

20/04060/PA Ocean Terminal Tram Stop – Spokes objection

Comments were submitted at 10:43 PM on 14 Oct 2020 from Mr Martin McDonnell.

Application Summary

Address: Ocean Terminal Tram Stop Ocean Drive Edinburgh

Proposal: Erection of tram stop, including tram stop shelter, overhead line equipment (OLE), street lighting, hard landscaping and associated infrastructure

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 have the opportunity to discuss detail design before too long. Spokes made a detailed response to the April 2018 consultation. Hardly any of our comments seem to have been taken on board.

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 its extremities.
2. Ocean Terminal is a large attractor for people on bikes. There are currently around 30 "Sheffield" style cycle stands and yet there is no cycle parking shown in these plans. The Terminal is likely to get much better with people coming from all of the new developments so there will be an even higher demand for cycle parking.
3. There is currently a multitude of cycling facilities in this area, mainly on shared use paths, linking to the North Edinburgh Path Network and to Leith. These facilities all seem to have been removed from the proposed designs and no alternatives offered. One example is the shared pavement to the south side of Ocean Drive, that is no longer shown west of Gilroy Rd being replaced with grass and tree landscaping. There also appears to be repositioned coach parking/delivery loading bays where vehicles will have to reverse into the road. This seems highly dangerous for anybody cycling on the road. With all the new development, this area is likely to become a cycling mecca and suitable cycle provision needs to be designed in from the start rather than squeezed in afterwards in what inevitably will be an unsatisfactory manner. A continuous traffic-free cycleway is required linking Newhaven to Ocean Terminal and running along Ocean Drive to connect with Ocean Way and Constitution Street. Eventually this will connect up with a "Promenade" route from Musselburgh to Crammond - many parts of which are already in existence.

Martin McDonnell for Spokes the Lothian Cycle Campaign