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Quality Bike Corridor Consultation
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If you're also responding to the 20mph consultation, please put both forms in the same envelope to save postage costs.

We can't respond individually to comments made on this feedback form, but they will be read and reported (see the section *What happens next?*) You can also write to us separately at the FREEPOST address, or email us at: qualitybikecorridor@edinburgh.gov.uk

HAVE YOUR SAY

Please take a few minutes to look at this leaflet and then return the enclosed FREEPOST feedback form.

Why are we making these proposals?

The Council's transport strategy aims to support Edinburgh's economy through helping people move around the city in healthy and environmentally friendly ways.

We have invested in encouraging public transport, walking and cycling for many years. This has helped our city to have the highest proportion of travel to work on foot, by bike and by bus of all Scottish cities. The Southside and Newington have higher than average levels of cycling and it is estimated that nearly 12% of journeys to work in the area are now being made by bike. That's between two and three times the number of journeys 20 years ago.

We want to build on this success by making cycling easier and more pleasant, while also helping to increase the reliability of local bus services.

The proposals in brief

For cyclists: More cycle and bus lanes. Also extended hours for parking and loading restrictions, to reduce the amount of time that lanes are blocked by parked and loading vehicles.

For bus users: Three new sections of bus lane would be added, to reduce journey times and improve reliability of services.

Parking and loading on the route: Existing parking places would be retained (some may be moved slightly) and some new places added. There will be some increases in the hours of yellow line restrictions to help achieve the aims for cyclists and bus users.

What else is planned for the future?

In September the Council approved an Active Travel Action Plan, which aims to encourage walking and cycling in Edinburgh. This plan proposes giving South Central Edinburgh high priority for cycling improvements, so other cycle lanes, crossings etc should be on the way. We're also hoping to improve the maintenance of existing cycle lanes.

Further information online

Detailed plans of the scheme can be viewed at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultations

Public exhibitions

Plans will be available to view at Newington Library, (17-21 Fountainhall Road EH9 2LN) from 15 - 29 November inclusive. The Library is open from 10am - 8pm, Monday to Thursday; 10am - 5pm Friday; 9am - 5pm Saturday; and 1pm - 5pm Sunday.

Drop-in sessions

Our staff will be available to answer questions about the proposals at St Catherine's Argyle Church Hall (61 Grange Road EH9 1TY) from 5pm - 8pm on Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 December.

What happens next?

A summary report of the results of this consultation will be published on www.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultations in early 2011. We will consider comments made and may make changes based on them. During 2011 we will then undertake the legal process necessary to change parking and loading restrictions and introduce bus lanes. This will give you a formal right to object or express other views. However we'd like to know your views now - we may be able to make changes that you want before starting the legal process.

CYCLING AND BUSES KEY

- ROUTE
- EXISTING CYCLE LANE
- PROPOSED CYCLE LANE
- EXISTING BUS LANE
- PROPOSED BUS LANE

Cycling

- Cycle lanes both ways on most of the route, protected by parking and loading restrictions. See parking map for details of restrictions.
- Northbound/uphill cycle lane on Ratcliffe Terrace and Causewayside where the road is too narrow and heavily parked for cycle lanes in both directions.
- New cycle lanes would be added on the outer side of some parking bays. This will allow both the lanes and the parking to operate all day, including during peak hours.
- Lanes or other measures (such as a special cycle crossing) to help cyclists turn right from Mayfield Road to King's Buildings. A right turn bike lane from Buccleuch Street into North Meadow Walk.

Buses and Cycling

- New peak hour bus lanes on George IV Bridge, Potterrow and Melville Drive.

