

**Public Question**

**Mr D MacKenzie**

**To the Leader of the Council**

**The last meeting of Inverness City Committee passed a motion on Academy Street to “Replace the temporary Spaces for People measures currently in place with more accessible and safer measures...”**

**The councillor who proposed the motion has confirmed it was intended to mean “remove and, later, replace with something better, after consideration and consultation.”**

**Why are the barriers still in place in Academy Street?**

*Following the decision by Members of the City of Inverness Area Committee to retain a Spaces for People measure in Academy Street until permanent improvements are made, officers have been working to identify the most effective solutions for the intervening period that can maintain safer, wider footpaths. Work is underway to replace the rubber-based lane separators with a socket installed directly into the road surface that bollards will be fixed into.*

*Works will be commencing on the delivery of the sockets expected late next week. In the interim period traffic cones will be installed between lane separators to ensure the space is used as intended, as a widened footpath. A report updating Members on further improvements, including permanent measures will be brought to the City of Inverness Area Committee’s November Meeting.*