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RE: East Craigs Low Traffic Neighbourhood

We write with respect to agenda item 8.11 on the 19 November full Council meeting. Low Traffic Corstorphine (LTC) is a local community group in favour of the East Craigs proposed low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) and associated measures to make street environments safer for people walking, wheeling and cycling.

We would firstly like to express our disappointment at the politicisation of this project and the delay tactics being employed by some councillors, resulting in a protracted process in proceeding with the East Craigs LTN plan. We are also extremely disappointed that threatening legal action is seen as an appropriate response to efforts prioritising walking, cycling and wheeling and to making the neighbourhood safer for all.

We support the Spaces for People proposals to increase safety around Craigmount High School and provide protected cycling infrastructure along the busy main road of Drum Brae North. We again express our disappointment at the decision to pursue option 2b, rather than option 2a as a solution. We note that bold and progressive actions to support social distancing and active travel are being consistently eroded away, and hope that additional measures will be brought forth in the future to support and enable more walking, cycling and wheeling for the school run.

As we have stated in our previous deputations, we advocate for transport decisions to be legal and made based on data and evidence, and to that end support a temporary LTN implemented via an ETRO. We believe that this would have been most effectively implemented with a 'try then modify' approach, as it would have allowed real-time observation, data collection and residents' feedback where amendments can be made based on evidence and transport users' input rather than conjecture.

That said, we understand that the Council is keen to address the calls from more vocal members of the community for full consultation before any action on the ground, and appreciate the willingness to engage. We hope that undertaking consultation prior to implementation of the ETRO will not create additional undue delay and will satisfy the requests for local input ahead of the trial low traffic neighbourhood intervention.

Now is the opportunity to vote in favour of bold actions to improve East Craigs and west Edinburgh to the benefit of all transport users. Please know that as well as LTC, there are quiet but hopeful residents in East Craigs and the wider Corstorphine area that support these bold actions and want their streets to be people-centred and safer, more equitable places to live, work and play.

Yours sincerely
(on behalf of Low Traffic Corstorphine)

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