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Dear local resident

### **Braidburn Terrace, Cycling and Active Travel Scheme**

You may be aware that work has been ongoing to explore potential changes to address local concerns about the traffic flow in Braidburn Terrace and Greenbank, and to introduce a new pedestrian / cycling link from Braidburn Valley Park to Hermitage of Braid.

We appreciate that it has taken some time to make progress with this improvement scheme and I'm sure this has been frustrating for local residents. We are writing to provide an update on the current position and to let you know the next steps towards completion of this project.

### **Proposed improvements**

The proposed improvements include changing Braidburn Terrace to one-way (travelling eastbound towards Braid Road / Hermitage Drive), creation of a cycling link from Braidburn Valley Park to Hermitage of Braid, improvements to the junctions where Braidburn Terrace meets both Comiston Road and Braid Road, localised improvements to the footways, and potential improvements to the area outside Greenbank Parish Church.

Work is also being undertaken to co-ordinate this scheme with the implementation of the extension of the B2 priority parking zone. This will mean that all of the parking and waiting restrictions can be dealt with at the same time.

### **Current position**

A design consultant has now been appointed to carry out the initial review the detailed design, specification and tendering of this scheme through to construction of the project.

The Council has been working closely with Sustrans, who are supportive of the scheme, and funding has been identified to enable the project to be delivered in the financial year 2019/20.

## Next steps

The design consultant has been provided with the information that has been collated to date with the preliminary outline design. They will now review this information and begin the detailed design process.

It is intended to arrange a drop-in event for residents to give you another opportunity to see and hear more about the proposed outline scheme. This is anticipated to take place in February (avoiding the school holidays) and we will contact you again to let you know when this is happening.

The proposal to change Braidburn Terrace to one-way will require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to be progressed. The parking and waiting restrictions will also require a TRO and we plan to deal with these concurrently. This is a statutory process which will include a public consultation and you will be given an opportunity to comment formally at that stage. We anticipate that this process will be commenced by mid-February 2019.

The timescale for this statutory process and progressing to construction of the project will depend on the number and nature of objections that may be received but we will keep you up to date with progress. It is our intention that the project will be constructed and completed in the financial year 2019/20.

We hope that this update is helpful. We will contact you again as soon as the date for the drop-in event is confirmed but if you have any questions please contact Alan Dunlop, Local Senior Transport Team Leader at [alan.dunlop@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:alan.dunlop@edinburgh.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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