

29 May 2017

To: Spokes members in Southside/Newington and surrounding areas

*This is an email from Spokes to inform you of 3 consultations relevant to the above area. Please make your own individual comments to the Council on any that concern you, but please do also tell Spokes of any points you'd like to see considered for the official Spokes response.*

### **1. Holyrood Park to Ratcliffe Terrace – *Drop-in Weds 31 May***

A big aim of this strange-sounding route is improving conditions between Pollock Halls and Kings Buildings. It includes some short main-road segregated sections, and junction measures. Details at...

[https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/design-cycle-walk-holyrood-park-ratcliffe-terrace/consult\\_view/](https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/design-cycle-walk-holyrood-park-ratcliffe-terrace/consult_view/)

**Weds May 31** – drop-in exhibition on Wednesday 31 May, 5pm-8pm, Newington Library. Council staff will be on hand to discuss the designs.

### **2. The Causey – *Drop-in Thurs 1 June***

This is the triangular area including Chapel Street and West Crosscauseway.

Whilst we support making this a more cycle and pedestrian-friendly area, we were extremely concerned about earlier plans which we felt would worsen cycling conditions (and at very great expense). Worst, the existing cycle lanes would be removed, the road narrowed, and a cycling pinch-point created. We also had concerns with some of the West Crosscauseway aspects.

You can find previous documents and our objection to the necessary legal orders in para 1609 (*Causey Project*) on this page of our website

<http://www.spokes.org.uk/documents/members-campaigning/edinburgh/south-central-qbc-20mph/>

A direct link to our objection is [here](#).

We understand that many individuals also objected. As a result, the project has produced revised proposals which they say address the concerns raised. BUT we have not yet seen these proposals and they do not yet seem to be on the [Causey website](#).

**Thur 1 June** However, there is a drop-in, 6-9pm on Thursday 1 June at which you can see the revised plans and comment on them. It is at The Informatics Forum, 10 Crichton Street, just opposite the Appleton Tower.

### **3. Nicolson Street/ Clerk Street “Town Centre Guidance” - *ends 30 May***

The Council is drawing up policies for the future of the above area, particularly concentrating on the type of shops, but also mentioning wider aspects and the type of area they would like the shops to support “as a place to shop, visit, live and work.”

The consultation and an online response form are at...

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/town-centre-draft-sg-nicolson-clerk-streets/>

In case it helps in formulating your own comments, the draft Spokes response is attached. We are only making a short response as the main focus of the consultation is on shop types.