

# Agenda/Notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting 3rd February 2021

<https://meet.jit.si/SpokesLothianPG>

Apologies: Peter Hawkins, Simon Watkins

## Spaces for People (SfP) projects

1. Council reviewing schemes for permanence. Presume Spokes will be involved. Publishing some guidance but no ETA.
2. Braid Road Southbound reopening approved at TEC. Timelines seem vague. Spokes SE comments/campaign?  
Quiet Route is in but no southbound opening yet.
3. No reply to Fountainbridge concerns. DF has chased-up a response. No changes on-street. AR - December email Rurraidh?
4. Upcoming/ongoing major SfP projects:
  - a. Greenbank - Meadows Quiet Route - in place
  - b. Lanark Road - in progress
  - c. South Bridge Bus Gate - approved (again) legal challenge - Stephen Blacklaw no ANPR odd rational. On going costs an issue.
  - d. A90 Queensferry Rd implementation starting - Learmonth Terrace Roundabout at Orchard Brae
  - e. Craigmillar Park - in progress. rain affecting play.
  - f. A1 - [ongoing](#), new floating parking bays painted updates.  
No feedback from MM's comments. Gilmerton Rd
5. Mayfield Road - nothing from T&E Committee meeting but no designs yet to be implemented in February?
6. Broughton St / Leith St? Project extended through Canonmills at TEC. MM - project officer with Martin Lings. segregated lanes apart from downhill on Broughton St. TTN want 2 vehicles lanes at top end of Broughton St. Roundabout being improved but segregated designs.
7. Winter maintenance regime. Mini ploughs in use. Accumulations of dirt in the newer lanes.
8. Fountainbridge area resurfacing - AR Resurfacing scheme postponed to Summer. SfP to remain. Are the permanent plans available. **JR to email Cllr.**
9. Proposals for amending Morningside Rd at Churchill & other areas on that scheme that aren't ideal.
10. Braid Hills Drive (Road) segregated bike lane option 5 being pursued we believe? Width of the road. End
11. Lack of "EXCEPT CYCLES"/"Road Open to X Y Z" signage at SfP closures. Also Press releases incorrect  
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/13094/thousands-of-south-edinburgh-school-pupils-set-to-benefit-from-new-quiet-route>

## Other TEC committee outcomes

1. East Craigs LTN is now a "Places for Everyone" project rather than a SfP project. Being done with an ETRO rather than TTRO. No timescale.

## Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Fund

1. TEC business bulletin mentioned additional funding awarded (~£1.5m total) and that all

- projects must be in place by end of March.
2. Unless combined with a Spaces for People scheme (e.g. A90), there appears to be no notification period nor sharing of designs. Potential to improve cycling but likely limited if we won't be able to comment before measures are on the ground.
  3. AR has emailed Jamie Roberston (CEC) asking for an updated project list.

### Non SfP Projects:

1. Gilmerton Road now has lane defenders on mandatory cycle lanes between Morrison's and the Inch. Not done as part of a SfP project.

