

# Edinburgh City Council election, 4.5.17

## Manifesto analysis re cycling-related issues

### Spokes, the Lothian Cycle Campaign

#### Overall

- *Tops* - Green
- *Excellent* - Labour
- *Reasonable* - LibDems & SNP
- *Disappointing* - Conservative

#### Key to table [NB – fuller details of manifestos are in our [elections article](#)]

- N not mentioned in manifesto
- ++ groundbreaking
- + good
- = mixed/unclear
- poor (or unrealistic)
- very disappointing

The **first 3 issues in the table** are those which [Spokes specifically raised](#) with all parties in advance of manifestos.

Issue	Conservative	Green	Labour	LibDem	SNP
<b>Funding - % of transport budget for cycling</b>	N --	++ at least 10%	++ 10%	+ 10% includes walk	++ 10%
<b>Onroad segregated routes</b>	N + see [1]	++	++	N + see [1]	N + see [1]
<b>Princes Street future</b>	N	++	N	N	N
Cycle hire scheme	N see [4]	+	+	+	N see [4]
Improved road/path repair [current £18.5m p.a.]	+ More cash, unspecified	+ More cash, unspecified	+ At least £20m a year	= No mention of cash	+ £100m, i.e. £20m p.a.
Air pollution	+	++ Low Emission Zone	++ Low Emission Zone	++ Low Emission Zone	+
City-wide 20mph	- Halt plans	+	+ see [2]	+	+ see [2]
Parking levy for workplace &/or supermkts	N	++	++	N	N
Bike storage	N see [3]	+	N see [3]	+	N see [3]
Bottle deposits [important in reducing broken glass]	N	N but yes by implication	+	N but seek waste reduction	+
<b>Other relevant major promises</b>	- Scrap planned city centre Sunday parking charges	++ Make the City-Region Deal green + Days with walk/bike/ bus priority	++ Fund for new walk facilities [& ensures cycle budget all cycling!]	N	N

[1] Although the Conservative, LibDem and SNP manifestos don't mention onroad segregated routes, we believe all parties are fairly supportive, based on the spirit of the manifestos and the recent [all-party agreement](#) on Edinburgh's west-east route. The SNP in particular promises 10% of the transport budget for cycling, which implies major onroad projects.

[2] The Labour manifesto refers positively to the work done so far introducing 20mph, but does not mention the future. However, based on the spirit of the manifesto and many public statements, we expect implementation to continue across the entire city (other than arterial roads). The SNP manifesto does not refer to 20mph at all but we assume that, as part of the current Council coalition, they also intend to continue implementation.

[3] Although bike storage is not mentioned in 3 manifestos, some manifestos are much longer than others and contain a lot more detail on all subjects. The current Council's Lab/SNP onstreet storage project is likely to continue and be expanded whichever parties are in power, though some may be more proactive than others.

[4] Although not in their manifestos, both the Conservatives and SNP are known to want a bike hire scheme in Edinburgh.