

## New fund will encourage residents across East Renfrewshire to get on their bike or take a stroll ?

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COUNCIL chiefs hope to create temporary cycle lanes and walkways in East Renfrewshire to encourage people to exercise as the coronavirus crisis leaves them facing a 'new normal.'

The Scottish Government has launched a new £10million Spaces for People fund to help residents maintain social distancing while out and about.

And East Renfrewshire Council has confirmed it has registered with the scheme in a bid to secure a share of the cash.

A council spokeswoman told the Barrhead News: "We have registered interest in the Scottish Government's Spaces for People initiative and, in line with government guidance, will be assessing measures across the authority to help residents social distance safely while undertaking essential trips and exercise.

"Once measures have been agreed, they will be implemented over the coming weeks to help mitigate virus transmission."

The new fund has been launched in response to a large increase in walking and cycling since the coronavirus lockdown began, with latest figures showing journeys by bicycle are up by 35 per cent on the weekly average, while walking has also increased significantly.

Scottish transport secretary Michael Matheson has stressed that capacity on public transport will have to be reduced as long as social distancing measures are in place, at between 10 and 25 per cent of previous levels.

The Spaces for People fund will be used to reallocate road space for active travel such as cycling and walking, while some routes may be reclassified.

Mr Matheson has written to all Scottish councils to give details of how the Spaces for People initiative will work.

He said: 'I'm pleased we are able to put forward a package of support for our local authorities to implement temporary active travel measures, helping to ensure that people can walk, cycle and wheel during this public health emergency whilst physically distancing and keeping safe from traffic.

'Our communities need this support quickly, especially with the welcome increases in cycling we are seeing across the country.

'At the same time, almost every journey starts and ends on our pavements in some way, so it is vitally important that people can physically distance for those essential trips or for exercise.'

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Section A:

Figure 1 below presents Section A which includes Fenwick Road between the Glasgow – East Renfrewshire boundary to the north at Merryburn Avenue and the boundary of Giffnock Town Centre at Braidholm Road to the south.

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Proposals will seek to reallocate carriageway space to provide protected uni-directional &quot;bike and roll&quot; corridor from Giffnock linking to similar facilities within Glasgow City and extending to Shawlands. Key design considerations include management and retention of residential parking where possible as part of a future parking protected layout as per figure 3 below.

Figure 3 – Conceptual carriageway cross-section

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Figure 4 below presents Section B extending through Giffnock Town Centre.

Figure 4 – A77 Section B

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Section C:

Figure 5 below presents Section C extending from south of Giffnock Town Centre at Church Road to Berryhill Road along Fenwick Road.

This section represents a continuous section of dualled carriageway with a view to reallocate the nearside general traffic lane to form a dedicated “bike & roll” facility. A competitive tendering exercise has recently been completed to reallocate the nearside traffic lane using temporary traffic management measures and is likely to commence November 2020.

Key design consideration include the development of an appropriate light segregation module and, following extension of scheme, appropriate treatments at Eastwood Toll Roundabout to ensure the safe conveyance of cycle traffic through the junction.

Figure 5 – A77 Section C

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Section D:

Figure 6 below presents Section D extending from Eastwood Toll to Malletsheugh Roundabout at Hunter Drive and represents a continuous section of former dual carriageway along Ayr Road.

A competitive tendering exercise is currently underway with a view to utilise temporary traffic management measures to formalise the existing cycle facility. The primary aim is to safeguard the existing uni-directional cycle lane through the provision of light segregation features. This will effectively convert existing provision from an advisory cycle lane to a mandatory facility with general on-street parking restricted.

Additional key design considerations include a proposed speed limit reduction from 40mph to 30mph and the introduction of parking restrictions through use of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders. Issues are also present with existing junction layouts (most notably Eastwood Toll) with future design objectives seeking to mitigate any potential conflicts and improve overall safety for cycle traffic. Future design solutions should also integrate aspirations for a 'streamlined bus corridor'. This should therefore be considered as part of a dynamic and evolving approach moving forward.

Figure 6 – A77 Section D extents

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