

## Comiston / Morningside Road Traffic

### Problem Statement

There is a desire to reduce traffic on Comiston Road & Morningside Road (without simply displacing that to other parts of Edinburgh, or reducing trade for local shops), because:

1. Despite the changes in commuting practice post Covid, there's still over 14k journeys a day on the road
2. There is a perception that journey times (for cars and busses) are lengthening
3. The majority of road traffic accidents in Morningside are on the road, or junctions with the road
4. Delays in traffic result in lines of traffic idling outside South Morningside Primary School, impacting air quality
5. Traffic volumes discourage Active Cycling
6. The increase in car size increases both risks to other road users, and reduce the limited road-space for individual drivers
7. There are concerns that the following could increase traffic volumes (making issues worse)
  - a. Building of significant new housing on the Astley Ainsley site
  - b. Changes to use of Royal Edinburgh
  - c. Growth of housing on the city's periphery will increase commuting to the centre of Edinburgh on the A702
  - d. Closing centre of Edinburgh to North-South car traffic could displace traffic onto Comiston/Morningside Road

### Constraints

- This is part of a city wide issue; Morningside Road cannot be looked at in isolation
- There are no 'easy answers'