



City of Edinburgh Council

Transport & Environment Committee, 28 Jan 2020

7.4 Trial Closure of Brunstane Road and Associated Measures to Mitigate intrusive Traffic in the Coillesdene Area

Dear Councillors,

Brunstane Road and the Coillesdenes, with the proposed experimental closure of Brunstane Road to vehicle traffic, have been a frequent item on the agenda of Portobello Community Council.

It is our statutory role to "... ascertain, co-ordinate and express to the local authorities for its area, and to public authorities, the views of the community which it represents, in relation to matters for which those authorities are responsible..." – accordingly we undertook an online consultation, with physical measures to raise awareness, to ascertain the views of the wider public within Portobello on these plans. The results were used to inform a discussion at the November 2020 meeting of the community council. An action was agreed to object to the proposal, while highlighting variances in the results, and forward on the fuller consultation results to the City of Edinburgh Council.

We note that the results of our consultation have been linked as background reading in the report. However, those results have not been explored in the report, and our own response is buried within the 1000 responses in the appendix.

We would like to highlight those results here.

Consultation results

Portobello Community Council undertook a consultation on these plans, running from 10 to 27 March 2020. We received 441 responses, with 18% supporting the proposal, while 80% were against.

The vast majority of the responses received were from within our community council boundary, with only 40 responses outwith or withholding their postcode. We further broke down the results into areas more specifically impacted by the proposal: Brunstane Rd bottom section (37 responses), Brunstane Rd top section (39 responses), Coillesdenes (67 responses) and other areas to the south of the closure (e.g. Brunstane Rd S, Gilberstoun; 64 responses). These areas showed broad agreement with the overall result, except for the Brunstane Rd top section. Together these specific areas make up half of the total response.

Brunstane Rd top section was in favour of the plans, with 82% supporting them.

	Support	Against
Brunstane Rd (top)	82%	18%
Brunstane Rd (bottom)	32%	68%
S of Closure	8%	89%
Coillesdenes	16%	79%
Other PCC	7%	90%
Overall	18%	80%

Figure 1: Consultation results, with strongly support & support and strongly against & against combined



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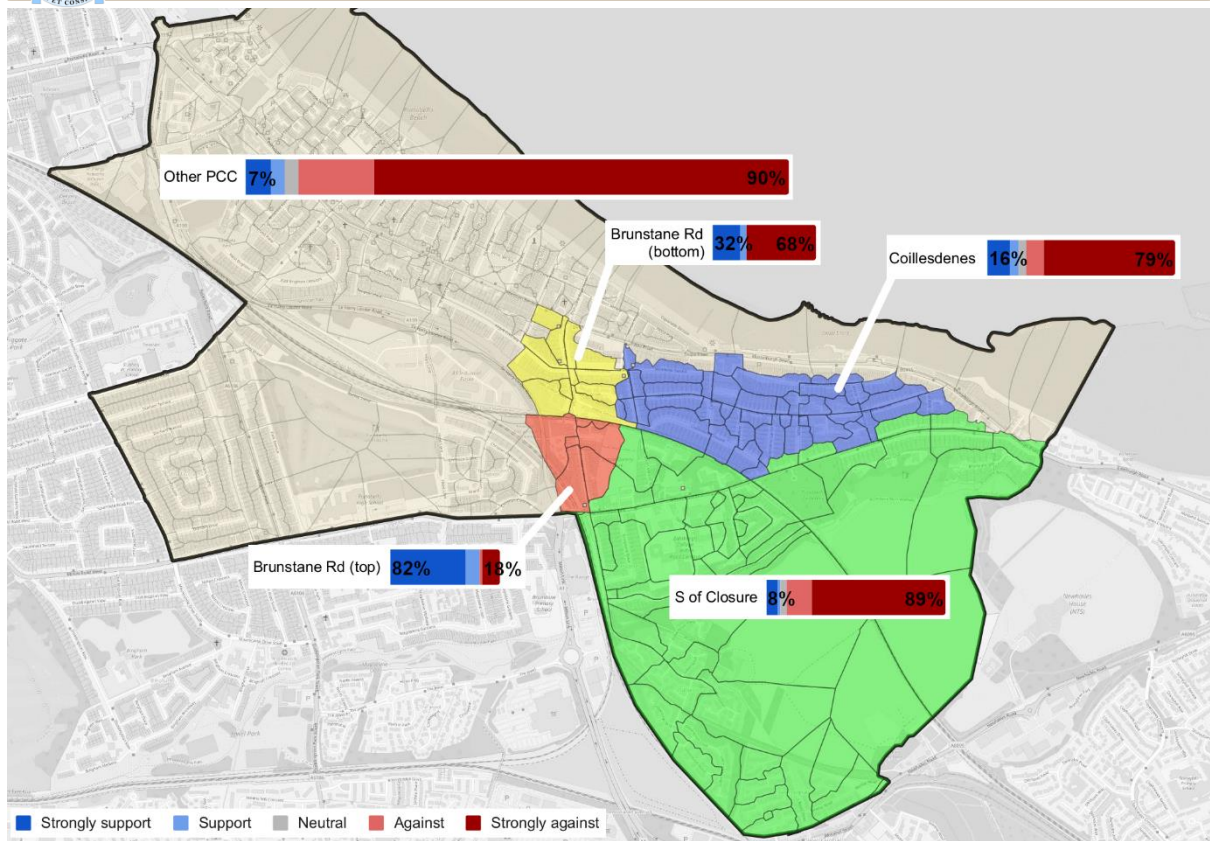


