

East Craigs Connections Community Engagement – Spokes response, 5.3.21

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Spokes welcomes the opportunity to comment on the East Craigs Connections project.

We recognise that East Craigs is primarily a residential area encompassing a number of cul-de-sac streets to the North & West of the area and through-roads to the South & East. It is surrounded by major roads Queensferry, Maybury, Glasgow Roads & Drumbrae North/South. Our anecdotal experience is for the traffic levels within the area are impacted by the level of queuing on the major roads on the boundary of the area.

New Developments

Additional pressure on the current road network will come from the nearby housing developments such as Maybury/West Craigs and Cammo Fields and with the proposed bus gate on Turnhouse Road meaning the most direct route towards the amenities of Corstorphine and Edinburgh City Centre will be along Craigs Road for many of these new households. Without intervention, we would anticipate significantly higher traffic volumes on Craigs Road, which would deteriorate conditions for existing and potential new cyclists.

On Craigs Road, we have concerns over the hill from Maybury Road past East Craigs Rigg entrance, where both the road and pavements are narrow and will see more the High School traffic on foot & by bike from the new housing. Uphill cycle traffic will be slow potentially leading to frustration from drivers unable to safely overtake.

It should be recognised that Southbound traffic avoiding the queues on Maybury Road, use Craigs Road past the High School and then typically use a combination of North Gyle Road/Terrace or Craigs Gardens/Avenue. These roads are narrow with parked cars and are not suitable for the level of traffic they had pre lockdown which contributes to hostile conditions for cycling and are well used by pedestrians heading to the High School.

Safe Routes to Cross boundary roads

Reducing traffic volumes within the East Craigs area will be welcomed, and we would highlight the challenges with crossing the boundary roads as currently they generally involve dogleg turns which require travel on the busy main roads and a tricky right turns unsuitable for inexperienced or unconfident riders (the option to dismount and use narrow pavements / pedestrian crossings is available but sub optimal).

e.g. Trips to Corstorphine require crossing Drumbrae South from Craigs Road to Templeland Rd. Trips to Drumbrae Leisure Centre require crossing Drumbrae North from Craigmount Way to Drum Brae Terrace

East Craigs Path Network

The East Craigs area has a comprehensive path network, but these are poorly surfaced / maintained and in many cases don't have dropped kerbs for those wheeling or cycling. Better maintenance (cutting back hedges, scraping undergrowth & repairing tree root damage) and a review of chicanes and dropped kerbs would be welcomed.