

QR8 Roseburn Park Cycle/Walk consultation

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/design-cycle-walk-roseburn-park/>

Overview

This consultation gives people the opportunity to express their views about proposed initial designs for cycling and walking improvements in Roseburn Park.

These designs are part of planned improvements to the cycling route, called QuietRoute 8. This route forms part of the QuietRoutes Network that is being implemented across Edinburgh. The aim of the network is to provide routes that are easy, safe and convenient to use by people of any level of cycle experience. It will also improve conditions for people walking.

Spokes response, 16 November 2016

to: Martyn Lings <Martyn.Lings@edinburgh.gov.uk>

date: 16 November 2016 at 17:37

subject: CONSULTATION ON CYCLING AND WALKING PROPOSALS FOR ROSEBURN PARK

Dear Martyn

I am writing on behalf of SPOKES with our views on the proposals for Roseburn Park. We are sending in our views directly to you by email as the on line questionnaire seems mainly designed for individuals rather than organisations such as our own.

We appreciate that your proposals are intended to respond to the concerns expressed by Friends of Roseburn Park about apparent conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians on the relevant shared paths. However, we do not think that this problem can be considered separately from the current proposals for an East/West cycle route across the centre of Edinburgh which, when implemented, would have the effect of channelling many more cyclists through the park en route to the Quiet Routes to Corstorphine and Ballgreen. This will inevitably put more pressure on the path network.

In the context of the East/West cycle route, SPOKES has argued for a continuation of the proposed protected cycle path along Roseburn Terrace (option A) so that it extends to Riversdale Crescent. This would allow cyclists to avoid using Roseburn Park by cycling along this road link either to the Quiet Route road network to Corstorphine or to the path by the Water of Leith which is being upgraded if travelling to Ballgreen. We think this option would be much more attractive to commuting cyclists and, therefore, reduce pressure on the park paths which should still be available for leisure cyclists including families with children.

In short, we think that the proposals are far too limited and unlikely to be successful in the medium term once the East West route is implemented. They may help in the short term although they do nothing to improve sight lines and painted lines on paths are often ignored by pedestrians. We recommend that serious attention be given to our alternative proposal as outlined above and described in more detail to the Active Travel Team members working on East West route.

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss our comments further.

Best wishes

Richard Grant
(for SPOKES Planning Group)