Figure 2: Consultation result, per area

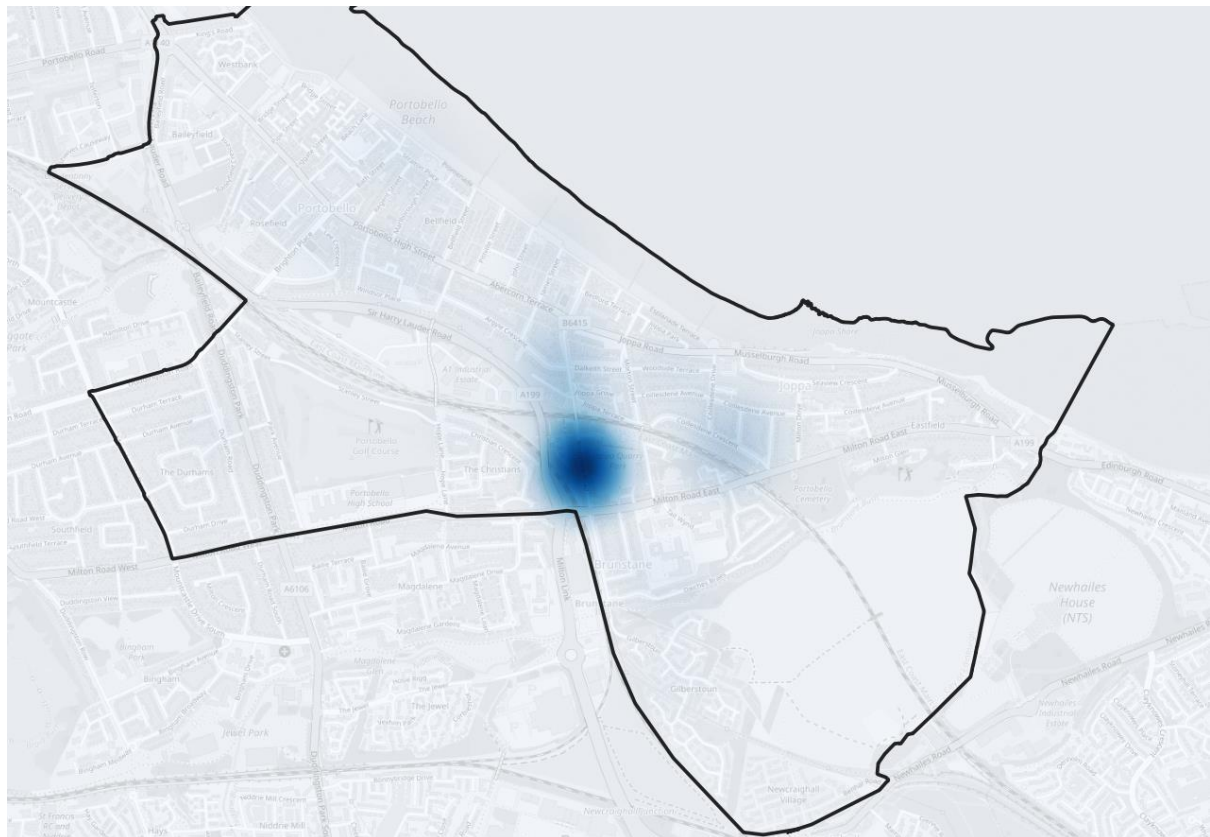


Figure 3: Support for proposal, heatmap



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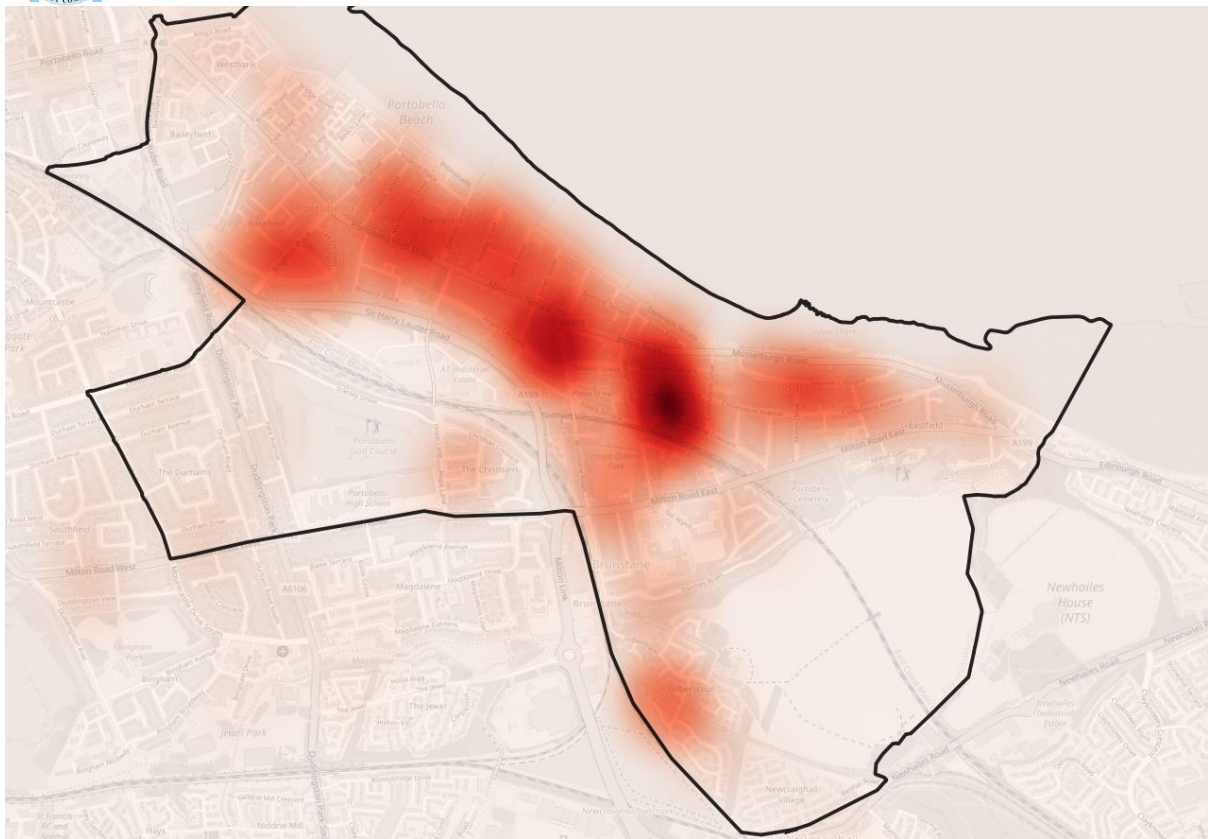


Figure 4: Against proposal, heatmap

Our consultation also asked for opinions on alternative interventions, and gathered many valuable comments on those, the specific proposal, and other community concerns related to the proposal. These should be reviewed. Our full consultation results:

<http://www.portobelloc.org/pccpn/2020/08/31/brunstane-rd-joppa-triangle-results/>

Yours,

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