc: Angus Robertson MSP <Angus.Robertson.MSP@parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Craighleith drive - Traffic (Case Ref: ED59290) (Case Ref: AR3751)

Hello

Thank you for your email.

The Local Traffic Improvement (LTI) team was created to progress local traffic improvement projects, focused on addressing mobility challenges and the impact of through traffic on our local communities, working closely with a dedicated delivery team. The LTI programme is intended to improve local access for people walking and cycling in our communities and consider the introduction of small traffic schemes to mitigate or eliminate the impact of intrusive road traffic in residential areas. The approach for the LTI programme focuses on making use of a factored and ranked criteria to consider local interventions and small projects across the city.

We will review your suggestion and use our scoring criteria to ascertain if this project is one that we can bring forward for development. We will ensure to let you know if your suggestion has or has not been successful.

Kind regards



On behalf of Local Traffic Improvement Team

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