

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

24th June 2021 - 19:30

<https://meet.jit.si/SpokesLothianPG> - contact David French if you have any problems.

Apologies: John Robson

Spaces for People

1. Most arterial routes will continue using ETROs. This will likely include Lanark Road, although some extra discussions will take place before a final decision is made.
2. All school schemes will continue.
3. Shopping streets will be removed.
4. Need to ask for a definitive list of projects to be retained/removed. DF to ask Dave Sinclair/Phil Noble.
5. Are plans available for new schemes - Musselburgh/Porty connection and Orchard Brae. ER volunteering to respond for Musselburgh/Porty.

Other Transport

1. Trams to Newhaven - Leith Walk closure. Final (?) plans should be shown at a meeting on 25th June.
2. LTN Schemes - initial designs due in May. Anything from stakeholder groups yet?
 - a. Corstorphine connections consult - Claire Connachan has done an excellent draft response for PG. Please send her comments by Sunday 27th at latest (email has been circulated to PG and to local members).
 - b. Leith Connections consult - a bit unclear who is finalising this, ?? martin+AndrewMcPake (local member). With no real knowledge of the area, I (DdF) have done a 1st very rough draft for Martin/Andrew, based entirely on email comments in a Leith LTN thread. Closing date 4 July. Also the full consult covers the FotW to OT route as well as the LTN, whereas the above draft is LTN only.
3. [North Edinburgh Active Travel Connections](#) - Still no designs? Initially due in Jan.
 - a. Website now says findings to be released in "June 2021".
4. COP26 meeting organised by Ian Murray. JR attended.
 - a. JR: Ian is collating a manifesto of climate agenda ideas for COP26 to present to Alok Sharma for funding? This one was transport regarding active travel and the Ed South Sub railway. Ian asked for copy of presentation I made which included the maps from the Spokes 'beyond SfP' website article.
5. Little France Park - AM attended a meeting with the Little France Park Management Group to discuss the cycling network in the park.
 - a. Surface improvements on several paths within the park.
 - b. A new path connecting the BioQuarter to the existing northwest-southeast path in the park is expected in 2021/22, but there are land ownership and funding issues.
 - c. Not clear who is responsible for gritting.
 - d. Pentlands to Portobello route may bring further improvements.
6. Musselburgh Active Toun consultn - Local member Donald Mitchell did a short draft which has been circulated to PG and to spokes Porty. Comments would be welcome. A bi directional cycle lane along the main A199 has some attractions but should we be recommending inexperienced cyclists travel only a few feet away from traffic going 30mph in the opposite direction - bi versus uni directional cycle lanes discussion. Consultation ends 16th July.

Planning

1. [21/03312/PPP](#) re-submission of previously-withdrawn app 20/2468/PPP, South Gilmerton Farm, Ravenscroft St. - DF looking at this for Gilmerton/Inch CC already. Comments by 16th July.
2. [21/03334/PAN](#) large mixed use development - houses, flats, care home, retail, commercial, education/community, mobility hub etc, N of Newmills Rd, Balerno/Currie. Online exhibition was on 22nd June. Comments by 3rd September. Volunteer needed.
3. [21/02941/PPP](#) Gogar Link Road and AT route. Comments by 9th July. Has anyone responded?
4. Midlothian: [21/00516/SCO](#) EIA Scoping Opinion for Midlothian "relief road" - Land between A720 Straiton and Easter Howgate Penicuik. DF will look at, and Spokes Dalkeith too.
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Other

1. Lesley Macinnes has organised a meeting on 25th June about possible actions on pavement parking. DF to attend.
2. See various consultations with more distant closing dates, on website consultns page <http://www.spokes.org.uk/consultns/>
 - a. Particularly ones on improvements to the TRO process (DdF responding) and Workplace Parking Levy processes (volunteer needed).

AOB

1. Spokes Party continue to push about the Kings Road junction.

Next Meeting?

Week beginning 19th July. Any consensus on day of the week?