

Public Perspectives

Meadows to George Street Streets for People



Junction with George Street

- confusing lanes and long phasing of lights causes delay
- unfriendly environment for people on bikes
- four separate phases of lights plus pedestrian movement causes delays for everyone
- vehicles merge as lanes are not clear

Hanover Street generally

- street clutter
- vehicle dominated—noise and air pollution
- not enough space for people on foot and bikes
- traffic light sequence needs adjusting / synchronised with pedestrian crossings
- parking and delivery vans cause congestion
- buses often get delayed by parking and signal sequences

Junction with Princes Street

- no left turn for bikes on to Mound
- painted cycle lanes are good but traffic on them and still a concern for cyclists
- allow cyclists to proceed before cars
- confusing and unsafe shared space on Prince St/ Mound corner
- refresh cycle lane markings and signage

The Mound (northern section)

- cycle lane broken by bus stops
- congested pavements
- illegal parking on pavements
- remove private motor traffic
- traffic impedes on cycle lane
- create a dedicated segregated cycleway

"Things I Like" generally:

- painted cycle lane over tram tracks
- the stretch of pavement along the Mound is generally good with ample space
- George IV Bridge is a lovely open avenue with great architecture
- bollards on George IV Bridge restrict pavement parking
- the central reservation on George IV Bridge makes it easy and safe for pedestrians to cross
- trees on Forrest Road
- the mix of people and activity on MMW
- well positioned drop kerbs at junction with MMW
- the Placecheck tool is a great way of sharing issues

Princes Street Gardens

The Royal Scottish Academy

Scottish National Gallery

Edinburgh Waverley

The Mound (southern section)

- high speed traffic
- cycle lane bends too tight
- poor road surface
- pavement / cycle lane too narrow
- pavement is slippery in the autumn and winter
- green man signal duration not long enough
- cars turning left into Market St cut off cyclists heading uphill and traffic turning right from south causes hold-ups

North Bank Street

- narrow, congested pavement
- loading obstructs road and pavements
- road users cut into cycle lane
- parked cars block cycle lane
- increase pedestrian green man phases
- add lights signal for cyclists turning right onto Market St

Bank Street junction with Royal Mile

- street clutter on narrow pavement
- illegal parking blocking cycle lane
- confusing traffic lights
- poor road condition
- congestion from tour buses
- parked cars block cycle lane

George IV Bridge junction with Victoria Street

- pedestrianise
- fast traffic
- remove private parking
- cars turning right onto George IV present a hazard to cyclists/ cause congestion
- pavement clutter forces people onto road
- congested pavement

George IV Bridge generally

- narrow, interrupted cycle lane
- difficult for cyclists to turn right
- loading bays and bus lanes create traffic/cyclist conflict
- bollards, bus stops and pavement clutter create a hazardous environment for pedestrians
- pedestrians and traffic use cycle lane
- re-allocate road space in favour of active travel
- widen pavements to accommodate heavy footfall
- reduce the volume of traffic
- pedestrianise
- pedestrian crossings don't match the flow of pavement traffic
- better signage to indicate directions to castle, bridges, Grassmarket, castle, palace/parliament
- traffic ignore yellow boxes

Edinburgh Castle

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St. Giles' Cathedral

National Library of Scotland

Area wide comments:

- pavements are congested
- cycle lanes are obstructed by pedestrians, illegal parking and loading bays (this also affects buses)
- pavements are cluttered with signage, bins, bus stops, A-boards and street furniture
- need provision of more pedestrian crossings
- need more cycle parking
- need provision of segregated cycle lanes
- pedestrianise more streets
- reduce the volume of private traffic
- reallocate road space, provide wider cycle lanes and pavements
- current provision of cycle lanes are dangerous
- allocate dedicated parking for tour buses
- the corridor is polluted and noisy
- add greenery/trees
- reduce parking and enforce parking regulations, and stop vehicles parking in the bus lanes and cycleways in particular
- designate periods for deliveries
- improve quality of road surfaces
- introduce car free day/congestion charge
- prioritise pedestrians and cyclists at crossings/junctions—provide longer crossing times
- improve quality of paving and surfacing on footways to make more even and level, particularly for people with visual or mobility impairments
- tour buses are congesting roads

George IV junction with Candlemaker Row

- requires provision of a formal pedestrian crossing
- conflict between traffic, pedestrians and cyclists
- pedestrianise
- congested with buses and tour coaches—remove from this street
- pavement around Greyfriars Bobby statue heavily congested and used by tour groups in particular
- pedestrians and traffic using cycle lane
- hard for traffic to turn right towards Bristo Place

Forrest Road

- pedestrianise
- parked cars/vans and bus stops make this a very narrow busy street
- remove parking
- cars frequently block cycle lane and merge lanes which causes an issue for people on bikes
- street clutter congesting pavement
- not enough room for all users
- restrict buses down this street

George IV junction with Chambers Street

- illegal right turns from traffic out of Chambers St
- difficult for cyclists to turn right onto Chambers St
- re-position zebra crossing

Bristo Place

- cycle lane is in-between two lanes of traffic with fast moving traffic
- parked vehicles force traffic into central cycle lane
- cyclists forced to use main carriageway
- make Bristo Place two-way for traffic and pedestrianise Forrest Rd
- reallocate road space in favour of cyclists

Teviot Place

- widen pavement on north side
- cyclists dangerously merge with traffic
- pavement clutter (signage poles)
- segregated cycle lanes around the gyratory
- fast traffic

Junction with Middle Meadow Walk (north)

- conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and road users
- cyclists using toucan crossing towards Forrest Road have a green light at the same time as traffic turning right from Teviot Place
- cyclists and pedestrians confused at where/when to cross
- cyclists block pavement while waiting to cross
- dangerous crossing
- prioritise crossing for pedestrians and cyclists
- advisory "cyclists dismount" signage causing conflict with pedestrians

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TO THE MEADOWS

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