

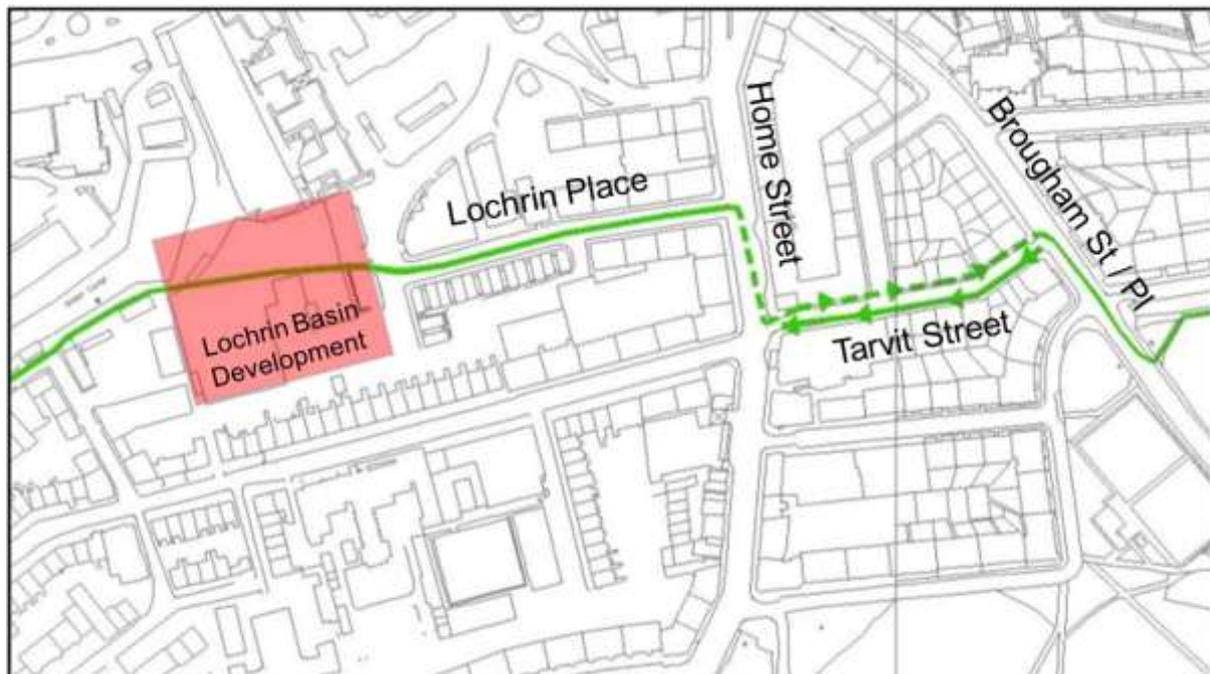
Background

The Council's Cycle team is developing a new cycle route and improvements between the Union Canal and the Meadows. This will provide a major strategic link within the Council's Family Friendly Cycle network and link the west of Edinburgh to the City Centre. The current cycle route is not suitable for family cycling and the junction of Home Street / Gilmore Place is a major barrier to safe cycling in the area. It is proposed to provide a safe standard of cycle route which should meet the Council's Family Friendly network principles (off-road paths or quiet streets) as outlined in Appendix E of the Active Travel Action Plan (Edinburgh.gov.uk/ActiveTravel).

An initial 'Objectives Workshop' was held in February 2013 with internal stakeholders only. This workshop was led by CH2MHill who have been appointed to develop a preliminary design for the scheme. Objectives for each key user group (pedestrians, cyclists, bus services, through traffic, parking/ loading and disabled people) were set and a proposed route was agreed which would use the new Lochrin Basin development, Lochrin Place, Home Street Tarvit Street and Brougham Place.

The next step of the project is to hold a Design Workshop to consider potential design options for each of the streets and to relate these to the user group objectives. The workshop is planned for 28 February 2014 and invites are being targeted to a range of participants who will represent the views of the local community stakeholders and key user groups.

Proposed Route



Meadows to Union Canal Cycle Route

Briefing Note (Design Workshop)

16 January 2014

The Design Workshop will present a range of potential solutions within the route which will be considered and discussed in detail. In particular, Home Street has many constraints and competing priorities that will need to be carefully considered.

The workshop will be facilitated by our design team CH2MHill, led by Senior Consultant Andy Mulholland. During the session we will outline the background to and objectives of the project and each of the key user groups. Participants will be asked to make strategic considerations of the best balance of street space for different users. To assist this discussion, they will be asked to discuss three sample designs for each route section, identify the most appropriate, and to provide any additional ideas.

It is hoped that the outcome of this Workshop will be a preferred general street layout that the Cycling Team can develop to a sufficient level of detail to take to public consultation, and ultimately to build.

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