

To: Spokes members in or near East, West and North Edinburgh

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There are a remarkable number of consultations underway which significantly affect cycling in west, east and north Edinburgh. We urge you to submit your own views on those that concern you. Many of them include an online survey of views, and also an email address for enquiries or more detailed comments. If you email, please send us a copy so we can consider your points for our central response.

Our Planning Group has not yet looked at most of them in detail, but we include below a few preliminary thoughts – we look forward to hearing your thoughts – but, most important, do respond to the Council.

Most of the schemes are to improve or link sections of the Council's 'Quiet Routes' network. Incidentally, you can find the Quiet Routes on the [Council Atlas](#). On the legend, tick *Transport*, then tick *Quiet Routes*. To find bits that interest you, zoom in using the '+' sign, and move the map if necessary, using your mouse or equivalent.

For completeness we also include several consultations already mentioned in our recent all-member circular.

Click the underlined wording below for links to the relevant consultation, plans, contacts, etc.

WEST EDINBURGH

- ◆ ***Closes 26 November*** [Balgreen Road](#) Part of QR8 (Quiet Route 8), crossing Balgreen Road. *There is an online survey at the above underlined link. For more info (or to send emailed comments)...* 0131 469 3776 martyn.lings@edinburgh.gov.uk.

The arrangements for cyclists traveling west to east do not look ideal where you have to cross Baird Drive when traffic may be approaching and queuing at (or entering) the junction.

- ◆ ***Closes 26 November*** [Bankhead and South Gyle Access](#) Part of QR8, including road crossings. *There is an online survey at the above link. More info (or to send emailed comments)...* 0131 469 3776 martyn.lings@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Under the plans, South Gyle Access keeps its two-phase crossing with tight turns round guard rails. This being an official signed cycle route, it should be a single phase crossing to cut delays.

- ◆ ***Closes 18 November*** [Maybury/ Craigs Road/ Fife railway](#) A massive development proposal, over 1000 homes, commercial, retail, etc – almost the whole area between the above. This is a planning application, reference 16/04738/PPP. Find more details, and submit your comments at the council [Planning Portal](#) - search there for the reference code above. There will be many cycling implications to form a good cycling network internally and linked outside – in particular to the new Edinburgh Gateway rail station now under construction.

- ◆ ***Closes 26 November*** [Roseburn Park cycling & walking improvements](#) Proposals to improve this route, which forms part of the Council's 'Quiet Route no.8.' The above web page includes an online survey. [Proposal details](#). [Drawings](#).

There are some individual comments on the [Friends of Roseburn Park website](#) Incidentally, one commenter on the Friends site says that the nearby proposed A8 East-West cycleroute at Roseburn "has been blocked" – that is incorrect, it is [still under discussion](#). Indeed there may be a case for a cycleroute on this section of the A8 too, so that the route along the river from the west can leave the park via Riversdale Crescent, leaving the main park path only for slower trips, such as leisure and kids cycling to Roseburn Primary.

NORTH AND EAST EDINBURGH

- ◆ **Closes 28 October Pennywell/Muirhouse Civic Centre** A complete redevelopment of Muirhouse Shopping Centre and surrounding area, including over 700 new homes, and public open space. Clearly an opportunity to get cycle aspects correct from the very start – including access, routes, bike storage for residents, and bike parking. *There is an online survey at the above link. More info (or to send emailed comments)...* michelle.fraser@edinburgh.gov.uk 0131.529.3150.
- ◆ **Closes 26 November Lower Granton Road** Part of QR13, providing the long-awaited cyclist route parallel to the narrow and often busy Lower Granton Road – fantastic news!!! *There is an online survey at the above link. More info (or to send emailed comments)...* 0131 469 3776 martyn.lings@edinburgh.gov.uk.
- ◆ **Closes 18 November Easter Road cycling improvements** Providing a way to cross Easter Road, as part of the Council's QuietRoute 20. *There is an online survey at the above link. More info (or to send emailed comments)...* 0131 469 3776 martyn.lings@edinburgh.gov.uk.

At first sight we are not very happy about this plan when cycling in the north to south direction (ie. westbound on the short Easter Road stretch) - it seems too circuitous. An alternative might be one-way cyclist routes each side of this short section of Easter Road, to allow better crossing points.

- ◆ **Closes 18 November Carrington Road cycling improvements** Part of QR20, which links the North Edinburgh Network to the Botanics. *There is an online survey at the above link. More info (or to send emailed comments)...* 0131 469 3776 martyn.lings@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Our early thoughts on this include...

- Nice to have this scheme, but a higher priority is the South Groathill Avenue section, which has far more traffic, especially at weekends
 - The Crewe Rd South junction looks a 'fudge.' Should the 2-way cyclist route continue right up to (and possibly across) the junction? Should there be cycle advance lights? Should there be red paths across Crewe Road for both directions (or a 2-way red crossing)?
 - Why is the Carrington Rd path only 2.2m wide, on such a wide road? The government 'Cycling by Design' manual recommends minimum 3m for 2-way cyclist routes wherever possible, and the SESTRAN manual 2.5m [see the first para 2010 on [this page](#)]
 - Traffic speeds on East Fettes Av are fast – can this be improved to make the crossing safer?
- ◆ **Consultation Oct 28- Nov 25; including a drop-in on Thurs Nov 10. Leith Walk, Brunswick Street to Montgomery Street** The consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order which includes segregated cyclist routes here is now complete, but the Council has decided it will re-advertise – apparently to get more public views – it is not clear if there may be minor changes to the proposals. We *expect* the Orders to be on [this page](#). Submissions to the initial consultation still count and need not be re-submitted. More info alan.dean@edinburgh.gov.uk 0131.529.7519.

There will also be a drop-in 3pm-7pm on Thurs 10 November at McDonald Rd Library. Go there before our [Spokes public meeting](#) which is on the same date!