

Spaces for People – your help is needed

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“Spaces for People” is the funding from Scottish Government to help people walk or cycle safely during the pandemic. PKC put together quickly, an ambitious and lauded bid. PKC won £1.1M for the P&K area.

There have already been some successes (Crossings on Charlotte Street & Marshall Place in Perth). And some failures (Balhousie Street, Perth was to have a modal filter and Perth High Street was to be pedestrianised, Atholl Street was to have a segregated cycle path) due to opposition by some vocal people.

There are more potential projects in the pipeline but they will NOT happen unless the *politics* is in their favour.

PKC officials in charge of this programme are keen for success but they depend on the support of the councillors (“elected members”). This is where your help is needed.

If you have any interest in the following potential projects please will you write to your councillors soon saying how much you would like improvements in that area, why and asking the councillor to ask that this improvement be done sooner rather than later and to keep you updated. Please also encourage other like-minded neighbours or friends to do the same.

Key Routes:

Glasgow Road – it needs a fit for purpose cycle lane and the officials have ideas for this.

Edinburgh Road – again it needs a fit for purpose cycle lane and the officials have ideas but need support.

Shore Road – the officials are considering widening the pavement sufficiently that it can be dual-use

“School Exclusion Zones”

Badly named, these are local projects around schools (mainly primary) to reduce traffic and make the street(s) safer - to enable parents and children to walk or cycle to school safely. The following projects are on the list but need local support.

- Craigie Place & Gillespie Place, Perth
- Balhousie Primary School, Perth – Proposed School Exclusion Zone (Muirton Place)
- Fossoway Primary School – Proposed School Exclusion Zone (U23B)
- Guildtown Primary School – Proposed School Exclusion Zone (School Road)
- Kinloch Rannoch Primary School – Proposed School Exclusion Zone (Alltmor Crescent)
- Newhill & St Stephen’s Primary Schools, Blairgowrie – Proposed School Exclusion Zone (Elm Drive)
- St Madoes Primary School – Proposed School Exclusion Zone (Druids Way, Pitfour, Sidlaw Terrace, Sidlaw Park)

- Viewlands PS/Fairview PS/Perth Academy, Perth – Proposed School Exclusion Zone (Oakbank Crescent, Oakbank Place, Fraser Terrace, Murray Place and Murray Terrace)
- Tulloch Primary School, Perth – Proposed School Exclusion Zone (Nimmo Avenue)
- Inchview PS

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