

20/03985/PA Mcdonald Road Tram Stop – Spokes objection

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Application Summary

Address: Tram Works Mcdonald Road Edinburgh
Proposal: Prior approval application relating to the Mcdonald Road Tram Stop.
Case Officer: Jackie McInnes
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Customer Details

Name: Mr Martin McDonnell

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Other

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: **I am responding on behalf of Spokes - the Lothian Cycle Campaign**

This is the first time that we have seen this detail of design and so we are taking the opportunity to make some initial comments. We hope that we will soon have the opportunity to discuss detail design before too long.

Spokes objects to the proposals for the following reasons:

1. Cycle parking. Cycle parking should be provided close to all tram stops and especially at it's extremities. None is apparent in this proposal.
2. Cyclists are not properly protected at either side of signalised junctions. Cyclists are currently protected by "Orcas and wands" at the Pilrig St junction - this is a degradation of safety.
3. The "2-stage" right cycle turns appear to be as present. There are problems with the present layout with regard to the location and size of the cycle waiting areas that need to be addressed.
4. It is not clear from the drawings whether the cycleway is generally separated from pedestrians by a kerb. Kerbs similar to those used at Leith Street we understood were agreed to be the standard for Leith Walk.
5. Tactile paving is used beside the cycleway in some areas but apparently not in others. We have concerns about the visibility of the cycleway where there are no tactiles.
6. It is not clear what is the surface treatment for the cycleways. It should be red chipped.
7. Cyclists need to have cycleways that are continuous across side roads and entrances - this does not appear to always be the case in the drawings (see "TURN LEFT On sheet 3)
8. Pedestrians should have right of way across unsignalised side roads with continuous footway/paving.