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Spokes welcomes in principle [the proposals](#) for three new crossings of Grange Road: it will make it much easier for pedestrians and cyclists to cross it.

We have no comments to make about the crossing at Lovers' Loan, except to say that we are in favour of it.

We have been given two versions of the plans for Lauder Road: one with a traffic island and cycle lane in the middle of Lauder Road, and one without. We prefer the one with the island, which will make it easier for northbound cyclists to cross to the other side of Lauder Road to reach the crossing. (As Lauder Road is very wide and little used, our preference would be to close its junctions at Grange Road to all traffic except bikes and - on the south side - buses.)

We do not like the design of the proposed light-controlled crossing at Tantallon Place. The crossing is offset from the side road, so cyclists will have to go close to the corners to reach the crossing and its push-buttons; but at each corner there is a high wall so you cannot see anyone coming round the corner. If a cyclist is approaching when the cycle light is at green, going fast to catch it before it turns red, there could be an accident. (It's like the approach to the toucan at the west end of Melville Drive, where a high hedge blocks the view, and where accidents have occurred.) If the crossing were a zebra combination like the one proposed for Lauder Road, that conflict would not be so likely to occur.