



FOR A HAPPIER,
HEALTHIER SCOTLAND

Consultation Response

Leith Connections

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If you have any questions about this response, please contact our policy team:
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Who We Are

Paths for All is Scotland's walking charity. Established in 1996, we work in partnership with 30 national organisations with a shared vision of a healthier, happier, greener Scotland, where everyone can be active every day. Walking is the easiest and most accessible way to be active, and our work to change the way people move, travel, and enjoy life in Scotland is focused on the following three themes:

- Walking is for everyone.
- Walking is for everywhere.
- Walking is for every day.

Our [strategy](#) sets out our vision for tackling physical inactivity, poor mental health, increased health and transport inequalities and the climate emergency.

Our Response

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Experimental Traffic Order

We welcome the opportunity to comment on this.

We are a national NGO so do not have detailed local knowledge of the area, but our main areas of relevant interest are in walking, wheeling, and cycling. We would like to therefore submit general comments.

We generally welcome the proposals and support the overall aim to prioritise people walking, wheeling, and cycling. We support the intention to change streets in Leith with new community spaces - making it more comfortable for anyone walking, wheeling, or cycling, and providing better connections.

We support rebalancing streets so that people can make more sustainable travel choices, encouraging people to travel to the area to spend time there. Active travel will play a key role in our transport future, particularly with respect to reducing transport emissions, enhancing social inclusion, and promoting the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Active Travel interventions should be evidence-led. You may be interested in our recently published 2023 National Survey of Attitudes to Walking and Wheeling in Scotland. Read the full survey report or take a look at our summary infographic. <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/blog/blog-post/what-do-scots-think-about-walking>

Paths for All's vision is for walking, wheeling, and cycling to be the natural choice for short journeys, creating a healthier, socially inclusive, economically vibrant, environmentally friendly Scotland.

Active Travel is about improving quality of life and quality of place. There is a need to achieve a significant shift to walking, wheeling, and cycling as the most sustainable forms of transport. The proposals for active travel are very much in tune with this.

We would be very happy to engage further and to discuss any of the points we have raised. We have no objection to our comments being made publicly available.



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