

Proposed Dean Park Crescent pedestrian zones and Queensferry Road cycle lanes

Issue:

Queensferry Road is a major route into the city centre; for pedestrians, cyclists, inter-city buses and general traffic. The junction with Dean Park Crescent is also an important route for people walking between the West End and Stockbridge. A number of road safety concerns have been raised regarding the junction in its present form, as it poses a challenge for pedestrians to cross safely with various roads merging in close proximity.

The speed of traffic turning from Queensferry Road into Dean Park Crescent has been highlighted as a concern, as well as the volume of traffic using the junction at peak time leaving insufficient gaps for pedestrians to cross safely.

Requests have been received for a pedestrian refuge to accommodate people walking from Learmonth Terrace towards the city centre. However, this has proven a challenge to introduce safely when considering the bus stop on Dean Park Crescent.

This busy junction has a number of existing problems for pedestrians, including; poor pedestrian crossings points (lack of dropped kerbs, tactile surfaces and colour contrast), high traffic speeds, poor refuge facilities and wide roads to cross. In addition, this junction presents several problems for cyclists which also need to be taken into consideration.

Purpose and context:

The scheme would make it easier and safer for pedestrians and cyclists to access the area. It would also improve cycle routes on Queensferry Road.

This would help people on foot and by bicycle reach local and key destinations, such as the West End, Stockbridge, Comely Bank and Craighleith.

Proposed scheme:

The Council is proposing:

- Pending consultation, the link road between Dean Park Crescent and Oxford Terrace may be closed to motor vehicles, it may become a one-way street, or it may remain two-way as existing.
- Oxford Terrace will be closed to motor vehicles at the junction of Queensferry Road.
- A pedestrian build-out will be constructed on Learmonth Terrace at the junction of Dean Park Crescent, and motor vehicles will not be permitted to drive from Dean Park Crescent to Learmonth Terrace to address concerns about cut-through traffic.
- Segregated cycle lanes on Queensferry Road in the immediate vicinity of Dean Park Crescent junction. These lanes will assist in providing a gateway treatment to the 20mph zone as well as improving cyclist safety.

We would like your views on this initial design proposal and any other recommendations you have.

There is an accompanying overview map of the area. Designs will be developed to a more detailed stage following public consultation.

Proposal: improved pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure at the junction of Dean Park Crescent and Queensferry Road

Advantages:

- Pedestrians and cyclists have better access points
- Cyclists have improved facilities along Queensferry Road and the road will be more traffic calmed
- Eliminate conflicting vehicle turning movements
- Eliminate cut through routes

Disadvantages:

- During peak times, motor vehicles may have to wait for short periods behind cyclists using the cycle lanes, before passing them.
- Motor vehicles may queue southbound on Dean Park Crescent at the junction of Queensferry Road.

