

Written evidence to accompany the verbal deputation to the Transport & Environment Committee meeting on 22nd April 2021.

Links to 2017 SESTRAN initial detailed appraisal of the route.

(the appendices contain the details plans and sections of the route):

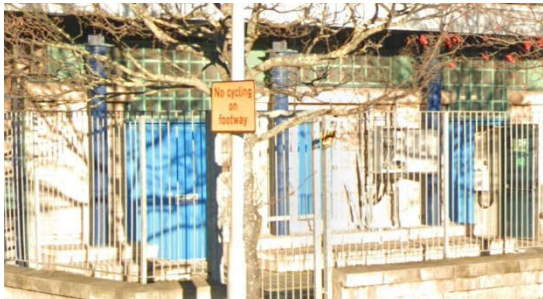
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Photos discouraging children from pavement riding:



Outside the Joppa Pumping Station



Opposite Coillesdene Avenue

Photos showing cars parked all the way along:



Testimony from cyclists / Spokes members from Musselburgh who use the route:

Jacqueline Noltingk:

"I knew there was some possibility and had indeed hoped that a safer cycle route between Musselburgh and Portobello would be created. As a casual, elderly cyclist I find the current road - even with the wider cycle path at the Mussie end - requires me to be feeling quite brave to use it. That without doubt will continue to make me reluctant to cycle into Portobello more often than I absolutely need to.

I don't feel able to appear in person but certainly support you in challenging the decision to scrap the path. Given how quickly Edinburgh seemed to implement some of the other SfPs, it seems odd they couldn't/can't do something here - or was it always something they were never really serious about?"

Mark Cairney:

"I'd consider it as a missed opportunity as we've just got hire bikes in Musselburgh (in fact a new set of Go-Ebikes have appeared at the Brunton Theatre). By their nature hire bikes attract users who might not be as comfortable on busy main roads as experienced cyclists (e.g. people who are new/returning to cycling and want to try before they buy)

My wife is a nervous cyclist and finds the Musselburgh -> Portobello stretch scary particular the point where the lane splits in 2 for the left-hand turn up Milton Rd East (Milton Rd East is another road that would greatly benefit from the SfP approach being a 40mph road and alleged dual carriageway but that's another matter).

Finally a segregated Musselburgh <-> Portobello link would allow you to join up with the John Muir Way network."

Ian Orr:

"It is very concerning to me that the Portobello cycle route may be delayed. The rate of cycling deaths in Portobello is an incredibly sad memory for all cyclists but it is particularly poignant for those who still risk their lives on Portobello roads.

As one of these people I am shocked to read that the plan to provide separate sections of roadway for cyclists is being delayed and hope Edinburgh Council can reconsider this priority urgently."