

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

23rd February 2021

<https://meet.jit.si/SpokesLothianPG> - link for the meeting room (contact David French if you have any problems).

Apologies: Pauline McNeil, Richard Grant

West Edinburgh

1. Spaces for People projects:
 - a. Meadow Place Road/Ladywell Road - Claire Connachan has drafted a response. Deadline Friday 26/2/20.
 - b. Drum Brae North - protected cycle lanes approved. Installation supposed to begin 22/2/21 - did it?
 - c. Craigs Road proposals delayed until High School goes back.
2. [West Edinburgh Link](#) - TRO for non-East Craigs sections ongoing. Alec Mann has drafted a response - deadline Friday 26/2/21.
 - a. Raise issue of signage.
3. [Corstorphine Connections - LTN proposals](#). Claire Connachan responded. Deadline is Friday 5/3/21 (extended). Pauline Capaldi is Spokes rep on the Community Reference Group.
4. [East Craigs Connections](#). Is anyone responding? Deadline is Friday 5/3/21 (extended). Henry Whaley is the Spokes rep on the Community Reference Group
5. Airport link road - planning application [21/00217/FUL](#). Consensus seems to be that we should object primarily on non-cycling grounds (i.e., climate impact), but that we should also include a "If this does go ahead, the cycling aspects must be drastically improved by..." section. Deadline for comments is 12/3/21.
Note the Urban Design Panel commented on this - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planning-13/edinburgh-urban-design-panel> could we be on this?
6. CCWEL - Final TRO for Roseburn-Haymarket section published, start date of 31/5/22.
 - a.

Other Spaces for People (SfP) projects

1. [Consultation](#) on which schemes CEC should consider making permanent. Closes 21/3/21. As well as a Spokes response, a major effort to get individual responses is important given that the opposition is very active.
2. Ongoing review of SfP network by Spokes. Henry noted that the A8 is one of the few main arterial roads not getting a cycleway.
3. Slateford Road - Alex Robb has drafted a response. Deadline Wednesday 24/2/21.
4. Reply from Rurigh McMeddes on Fountainbridge concerns. DF/AR have followed up.
5. Upcoming/ongoing major SfP projects:
 - a. Greenbank-Meadows Quiet Route - In place with metal barriers. Any update on planters? No signage planned at the moment Rurigh stated via email to JR.
 - b. Lanark Road - [ongoing](#), completion mid-March.
 - c. A90 Queensferry Rd - [ongoing](#). AR has followed up for decision notice/new plans.
 - d. A1 - [ongoing](#), new floating parking bays painted. Now worse than prior to implementation? M McD has written - no reply as yet.
 - e. "Road Open to ..." signage in place on the Greenbank-Meadows QR. Can this be extended to other road closures? e.g. Waverley Bridge, Leith Links. JR to email

asking - noting similar issues with a lot of school street closures.

6. Braid Rd reopening southbound - ST & JR Spokes SE to attend stakeholder engagement on 03.03.21 (5pm-7pm). Drawings to be provided prior and to be shared with PG and SpokesSE to garner comments.

Other Transport

1. City Mobility Plan was approved last week.
2. Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Fund - No response from CEC yet, AR to chase again. Measures have to be in place by the end of March. DF to try asking Lesley Macinnes.
3. [Leith Connections project](#). Martin McDonnell responding. Deadline is Friday 5/3/21 (extended). Andrew McPake is Spokes rep on the Community Reference Group
4. Trams to Newhaven - any updates? Banned left turn from Leith Walk to London Road to allow for a single stage ped/cycle crossing of Leith Walk.
5. Existing tramline safety measures - DdF and CC have created a page for folk to share details of crashes with Spokes. Some long-delayed permanent safety measures to be delivered ~Summer with other sections delivered by CCWEL (potentially much later). Cultins Rd crossing may be delivered sooner.
6. Porty - any updates?
7. Royal Edinburgh Hospital Green Space consultation. Response came today.
8. Strategic meeting with CEC Active Travel Team - any agenda items needing added?
 - a. Edinburgh Urban Design Panel - ask if Spokes can be included.
9. Junction safety for Vulnerable Users. EJ has collated a list of dangerous junctions to start discussions with the council.
10. City Strategy Chapter Workshop/ EV and Transport - earlier today, did anyone attend?
11. CCWEL - EJ, RG DdF had meeting regarding George St section today.

Other Planning

1. [21/00080/FUL](#) - Planning permission granted, cycle route lost. No acknowledgement of loss or public access in Handling Report. Complaint to Head of Planning proposed.
2. [21/00793/PAN](#) - res dev (79), plus access road; Waterfront Ave, EH5 1SG. Location is east of former Granton station, and west of cycle path designated QR12. Consultation online includes presentation and Q+A session, 2 Apr., 3-6pm. JR to look.
3. [Residential planning packs](#) - Something to bear in mind for future responses.

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Next Meeting?

3 weeks - Thursday 18.03.21 - just before SfP review deadline.