

	Proposed "projects" for inclusion in MIR	Sustrans strategic objectives, August 2012 – do proposals fit these objectives?				Midlothian Council Corporate Objectives 2012-13: do proposals fit these objectives?					
		Cycling and walking access to stations on Borders Railway from 3-mile radius (cycling) and 1 mile (walking)	Maintain network quality with gaps/blackspots identified and a clear strategy for dealing with those identified Improve familiarisation of communities with network	Dedicated 20-mile zones in all shopping and residential areas (as Fife)	Seamless urban and rural connections and dense urban cycle network safe, aesthetic and accessible to all	Supporting healthy, caring and diverse communities..	Maximising business opportunities	Maintain Midlothian as safe place to live, work and visit (improve road safety)	Conserve and improve Midlothian's environment	Improve opportunities for people (regenerate and improve village and town centres)	Deliver responsive, effective and efficient services
1	Complete the traffic-free links for cyclists and pedestrians between communities and National Cycle Networks, esp Routes 1 and 196 (eg Newtongrange, Gorebridge, Mayfield)	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes (less CO2 emission)	Yes (more people cycling to village and town centres)	Yes (working with Partner (Sustrans) who would deliver responsive, effective and efficient services)
2	Build safe, attractive and efficient links from communities up to 3 miles (cyclists) and 1 mile (pedestrians) from/to new railway stations on Borders Railway. Built to principles in the policy document "Designing Streets"	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		As above
3	Complete the Roslin-Loanhead-Edinburgh cycling and walking route,		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes (visitor traffic to Roslin, Loanhead)	Yes	Yes		As above

	including signage, interpretation, seating, picnic areas and landscaping, (Jointly with CEC)										
4	Improve “commuter” cycle route (primarily signposting) from Eskbank/Dalkeith via A772. (Jointly with CEC)		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		
5	Undertake feasibility study and create strategic plan for traffic-free Dalkeith/Bonnyrigg commuter cycling route to/from Edinburgh		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		
6	Develop (mainly) traffic-free commuter cycle route from Penicuik to Loanhead (to link to Roslin-Loanhead-Edinburgh cycleway, see 3 above)		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes (working with Partner (Sustrans) who would deliver responsive, effective and efficient services)
7	Improve cycling links between key visitor attractions in Midlothian and (a) communities and (b) national cycle network. See below for list. Include signposting, road marking, shared-use pavements, cycle parking.		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (increased visitors)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (working with Partner (Sustrans) who would deliver responsive, effective and efficient services)
8	Develop National Cycle Route 196		Yes		Yes		Yes (increased	Yes	Yes	Yes	

	(Penicuik-Dalkeith-Haddington) as a visitor destination, esp for day and touring visitors (includes further interpretation, signage, seating, picnic areas, publicity incl apps, QR codes and maps)(Jointly with ELC)						business for food and drink outlets, cycle retailers)				
9	Provide or upgrade, and signpost, secure cycle parking at all Midlothian Council Offices, parks and buildings		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes – reducing demand for parking and hitting “Green” targets
10	Include directions for visitors travelling by bicycle in all publicity (including leaflets, flyers and websites) to all council offices , parks, heritage trails, buildings and council-led events and activities.		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes – reduce demand for car parking and volume of traffic in towns and at events
11	Establish robust baseline data on modal share of cycling and walking for journeys of up to 3 miles (cycling) and 1 mile (walking) so as enable measurement of progress towards SG and MC targets.				Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes

Notes

Proposal 7: suggested visitor destinations for improved/safer/more attractive cycling routes:

- National Mining Museum, Newtongrange
 - Vogrie Country Park*
 - Roslin Glen*
 - Springfield Mill*
 - Dalkeith Country Park (cycle parking required)
 - Crichton Castle
 - Gladhouse Reservoir
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- Asterisks denote sites that have achieved Green Flag status

Proposals 7, 8 and 10 were also discussed and noted in the consultation workshop on Midlothian Tourism Strategy held on 25 September 2012.

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