

Sheriffhall is an important road intersection, but it's an equally important barrier between Midlothian and Edinburgh for pedestrians and cyclists. Crossing the current roundabout is not a fun experience, whether you take the pavement and cross the carriageways, or if you cycle round the roundabout itself.

So the building of a new roundabout is a great opportunity to fix this, and make active travel across Sheriffhall an appealing option. I do not believe the proposed design will do this.

As Dave said, improving safety at Sheriffhall for NMUs is not a particularly high bar to clear, but I'm not convinced the proposed design even manages this. The assessment report asserts safety for non-motorised users will be improved by grade-separation, but crossing the slip roads will still be dangerous, especially if the crossings aren't signalised. The nearby Straiton junction is already grade-separated, but is one of the worst accident spots in the country. What are really needed are segregated pedestrian and cycle routes across the bypass.