

Register for Spokes Spring public meeting now – talking about Spaces for People

The Spokes Spring public meeting will take place on Thursday 18 March 2021 and registration for the online event is open now.

The topic for discussion will be *Spaces For People – the Future*

Like many other councils in the UK, The City of Edinburgh Council has introduced a wide range of [Spaces for People](#) schemes, using the government funding provided for that purpose.

The meeting organised by Spokes, the Lothian cycle campaign group, will ask: Should they, can they, will they, be made permanent?



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Measures in Edinburgh have included town centre footway widenings, 40km of semi-segregated main road cycle lanes, and school street safety measures at 80 schools – from expanded footways to road closures. These projects aim to make it easier to practice social distancing, and so free up space on buses as a result of modal shift. This means that those who can will transfer to bike for example. The measures also

enable safer outdoor exercise.

The schemes also contribute substantially to council and government objectives on climate, physical activity, congestion, etc; and so the Council, [encouraged by government](#), is consulting on whether to make them permanent once the pandemic is over.

The council says that improvements based on experience as well as on full consultations would be incorporated as the permanent infrastructure was developed.



P1 to P3 pupils go back to school for first time since Christmas. Some James Gillespie's Primary School pupils. used the Quiet Route recently set up Donald Naylor and his daughter Jess PHOTO ©2021 The Edinburgh Reporter

Speakers

- Transport Convener **Cllr Lesley Macinnes** and Edinburgh Council officer **Phil Noble** will enlarge on the consultation
- Three Spokes people from across the city will give 5-minute views on Spaces for People
 - **Jocelyn Dellar** – from [Spokes Party](#)
 - **Claire Connachan** – from Corstorphine
 - **Ewen Maclean** – from [Blackford Safe Routes](#)
- A 45-minute QA will be chaired by **Dr Caroline Brown** of [The Urban Institute, Heriot-Watt University](#)

Sign up [here](#)

Date/Time: Thursday 18 March, 7.30-9.15

Place: Register in advance [here](#)

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