

20/04056/PA Shore tram stop – Spokes objection

Comments were submitted at 10:36 PM on 14 Oct 2020 from Mr Martin McDonnell.

Application Summary

Address: Tram Stop - Shore 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

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 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. Only 8 are apparent - those at the Baltic Street junction.
2. The General Legend Part 2 drawing states: "Solid Bicycle Racks SOL-BP-45, 8no. As supplied by Streetlife". These seem to offer less flexibility for locking bikes. Why are the usual Edinburgh-style cycle racks not being used?
3. Spokes assumes that cycling is permitted on this section of Constitution. The minimum required space is 1.5 metres between the tram track and the kerb (ESDG C2 Cycle Lanes). Whilst there are no marked cycle lanes, that is the amount of space that cyclists need. In many places along the route, there is less than the required 1.5m.
4. Baltic Street junction - there are no cycle safety features at this junction. For example, traffic, including cycles, is allowed to make right turns into Constitution Street from the side streets but 2-stage turns for crossing the tracks have not been included.
5. Cycle safety facilities have not been included at any of the side junctions eg for cyclists turning right into Constitution Street
6. 2-stage right turns for cyclists at Queen Charlotte St:
 - a) The cycle waiting areas on Constitution St are positioned between the tramtracks. This is a dangerous position for cyclists. They should be positioned to the left of the tracks.
 - b) The waiting areas need to be highlighted for cyclists with lead-in markings - red surfacing or cycle logos
 - c) The waiting areas need to be sufficiently large as to accommodate the turning to wait movement, including the space needed for cargo bikes/handbikes etc
 - d) Cyclists waiting to cross Constitution Street should have waiting areas such that they can cycle across the tracks in primary position, with red cycle lanes across the tracks

Martin McDonnell for Spokes the Lothian Cycle Campaign