

Holyrood Park

As a Royal Park in Scotland, Holyrood Park is managed by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) which is an agency which reports directly to the Scottish Government.

For a long time, Spokes has been concerned at the way the lower roads through the Park are increasingly dominated by commuter, motor traffic to the detriment of quiet enjoyment of this unique landscape by both residents and tourists. We are particularly concerned at the poor level of provision for cyclists.

The forthcoming election provides an opportunity for SPOKES members and other cyclists to campaign for improved control over motor cars and better provision for both cyclists and pedestrians. You may want to consider writing to your local candidates to see if they would support improvements and seek to pressure the Scottish Government for change if they are elected. We understand that HES is preparing a new transport plan for the Park and this is an opportune time to put forward ideas for serious consideration.

Contact details for most candidates can be found using the following link:

walkcyclevote.scot/candidate-info.

When writing to local candidates, you may want to refer to some or all of the following points:

- **The growing numbers of motor cars using the park as a short cut**
- **The lack of a comprehensive 20 mph speed limit and measures to enforce it**
- **The unsatisfactory nature of the current shared cycle and pedestrian path on the lower road – it is too narrow, encourages conflict between cyclists and pedestrians and does not provide a complete path from St Leonards to Meadowbank. There is also a lack of safe access points for cyclists at the St Leonards, Holyrood and Meadowbank entrances**
- **The lack of any provision for cycling on the road between St Leonards and Duddingston despite the fact that the road is narrow and there are several blind corners**
- **The failure to extend the current controls of motor cars on the lower roads on Sunday to other times of the week. There is a particular need to control traffic during the rush hour periods.**

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