

# **Astley Ainslie site development – consultation**

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## **Response from Spokes, the Lothian Cycle Campaign**

Routes through the site are already used informally by cyclists to avoid nearby busy roads, but since the routes are not signposted, only those few locals who are 'in the know' are able to use this opportunity for a safe and peaceful section in their journey. We also understand that recently a route in the site is being used by the hugely popular James Gillespie Primary School 'bike bus,' when large numbers of pupils and parents cycle together to their school.

These opportunities need to be retained, expanded, and become signposted and well known. Therefore, we are delighted that routes for cycling across and through the site, north-south and east-west, are to be retained. However, we are concerned that these should not be conventional roads, or roads with pavements. We would like to see high-quality cycle routes, with cycle/pedestrian cross-traffic replacing car traffic. And statements to this effect should be written into the Place Brief for the site, to ensure compliance by the developers.

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