

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 3 November 2022

Cammo Road – Trial Road Closure Update

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Transport and Environment Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Agree to delay the proposed trial road closure (vehicle prohibition) of Cammo Road until the completion of the new Maybury Road/Craigs Road signalised junction; and
 - 1.1.2 If recommendation 1.1.1 is agreed, note that a road network assessment will be undertaken on completion of the new Maybury Road/Craigs Road signalised junction to identify if there are any further works which could impact on the implementation of the trial. Committee will be kept updated on the progress of this.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report provides an update on the outstanding action to implement a trial road closure on Cammo Road.

3. Background

- 3.1 On [17 June 2021](#), Committee agreed to undertake a trial vehicle prohibition on Cammo Road with a view to commencement by the end of 2021, for a period of up to 18 months.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Since the approval of the trial closure of Cammo Road, officers have been working on preparing the appropriate legal order to implement an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to progress with the trial closure.
- 4.2 However, while preparations have continued, officers have not considered it appropriate to implement the trial closure due to significant works, closures and disruption to the road network in the West Craigs and Turnhouse area.
- 4.3 These have included roadworks on Turnhouse Road (several consecutive sets of temporary traffic lights) and a prolonged road closure on Craigs Road (west side).
- 4.4 At the end of July 2022, the Craigs Road (west section) reopened and the majority of roadworks on Turnhouse Road were expected to be completed by the end of October 2022.

First Stage Consultation

- 4.5 Therefore, in preparation for this, the ETRO and layout plan was drafted for the first stage consultation with statutory consultees. This consultation took place in July 2022 and received 20 responses.
- 4.6 A summary of the responses is attached in Appendix 1. The majority of responses were received from residents at either end of the proposed trial closure, with a response received from the Cramond and Barnton Community Council and the Airport Fire and Rescue Service.
- 4.7 Based on the responses received, officers notified local Councillors and Stakeholders that a review of the network would be appropriate prior to the

commencement of the trial. This would consider the scope of adjacent roadworks and any access limitations for local residents and businesses. The Rolling Actions Log for Committee (in [August 2022](#)) was also updated to confirm that a network review would be carried out prior to implementation of the ETRO. Officers also recognised that suitable emergency access arrangements should be agreed with the Airport in advance of implementation.

Local Road Network Review

- 4.8 As part of the local road network review, the Consultant representing an adjacent developer confirmed that they are expecting that works to install a new signalised junction at the Maybury Road/Craigs Road junction and to widen/upgrade the west tie-in to Craigs Road will commence in January 2023 for a period of three to four months.
- 4.9 The completion of these works will improve access for local residents and businesses in the Turnhouse Road/Lennymuir area by allowing unrestricted entry from Maybury Road.
- 4.10 At the time of writing, technical approval for the junction has not yet been granted, however, officers expect the necessary consents will be provided shortly.
- 4.11 Considering the implications of a further temporary road closure on Craigs Road (west side near the construction of the new junction), officers recommend that the trial closure of Cammo Road be delayed until these junction works are complete (expected Spring 2023).

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If Committee agree the recommendation to delay the implementation of the ETRO to close Cammo Road, towards the programmed completion of the new signalised junction officers will undertake a further local road network review to consider if there are any significant roadworks upcoming that could impact on the success of the trial.
- 5.2 In the meantime, officers will discuss the plans for the trial closure with representatives from the Airport Fire and Rescue Service to consider how access can be maintained when the closure is implemented.
- 5.3 Assuming the local road network review does not identify any further conflicting road works in the areas, a broader notification exercise will be carried out to update local residents and businesses of the plans for implementation.
- 5.4 Thereafter, the ETRO would be made. This will confirm the start date and expected trial period.
- 5.5 A statutory six-month consultation period would commence at the start of the trial. In this period, individuals or organisations can formally raise objections relating to the trial scheme.
- 5.6 Following the six month period, any objections received and a proposal for the future of scheme should be considered at this Committee. This report is expected

around nine months after the trial begins. This also reflects a request from the Cramond and Barnton Community Council to undertake the trial for nine months only.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The cost of preparing the layout, signing schedule, making the ETRO and delivering the trial closure is expected to be in the region of £10,000 and will be met by the transport revenue budget.
- 6.2 The cost of undertaking the statutory six month consultation will also be met from the existing transport revenue budget.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Local engagement with stakeholders, local Councillors and the two Community Councils was undertaken in 2021 to determine the level of support for the trial.
- 7.2 The first stage engagement with statutory consultees (emergency services/road haulage organisations etc) was undertaken in July 2022. A summary of responses is provided in Appendix 1.
- 7.3 Under the current regulations when an ETRO is made, a formal six-month consultation period should commence. This allows anyone to offer comment, support or to raise a material objection to the TERO. Any objections should be reported to Committee for consideration with recommendations on the future of the scheme.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 None.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Summary of responses to first stage ETRO consultation.

Response	Number	Summary of Comments
Support	10	<p>Increased numbers of commercial traffic in residential areas.</p> <p>Road safety risks to pedestrians especially children in the Cammo area.</p> <p>20mph speed limit should also be extended.</p> <p>Period of trial should be restricted to 9-months.</p> <p>Trial closure would stop rat run.</p>
Objection	8	<p>Restricted vehicle access from Turnhouse Road and Lennymuir.</p> <p>Roadworks should be complete before consideration.</p> <p>Affects access to the Airport cargo area and businesses.</p> <p>Displaced traffic and congestion at the existing Maybury (A8) junction.</p> <p>Isolating for local residents</p>
Comment	1	<p>Spokes Edinburgh would comment during 6-month consultation stage.</p>
Emergency Access Required	1	<p>Access for emergency vehicles required over flight path up to A90. Access arrangements to be agreed with Edinburgh Airport in advance of trial.</p>