### Other transport/consultations

2. [NPF4 consultation](#). Euan has volunteered - deadline 19/2/21.  
Doesn't warrant a response. In depth consultation coming.
3. [Cleaner Air for Scotland consultation](#). No volunteer yet - deadline 22/1/21 TBC  
No response submitted.
4. Cycle parking design guidance factsheet for consultation. Goff Cantley check responding.  
Euan/John/ALL Deadline 9am on Monday 8th February to  
[Sarah.Feldman@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah.Feldman@edinburgh.gov.uk)  
C3 Soft Segregation Street Design Guidance Factsheet - MM to enquire
5. [Cycling by Design](#) - workshop/information session on forthcoming update on 27/1/21.  
DF/DdF/MM attended. Will be published in Spring. Nothing radical.  
Dutch Style roundabouts, Cyclops Junctions may be in it. Fundamentally may still remain guidance rather than mandatory. Linked to funding.
6. Trams to Newhaven - Miles Wilkinson will be active travel meeting. Being put out to consultation next week. MM to collate comments. Construction due to start in June 2022 onwards. Trams will be running when it is being built.  
Safety on the tramlined roads beyond Foot of Walk real concerns and twitter comment; *"Hi, thank you for your message. The design is in accordance with the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance, SCOTS: National Roads Development Guide and the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges. There are also design risk management processes in place to ensure safety."*
7. Existing tramline safety measures.
  - a. main [Phase 3 infra measures](#) now likely late May
  - b. not all advance lights yet in place;  
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/13088/increased-cycle-safety-in-city-centre>  
*North St Andrew Street / St Andrew Square*  
*South St Andrew Street / St Andrew Square*  
*Princes Street / The Mound*  
*Princes Street / Frederick Street*  
*Princes Street / Lothian Road*  
*Shandwick Place / Princes Street*  
*Atholl Place / Manor Place*  
*West Maitland Street / Palmerston Place*  
*Dalry Road / Haymarket Junction*
  - c. Officer Andrew Smith is in charge of Lothian Rd project, which has West End jn as a priority
  - d. Haymarket Yards - recent crash with serious injuries; DdF written to Rosebery House developers - in progress

- e. South St Andrew / South St David Streets & Shandwick PI tram safety measures but no contractor. Narrowings to be widened partially. CCT long term.
- 8. [West Edinburgh Link](#) - TROs/RSOs published. Deadline for comments 26th February. Alec has had an initial review and comments to submit.
- 9. Portobello and Fishwives Causeway quiet route. In road safety audit still. Rejected Spokes Party safety suggestions.
- 10. CCWEL - AR emailed in Jan on whether construction will still begin in May. No Reply yet. Despite long delays, there are still several outstanding legal orders for Sections 1 and 2. Still no reply.
- 11. Edinburgh St James - no reply yet and active travel team seem to support James Craig Shared Space.
- 12. Roseburn/Canal - site investigation has started. Looks like there will be no delay due to protests over tree felling. Keep an eye.
- 13. [QR 61 upgrades](#) have started at ODR/Moredunvale Road and Hay Avenue. Relatively minor works: New/widened shared use paths, new parallel crossing and redetermining the existing pavement on Hay Ave as shared use. First consulted: Sep 2016.
- 14. [QR 6 Crossings \(Grange Road\)](#) postponed due to COVID. First consulted: Oct 2016
- 15. Holyrood Park - any news? HES Board Meeting due to April.
- 16. Water of Leith upgrades. See 20/05768/FUL application below. Bridge repaired at Sunbury Hawthornbank bridge still closed.
- 17. Royal Edinburgh Hospital Green Space consultation JR / PH **sent and await feedback**.
- 18. Granton Waterfront consultation. Ewan attended and long term plan.
- 19. North Edinburgh Active Travel (NEAT) Connections - [commonplace map](#). Consultation on options delayed to February (no specific date) 7th Feb deadline for comments.
- 20. Better Broughton - SfP proposals see above.
- 21. STPR2 - [Phase 1 recommendations](#) announced this morning. Looks good at first glance. Deadline for comments 31/3/21. ALL to review incl. Active Travel Freeways

### **New Planning Applications**

- 1. [20/05851/FUL](#) & [20/05852/LBC](#) - Leith Victoria Quay bike parking proposed beside infilled fountains? Stacked racks so worth a comment and also not using parking space. Also the cobble surface is terrible with slippery metal covers to rails.
- 2. [21/00080/FUL](#) attempt to close a useful cycle route by the property owners Unite Students. Deadline: 09.02.21 Ewan.

### **AOB**

- 1. Review of Dangerous Junctions. JR to send to Ewan Jeffery.
- 2. Review of SfP schemes - DF to try and provide a map of the SfP overlaid with existing infrastructure

### **Next Meeting?**

23.02.21 - prior to 26.02.21 West Edinburgh Link Deadline