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Dear Mr Hawkins

## CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Thank you for contacting the Council with your concerns about the lack of recognition for cycling infrastructure in our handling of planning applications. You sent us a long list of applications which gave you concerns. Unfortunately, we are not able to respond to you on many of these cases as they are quite old and would require quite a resource to trawl the files for the information you seek.

In response to your enquiry, I am aware you met Nancy Jamieson, Acting Development Management Manager and Andrew McBride, Transport Development Control Manager, on 25 April to discuss how we can improve awareness of the need for cycling infrastructure. Most of the discussion was about individual cases and we gave the following advice:

- Where the development was purely operational and did not involve a change of use, Planning could not ask for cycling provision as there are no grounds to ask for this. This applied in Haymarket Terrace where the use was previously class 1 retail and the Tesco is in the same use class.
- The Wickes in Stevenson Road was similar in that there was no change of use from B & Q to Wickes, both the same use class. Whilst there was an application to amend parking, cycle parking was not included.
- It was accepted that we could have asked for cycle parking at the Tesco at Roseburn. However, this would have been on the public pavement outwith the planning unit and it would have required a legal agreement to deliver it.
- Cases where the cycling parking was substandard was the responsibility of the developer.
- The issue at/...

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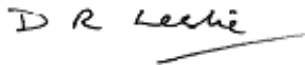
- The issue at Fettes Row should have been picked up at RCC stage as dropped kerbs do not require planning permission.
- In all the Granton Harbour cases, 100% cycle parking was proposed. As far as we are aware, this has been provided where the development has been built.
- The City Park case is under discussion.

It was also agreed at that meeting that a joint workshop with SPOKES on cycling infrastructure would be advantageous and this is now in hand. In addition, the issue was raised at a recent planning and transport workshop within the Council and it was agreed we needed to be more aware of the need for this provision. We will progress this with all members of staff.

I hope this re-assures you that we are working to progress a better system of delivery of cycling infrastructure in the City.

If you have any further queries, please telephone Nancy Jamieson on (0131) 529 3916 Direct Dial).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D R Leslie". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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