

Now tell us...

· **WHAT YOUR ARTWORK IDEA IS ...** *[continue overleaf and/or add a sketch if you wish]*

To replace the railings on a footbridge on an old railway line with a representation of a steam train and carriages.

For strength, the structural elements would be made from steel. The flat elements could be made from sheet steel or aluminium, or outlines of the key shapes could be worked in narrow, solid lengths of steel which may be less prone to vandalism and wind damage. Recycled materials should be used where possible, eg, the wheels of the train could be made from old bicycle wheels painted bright colours, which would introduce a sense of fun, but would also make the link between the old and the new transport modes using the route. The artwork would be functional in that it would be a barrier along the side of the bridge, but it would also be fun, as it would be possible for people to look out of the windows of the train onto the street below. The structure facing the path could be used to hold an interpretation board which would explain the history of the railway line and show a map of the cycle route and link routes in the area.

The size of the artwork is difficult to estimate. It would use the width of the bridge across the road, but the height would probably be less than that shown in the attached indicative sketch. The structure would have to meet all Health and Safety legislation in terms of strength, width of spaces between railings, etc.

· **WHERE IT WOULD GO...** *[maybe a location you know, or something like 'at a path entry point']*

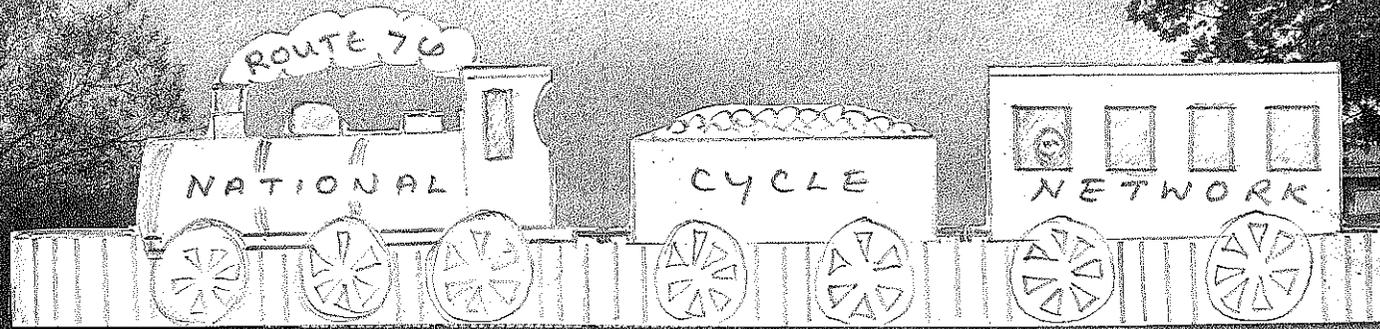
On the footbridge over Seafield Place, close to the junction with Seafield Road, Leith, Edinburgh. This is a busy road junction leading to the A1 out of Edinburgh, but is also close to Leith Links park and to residential areas. The coastal route out of Edinburgh to Musselburgh and beyond is already very popular with cyclists. There are plans to incorporate this path into the National Cycle Network. At that point, the bridge may be replaced and this would be an excellent opportunity to make it an interesting feature.

· **WHY THIS WOULD BE A GREAT ADDITION TO THE CYCLE-PATH...**

This would be a great addition to the cycle path because:

- It would promote the path and the National Cycle Network to everyone passing the bridge, including motorists
- It would encourage people to investigate and use the path
- Its fun and interactive elements would make it something that children might wish to revisit, thus encouraging family trips on the cycle path.
- It would add interest and fun to a functional bridge
- It would brighten up a rather dull, industrial end of Leith Links
- It would remind people of the transport heritage of the area

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