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Dear Councillor Child

## KINGS ROAD JUNCTION

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 November 2020 forwarding an email from your constituent Richard Murray concerning the matter above.

The Council is committed to enhancing the city's walking and cycling infrastructure, as set out in its [Active Travel Action Plan](#) (ATAP).

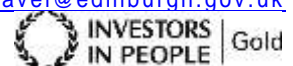
The Council's Active Travel team is delivering an extensive programme of cycling and walking improvements at locations throughout the city. There are around 50 distinct projects, at various stages of development, including several multi-million pound projects that will be developed and delivered over a number of years. Information on many of the projects that are currently under development, and other initiatives we are undertaking to encourage active travel, is available on the [Cycling and Walking pages](#) on the Council's website. A [report](#) to the Transport and Environment Committee on 20 June 2019 provided information on the delivery of the programme through to 2024. The programme represents an investment of approximately £61 million in facilities for active travel across the city over the next 5 years.

A design to alter the traffic lane configuration on the Portobello High Street approach to King's Road junction has been under development for some time and is now well advanced. We hope to implement this early next year. We are also developing a package of measures, aimed at encouraging cyclists travelling through Portobello to use alternative routes avoiding the junction, via either Portobello Promenade or Fishwives Causeway. These are being developed in consultation with Spokes Party.

The measures proposed include improved wayfinding signage, refreshed road markings (including a new Advanced Stop Line for cyclists at the east end of Fishwives Causeway) and various other minor improvements along the route to improve its appeal, accessibility and visibility. The implementation of these proposals is expected to be completed by the end of January 2021.

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You will also no doubt be aware of the [emergency motion](#) that was approved at the Transport and Environment Committee on 12 November 2020, which called for a review of safety for vulnerable road users at the city's major junctions. This will include consideration of further improvements to King's Road junction and Mr Murray's suggestions will be helpful in informing that work.

I hope you find this response useful. Please do contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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