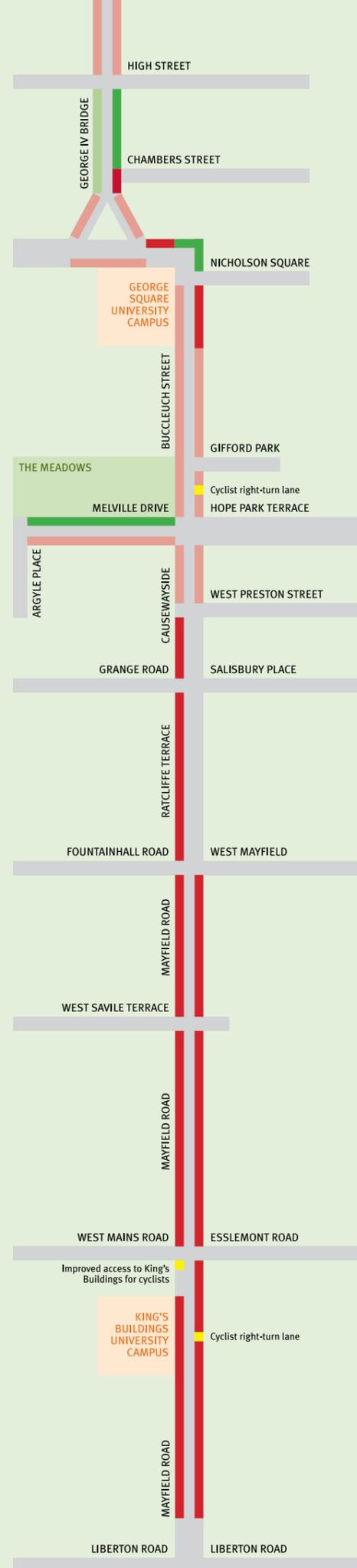
Why promote cycling and why here?

Cycling is environmentally friendly, healthy and convenient. At busy times it's often the quickest way to get around town and parking is free! The length of many trips made by residents of this part of the city is ideal for cycling. For example around a third of all journeys to work starting in Newington are between 1.25 and 3 miles long, a cycle trip of 5 to 20 minutes.

The Quality Bike Corridor links two major university sites, is a main route into the city centre, and already attracts a significant number of cyclists.

20 MPH speed limit
The Council is also proposing to introduce a 20mph speed limit across south central Edinburgh (main roads would remain at 30mph). This is a linked initiative, designed to improve road safety and enhance the attractiveness of cycling and walking in the area.

If this Quality Bike Corridor leaflet has been posted through your door, you should also have received a leaflet about the 20mph proposals (unless you live north of the Meadows – as this area won't be included in the 20mph limit area).



PARKING KEY

- ROUTE
- EXISTING: HOURS CHANGE TO 9:30am – 4pm
- EXISTING: HOURS EXTEND ALL DAY
- NEW: PARKING ALLOWED ALL DAY
- PARKING RESTRICTION BOUNDARY

Parking

- No existing formal parking bays would be lost.
- Some new cycle lanes would be painted on the outer side of parking bays. This will allow the parking bays to stay and the hours to extend to all day, including peak periods. Some new parking bays would be created where there are currently yellow lines.
- Extended hours for parking and loading restrictions along the route, especially south of West Mayfield (see map and key for details).
- Double yellow line parking restrictions extended near traffic light junctions to help cyclists to access the advance cycle stop area.

SINGLE YELLOW LINE RESTRICTIONS				
	NO PARKING		NO LOADING	
	Existing hours	Proposed hours	Existing hours	Proposed hours
NORTH OF WEST MAYFIELD	Mon – Fri 8am – 6:30pm Saturday 8am – 6:30pm	Mon – Fri 7:30am – 6:30pm Saturday 8am – 6:30pm	Mon – Fri 8 – 9:15am 4:30 – 6pm Saturday – None	Mon – Fri 7:30 – 9:30am 4 – 6:30pm Saturday – None
WEST MAYFIELD TO LUSSIELAW ROAD	Mon – Fri 8 – 9:15am 4:30 – 6pm Saturday – None	Mon – Fri 7:30am – 6:30pm Saturday 8am – 6:30pm	Mon – Fri 8 – 9:15am 4:30 – 6pm Saturday – None	Mon – Fri 7:30 – 9:30am 4 – 6:30pm Saturday – None
SOUTH OF LUSSIELAW ROAD	Mon – Fri 8 – 9:15am 4:30 – 6pm Saturday – None	Mon – Fri 7:30am – 6:30pm Saturday 8am – 6:30pm	Mon – Fri 8 – 9:15am 4:30 – 6pm Saturday – None	Mon – Fri 7:30am – 6:30pm Saturday 8am – 6:30pm
No single yellow line restrictions on Sunday				

HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you support or oppose the proposals described in this leaflet?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Please make any further comments or suggestions here:

To help us analyse responses, please tell us a bit about yourself.

Your postcode or street name:

Are you: A resident or household? A business?

Do you cycle: Often Occasionally Never