

Proposed improvements for people walking and cycling between The Meadows and Castle Terrace



Issue:

QuietRoute 6 is a key route on the city cycle network for Edinburgh University and many city centre destinations. Currently the route does not meet the standards the Council would like to achieve to encourage more people to walk and cycle.

Purpose and context:

The Council is developing a network of cycle routes across the city, called the 'QuietRoutes' network. We know that heavy or fast traffic is the most significant barrier preventing people who want to cycle from doing so.

To address this, the QuietRoutes are being designed so that people can cycle without having to be with heavy or fast traffic.

Improvements to QuietRoute 6 will help people travelling on foot and by bicycle to reach local and key destinations, such as the Edinburgh University sites, The Meadows and the city centre, as well as serving journeys for a larger part of the city.

Proposed scheme:

The Council is proposing to make a number of improvements between The Meadows and Castle Terrace:

- Chalmers Street/ Lauriston Place junction improvements including upgraded crossings;
- A segregated cycleway on Lauriston Place;
- A segregated cycleway on Lady Lawson Street;
- Upgraded crossing infrastructure at the junction of Lady Lawson Street and West Port;
- A segregated cycleway on Castle Terrace;
- An improved crossing for on Lothian Road at Festival Square/ Grindlay Street for people walking and cycling.

We would like your views on the initial design proposals and any other comments you have. On the next page is an overview map of the area.

There are also more detailed drawings of the scheme on the consultation web page accessed from www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cyclewalk.

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Purpose: to help people travel on foot or by bike without the need to be with heavy or fast traffic, connecting to the city centre, The Meadows and Edinburgh University destinations.

Advantages:

- People walking and cycling have greater priority, safety and reduced waiting times over motor vehicles;
- Cyclists will be protected from busy traffic on Lauriston Place, Lady Lawson Street and Castle Terrace;
- Improved crossing infrastructure at the junctions along the length of the route;
- People walking and cycling will be physically separated on Lauriston Place, Lady Lawson Street and Castle Terrace to increase safety.

Disadvantages:

- Potential for conflict between people walking and cycling at the crossing locations;
- North of its junction with West Port, Lauriston Place would be one-way northbound, which could disadvantage motorists;
- The right turn from Lady Lawson Street to West Port (heading eastbound) would be prohibited, which could disadvantage motorists.

