

Spokes circular to members in EL, ML, Borders and SE Edinburgh, 2 May 2018

... This is a circular to emailable Spokes members. If you recently sent us a change of email address it may not yet be in our database, so this message may go to your old address or possibly to both.

... Please check below carefully for everything that concerns you, then follow it up.

1. Musselburgh [and wider area] Sustainable & Active Travel Masterplan - drop-in Thurs 3 May; final comments May 18

The Council is consulting on this 'masterplan' which, once approved, will form the basis for future funding applications to Sustrans and other funding sources to provide much improved conditions for getting about by non-car modes.

A couple of members who have had a quick look online say they are quite impressed by the proposals (e.g. see picture from the consultation) and it would be good for as many members as possible to support the overall proposals - as well as suggesting improvements.

Even if you don't live in Musselburgh, but visit the area, please do take part in the consultation.

Note that the consultation map covers a wide area, including connections to/from **Midlothian, Shawfair, the Royal Infirmary and Cameron Toll.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- You can find the consultation and online survey here...
eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/policy-partnerships/musselburgh-active-travel-consultation/
- There is also a staffed exhibition/ drop-in this Thursday 3 May, 4-8pm at Brunton Hall, Musselburgh.
- You can also email comments and queries to musselburghcycle.uki@acem.com.
- Spokes would appreciate a copy of your comments as we hope to do a central Spokes submission too.



2. East Lothian Local Transport Strategy – consultation ends May 10

This is a very important document which will guide East Lothian Council's transport policies (including cycling and walking) from 2018 to 2024. The online consultation is at eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/policy-partnerships/east-lothian-local-transport-strategy.

Spokes centrally has not had the time to look at this and we are not sure if we will, but we very much hope local members will do so. We would also greatly welcome your thoughts and a copy of the comments you submit.

3. Old Dalkeith Rd crossing at Royal Infirmary – consultn ends May 21

Edinburgh Council is consulting on creating a toucan pedestrian/cycle crossing linking Moredunvale Road to Little France Drive and the Infirmary, together with upgrading associated paths.

If the consultation results are favourable, and subject to some land agreements, they hope to do the work in this financial year 2018/19.

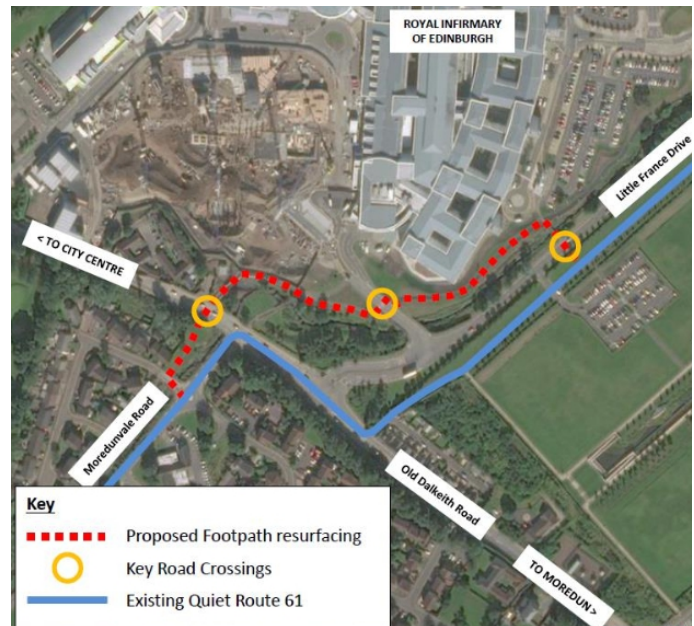
Details of the proposal and response survey are online

at...consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/quiteroute61-moredunvale-road-to-little-france-dri

There's also an email address and phone number for queries or emailed comments...

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4. Draft Borders Transport Corridors Study – consultation ends June 1.

The above draft report is now out for consultation. It is a major report, covering the Borders railway and its possible extension, and major roads such as A1, A7, A68. Active Travel is also considered.

If you live in or visit the Borders, please...

- Look at the draft report
- Submit your views to the online survey
- Send Spokes a copy of your comments.

Spokes has not yet had a chance to look at the report – we have only just found out about it – but the sort of things you might look out for and comment on are....

- Rail and bike/rail opportunities
- Provision for cyclists adjacent to the main roads
- Provision for cyclists in local towns

The report (which is large) can be downloaded from the 2nd link on this web page...

www.transport.gov.scot/our-approach/strategy/strategic-transport-projects-review/#50679

The online survey begins at the bottom of this page...

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BordersTransportCorridorsStudy_PublicFeedback

5. Other consultations – *Check out council, government & some other consultations here...*

- ◆ Edinburgh consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk
- ◆ Edinburgh [Edinburgh traffic orders](#)
- ◆ East Lothian www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk
- ◆ Midlothian www.midlothian.gov.uk/consultation/open
- ◆ West Lothian www.westlothian.gov.uk/consultations
- ◆ Scottish Govt consult.gov.scot
- ◆ Transport Scotland www.transport.gov.scot/consultations

6. Finally

- ◆ Remember to check out our **website** every so often www.spokes.org.uk.
- ◆ We are active on **Twitter** [@SpokesLothian](#). Follow us and RT tweets you support. Check our 'favourites' for important or interesting tweets. Recent tweets also appear on our website.
- ◆ If you use **Facebook**, please like, share, etc the [Spokes Facebook page](#). We hope soon to restart the automatic twitter feed to Facebook.
- ◆ The **Spokes Bulletin** is one of our main means of spreading knowledge of Spokes, of what is happening in cycling development, and how people can help. Can you use a supply (large or small) to leaflet bikes at your workplace or on bikes parked around any areas of the city [not Haymarket or Waverley which we already cover] – or would your local cafe, barber, etc like 5 or 10 copies? If you'd like a supply of the current bulletin, and/or if you'd like a regular supply of future copies, email updates AT spokes.org.uk.