

A77 Ayr Road & Fenwick Road Response Measures (Spaces for People) Early removal of temporary light segregation Overview of ERC Position

1. Background

Since December 2020 East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) have developed 'pop up' protected cycle lanes on Ayr Road and Fenwick Road as part of an 12- 18 month street trial via the Sustrans and Transport Scotland 'Spaces for People' temporary infrastructure programme.

Although developed rapidly in response to COVID (to support social distancing and sustain increases in active travel), the urgent need to protect public health and support sustainable modes of transport will continue to be a key element of East Renfrewshire's recovery from COVID.

By responding to community feedback, and the significant increase in active travel witnessed during COVID, measures sought to help keep people safe while walking, cycling and wheeling by:

- Safeguarding the existing cycle lane on Ayr Road (through use of temporary traffic management), which in turn supports a reduced speed from 40mph to 30mph
- Creating additional space for people along Fenwick Road via reallocation of the nearside lane between Church Road and Berryhill Road

While ERC recognise that measures are not a comprehensive long term solution for the A77 road corridor, the trial offers the opportunity to assess measures moving forward, which in turn provides valuable evidence to inform what potential future changes may look like.



Fig 1: View of typical light segregation adopted along Fenwick Road (left) and Ayr Road (right)

2. ERC Position

Although a decision on whether to retain, modify, or remove temporary measures was originally planned for June 2022, early removal of the current light segregation arrangement is emerging as a key recommendation and preferred option.

Key operational reasons include the durability of flexible delineator posts (bollards) and sustainability of ongoing maintenance.



Fig 2: example of ongoing operational issues; bent, damaged and missing / dislodged bollards

Key considerations regarding early removal of light segregation can be found in ERC's [Options Assessment Summary Note](#)¹.

The preferred removal option still allows for final evaluation and reporting, but mitigates impacts on limited council resource that would result from continuing the trial as originally intended.

Notwithstanding, ERC will retain mandatory cycle lane markings and temporary 30mph speed limit on Ayr Road until at least June 2022.

¹ <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/commonplace-customer-assets/erspacesforpeople/A77%20Response%20Measures%20-%20%20Options%20Assessment%20-%20External%20v1.4.pdf>

3. What are the next steps

A short community and stakeholder consultation² on early removal of light segregation will take place 1 to 14 March 2022. This is prior to the pre-election communication restriction period for local council elections in May 2022.

Following review of feedback a final decision on removal is due 21 March 2022 with works to be carried out late March / early April 2022.

During this time ERC will complete Monitoring and Evaluation of measures and continue development of a proposed 'Masterplan' for Ayr Road & Fenwick Road. These are due for completion in Spring 2022 with a final ERC Cabinet report planned for June 2022. This will provide an overview of findings and present recommendations for the future.

4. Where can I find out more information?

Consultation and engagement on temporary measures has been ongoing since Spring 2020. You can get up to speed with previous project news and updates here.

[COVID Safe Streets; Community Information on ERC Response Measures to COVID](#)

[ER Spaces for People Engagement Hub \(News\)](#)

[ER Spaces for People Design Feedback Hub \(News\)](#)

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² <https://erspacesforpeople.commonplace.is/proposals/views-on-early-removal-of-a-77-light-segregation>