

Spokes response to improvements on QuiteRoute 61: Moredunvale Road to Little France Drive

This is a response to the consultation at

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/quiteroute61-moredunvale-road-to-little-france-dri/>

Spokes are very supportive of the improvements presented in this consultation. The Edinburgh Royal Infirmary (ERI) is a key trip generator and urgently needs better active travel links. While some patients may not be able to cycle, many trips to the hospital are by visitors and staff who certainly would benefit from alternatives to cycling along main roads.

Working west to east through the plans, we have a few comments on the proposals themselves:

Signage at Nether Craigour

The plans show new symbols painted on the ground designating shared space, but we presume that there will also be poles with appropriate route signage too. In particular it's important that cyclists understand how to find the new link when coming from the roundabout at Nether Craigour.

Signage with the hospital

The ERI campus is a large one and so it would be useful if there was signage at the relevant points on the path (and the existing path to the north) to help pedestrians and cyclists navigate to the correct building or entrance. It's also not obvious to new visitors where cycle parking exists and how to get to it, so signage to this would be particularly helpful.

Little France Crescent

Spokes are very supportive of tiger crossings in general, though we note that Little France Crescent now forms the principal route for ambulances into A&E as part of the reconfiguration of the access roads to accommodate the new Sick Kids. It's clearly important that cyclists and pedestrians don't think they have priority over emergency ambulances so it might be worth considering if signage can remind cyclists and pedestrians to hold back and allow ambulances through.

Dropped kerb at the roundabout

There is need for a dropped kerb to access the roundabout near to the bridge over the river. This roundabout provides a more direct route to the hospital entrance, and also bike parking by the roundabout.



Chicane at Eastern terminus of the new path

There is an existing chicane where the path terminates. We suggest this might be a good opportunity to remove it as we don't feel it is necessary and it simply impedes access for everyone. This applies equally to other chicanes in the area at Greendykes Road and Craigmillar Castle Road. Even though they may be out-of-scope for this project we hope they can be removed.

Priority on the existing shared use path on the south side of Little France Drive

We remain disappointed that pedestrians and cyclists need to give way at each of the 3 car park entrances along this path. While we recognise that changes to this path may be out-of-scope for this project, we would like to see the priorities changed to prioritise the path, either informally by way of raised tables, or ideally using tiger crossings.

