

## **Physical Distancing Measures for Pedestrians in Perth and Kinross Town Centres**

Lockdown restrictions have reduced the numbers of pedestrians in our main streets. When the lockdown restrictions are eased pedestrian numbers will increase. To help prevent the spread of Coronavirus some changes will be required in main streets across Perth and Kinross to make sure that everyone is as safe as possible when they are out and about and to help maintain physical distancing.

You will see some changes and new signs in different parts of Perth and Kinross in the coming weeks, particularly in town centres, and we want to tell you about them.

### **Narrow Footways**

Many of the footways in our town centres are too small for the recommended physical distancing. Where possible, people should walk along the nearside footway going in the same direction as the traffic. Direction arrows will be in place to help with this. There may also be arrows on the opposite side to tell you to cross the road.



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## Pinch Points

Be aware of fixed obstacles along the footways, such as bus shelters, pedestrian guardrail and street lighting columns. There may also be temporary obstacles such as benches and bins, as well as people standing at a bus stop. Warning signs will be installed on the footway and on approaches to fixed obstacles. You may also see these warning signs at other places such as pharmacies and post offices. We will remove or relocate temporary street furniture where possible.



Pedestrians are also likely to congregate at traffic lights to cross the road. To avoid people having to touch the crossing button, junctions will have automated regular crossings programmed into every cycle of lights. The push buttons will be taped off to prevent the possible spread of infection.



Pedestrian movement across bridges (for example in Perth and Dunkeld) will also be restricted to one-way on each side of the road. There will be markings and where space permits a noticeboard (A-board) indicating this.



In Perth City Centre, there are numerous historic vennels between the streets for pedestrian access only. It is recommended that the vennels are signed as one-way. The frequency and proximity of the vennels around High Street mean that neighbouring vennels can be used in opposing directions.



Some wider footways have sufficient space for people to pass each other safely. Signs and markings may not be considered necessary as social distancing should be self-regulating but you may see some signs just to remind you.

In Perth's St John's Centre, there will be new entrance and exit systems in place. It is planned that pedestrians will be directed into the centre from High Street and directed out onto South Street.

All of these changes are voluntary but we would respectfully ask that where possible people do their best to follow the new

arrangements that are in place. These changes will be reviewed on a regular basis and we would welcome any further suggestions you may have to make sure that our streets are as safe and accessible as possible during the Coronavirus crisis.

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