

Proposed Old Dalkeith Road cycle and pedestrian crossing and cycleway



Issue:

The high levels of traffic on Old Dalkeith Road at peak times has been reported to the Council as a barrier to people trying to cross the road by bicycle and on foot. This section of the road is also too busy to meet the standards of the Council's 'QuietRoute' cycle network, which uses Old Dalkeith Road for a short section. The footpath within the Hospital grounds is also a loose gravel surface and not accessible to all.

Purpose and context:

The Council is developing a network of cycle routes across the city, called the 'QuietRoutes' network. We know that heavy or fast traffic is the most significant barrier preventing people who want to cycle from doing so. To address this, the QuietRoutes are designed so that people can cycle without having to travel in heavy or fast traffic. The crossing of Old Dalkeith Road and short section along the road are key barriers which prevents the route meeting this required standard.

The scheme will make it easier, safer and quicker for people crossing Old Dalkeith Road by creating a new Toucan crossing on the desire line. The project will also improve and upgrade the existing footpath linking into the Hospital and Bio Quarter. The zebra crossing within the Hospital access roads will be upgraded to allow cyclists and a new Toucan crossing of Little France Drive will link to the Bio Quarter.

This will help people travelling on foot and by bicycle to reach The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and other local destinations and places along QuietRoute 61 including; Holyrood Park, Rosslyn Chapel and Hunter's Hall Park, as well as the communities of Duddingston, Bingham, Niddrie, Moredun and Gilmerton.

There are also more detailed drawings of the scheme on the consultation web page accessed from www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cyclewalk.



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Proposed scheme:

We would like your views on the initial design proposals and any other comments you have. Below is an overview map of the proposals including the proposed road crossings and new footpath resurfacing.

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