

From: **Spokes Portobello** <spokesparty@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, 5 Aug 2020, 19:57

Subject: Segregated cycle lane - Seafield Street (Support)

To: <spacesforpeople@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: Spokes <spokes@spokes.org.uk>, Joan Griffiths <joan.griffiths@edinburgh.gov.uk>, John McLellan <john.mclellan@edinburgh.gov.uk>, Alex Staniforth <alex.staniforth@edinburgh.gov.uk>, Maureen Child <maureen.child@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Dear Spaces for People team

Spokes Porty welcomes this proposal for a 17m long, 2m wide section of uni-directional segregated cycle lane on the west side of Seafield Street. We also welcome the extension of double yellow lines to prevent car parking.

The street is part of Quiet Route 10 from Portobello to Leith, and also provides access to the off-road shared path route through to Restalrig, Lochend, Leith Academy and Easter Road Stadium. The off-road path is well used for leisure and commuting trips. Seafield St can be difficult for cyclists, particularly those with children, as they navigate past parked vehicles, avoid turning buses, and avoid drivers exiting from the Arnold Clark entrance. (According to Arnold Clark, many of these drivers are not using Arnold Clark but are cutting through from other businesses).

The ASL in Seafield Street is regularly blocked by parked cars. This proposal will assist cyclists using the ASL in the drivers' phase, as well as those heading north using the toucan crossing on the west side.

We'd be grateful if the Council would also consider three further improvements:

- marking out the routes to/from the toucans in a clearer way so that they are easier to understand for people not familiar with the junction.
- extending the existing double yellow lines on the east side of Seafield Street up through the bin area to prevent drivers squeezing vehicles into the space between the bins and the double yellow lines
- measures to reduce the risk of drivers exiting the Arnold Clark entrance and colliding with cyclists.

With kind regards, Spokes Porty

Spokes Porty is a local group of [Spokes, The Lothian Cycle Campaign](#).

We are working to make walking, wheeling and cycling safe, easy and fun for everyone in and around Edinburgh East.

Contact us at SpokesPorty@gmail.com, @SpokesPorty, or on facebook.