

LOCAL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME APPLICATION FORM

(Please note that the LTI Project Criteria Form is completed by Officers and is included for information or reference purposes only)

Project Location	Junction of Danube Street, Dean Terrace and Upper Dean Terrace and the junction of Danube Street and St Bernard's Crescent		
Applicant or Project Sponsor	Danube Street Residents Association		
New Application	☒	Resubmitted Application	☐
Date Submitted	24/01/2026	Resubmission from previous LTI Year?	Choose an item.

Background to Application

(Please give some details of the potential project or timeline of issues / concerns over a period of time)

Since the end of COVID lockdown there has been a marked increase in intrusive traffic travelling through the community northbound along Danube Street. Residents' concerns over this period led to two traffic surveys being conducted on the street in 2025. The surveys show there are approximately 1,000 journeys a day, 7,000 a week, and 90% of those journeys are northbound. 85% of the traffic are private cars and light good vehicles, clearly demonstrating the street is a 'rat run' for traffic heading out of central Edinburgh and avoiding the congestion on Leslie Place. Further exacerbating the volume of traffic is the speed (more than 10% of traffic is speeding), and the fact that the overwhelming majority of traffic takes the corner from MacKenzie Bridge/Dean Terrace on to Danube Street at speed and on the wrong side of the carriageway.

Issues & Opportunities

(Please detail the issues experienced and what improvements the community hope may be delivered, e.g. what hazards or barriers to travel that you would like to have addressed)

The issues with northbound traffic above creates two main issues: 1) crossing Danube Street is hazardous for pedestrians, particularly at peak times of day. Elderly residents can find themselves stranded in the middle of the road as cars appear at pace, out of the line of

sight on the wrong side of the road; the same issues are faced by children walking to the local primary school and secondary schools; as well as the pre-school age children walking to/from Dean Gardens from the nursery on Dean Terrace; 2) the small volume of residential southbound traffic (10%) find themselves facing a vehicle speeding on the wrong side of the road at the junction with Dean Terrace. As well as day-to-day pedestrian commuting to/from school and work, this is a well used pedestrian route to the Stockbridge Health Centre on India Place.

Supporting Plan or Images

The image below shows narrowing of the carriageway at the south end of Danube Street at its junction with Dean Terrace and Upper Dean Terrace. Priority would be given to southbound traffic to further slow northbound traffic.



Issues

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Opportunities

This would allow a single vehicle to enter/exit Danube Street to maintain access but provide a shorter crossing for pedestrians and prevent traffic speeding through the crossing on the wrong side of the road. The Residents Association believes the same narrowing of the junction should be carried out at the junction of St Bernard's Crescent. Whilst the vehicle speed is less of an issue due to congestion around the junction it is still a hazardous crossing for pedestrians due to the volume of traffic and repeated trades vehicles who park on the junction itself.



Who will benefit? *(Please give some information on would benefit from the proposed project – note the criteria form can offer examples)*

This is an uncontrolled crossing and the project would benefit the community and improve mobility in the residential area by increasing pedestrian safety when travelling to/from school and work along with those from vulnerable groups such as nursery age children and vulnerable, elderly walking to/from the Stockbridge Health Centre. The current arrangements are a barrier to Active Travel due to the high volume of intrusive traffic 'rat running' through the back roads of Stockbridge and will promote walking and cycling as a result of safer crossing at either end of Danube Street.

Delivering Council Policies *(Please indicate which policies might be met from the proposed project – note the criteria form can offer examples)*

This project supports the Council in delivering its policies. It is designed to improve the safety of pedestrians crossing the northbound and southbound junctions of Danube Street by narrowing the junctions, thereby reducing the size of the crossing, and reducing the speed of oncoming

northbound vehicles by giving priority to pedestrians. Giving vehicle priority to southbound traffic will further assist as ,demonstrated in the two traffic surveys, this is residential traffic is proven to be travelling at slower speed

Thank you for your project submission. This will be assessed against the project criteria to establish a priority score and rating within the budget available.

An update will be issued once the project submission window has closed, but further information or assistance can be provided by contacting the team on localtrafficimprovement@edinburgh.gov.uk.