

Covid 19 Emergency Measures - Meadow Place Road

Response from Spokes

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Spokes welcomes in principle the provision of segregated cycle lanes on Meadow Place Road and the lowering of the speed limit. However, there are several points that could be improved.

Cycle facilities stop just short of the two nastiest places, Drum Brae and Broomhouse roundabouts. Improvements will be needed here to allow safe cycling to places further north and south.

We question the need for two southbound bus stops in the short stretch between St John's Road and Ladywell Road.

There will need to be gaps in the Temporary Kerb at places where cyclists are likely to turn right into or out of Meadow Place Road: in the northbound lane opposite Featherhall Crescent (a useful route for cyclists to avoid a right turn at Drum Brae roundabout) and Forrester Park Avenue (leading to Ladywell Road and the suburban streets in south Corstorphine), and in the southbound lane opposite Wester Broom Avenue.

At the northbound approach to the junction with Ladywell Road, where there is to be a Left Turn Only lane into the shopping centre, we would prefer the cycle lane put between the left-turn and straight-on lanes with continuous pink surfacing along it (as has been done at Summerhall).

It's not clear what is happening to the guard rails at the toucan crossing between South Gyle Road and Broomhall Road, part of Quiet Route 9. If they are being kept, they should be modified to allow an easier route for cyclists going along QR9; at present, cyclists have to take some very sharp turns, difficult for cargo bikes. There should also be room for cyclists wishing to turn right onto QR9 from Meadow Place Road to wait for the toucan crossing phase.

There are pink cycle lanes at the junctions of Gylemuir Road, Wester Broom Avenue and Forrester Park Avenue but not at the similar junctions of Featherhall Crescent, Broomhall Road or Forrester Park Drive. They should all be pink.

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