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subject: **SfP Restalrig Road South (Smokey Brae)**

Spokes welcomes the proposal to introduce safety improvements for people walking and cycling on Restalrig Road South (Smokey Brae).

We understand that the plans may need to be revised, but these are our comments on the plans published on 19th March.

On the hill where the cycle lane is advisory (presumably for space reasons) the uphill traffic lane next to the advisory lane is only 2.5m wide while the downhill one is 3.25m. The widths ought to be the other way round, or at the very least equal, as the downhill one will have very little traffic and the uphill one will have lots including wide lorries.

We are puzzled by the 'contraflow cycle lane' sign at the north of the bridge. Who is it for? If it faces north it is the wrong way round; if it faces south it is at the end of the contraflow cycle lane. The sign as shown should be at the start of the cycle lane.

We wonder if 1.6m is wide enough for the contraflow cycle lane under the bridge. There are vertical obstacles on both sides - tall wands on the right and the bridge wall on the left with no footway or kerb - and cyclists are going downhill round a bend. If it can't be wider, there should be signs warning cyclists that the lane is narrow.

At the pedestrian crossing north of the bridge there should be something to tell pedestrians that cyclists are likely to be coming the "wrong way" on what is otherwise a one-way road. There should also be a warning at the point just south of the bridge where the western footway ends and people are likely to be crossing the road to continue north.

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