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Dear members of the Transport and Environment Committee,

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RE: East Craigs Low Traffic Neighbourhood

We write with respect to agenda item 7.7 on the 12 November Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) 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 write to reiterate our support and ask you to vote for the council officers' recommendations.

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 (ref 4.23 – 4.30). Coupled with Option 2a measures (ref 4.8 – 4.11), we hope that ongoing monitoring of these interventions will show their value to the community through increased walking, cycling and wheeling, lower vehicular speeds and less traffic.

In particular, we hope that these interventions will help to shift a percentage of short car trips in the area to alternative modes, such as [the school run to Craigmount High School](#) and the workplace commute to [local destinations such as the Gyle](#). The “try then modify” approach to consultation allows real-time observation, data collection and resident feedback, and amendments can be made based on evidence and transport users' input rather than conjecture.

We know that many people in the community are concerned about modal filtering and have objected to the proposals, but longstanding and successful LTNs in the area such as Bughtlin and Clerwood are examples of how LTNs can improve quality of life. As a complement, [impartial, accurate information](#) has been recently published by the Scottish Parliament's fact-checking service that supports the benefits of LTNs, as well as debunking many of the myths and misinformation that have been shared online in the last few months.

This research, as well as guidance from the new [Public Health Scotland transport use, health and health inequalities report](#) backs up the argument for the roll out of LTNs and associated interventions as tools to tackle transport inequalities during the Covid emergency and for the future. This recent briefing builds upon national and local policy across transport, public health, equalities, climate change and the environment that consistently align with the evidenced outcomes of LTNs.

It would take a significant amount of space to list all the Scottish Government, City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) and independent research and policy recommendations that back up a trial LTN in East Craigs and other locations such as Corstorphine South and Leith. We will instead focus on the CEC [City Mobility Plan](#). It notes that bold transport actions are needed, including the implementation of sustainable neighbourhoods with “...fewer obstacles for pedestrians, ease of cycling through measures like filtered permeability, and less car dominated public spaces”.

Now is the opportunity to vote in favour of a bold action 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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