

# Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

## 12th October 2021 - 19:30

Zoom link: <https://ed-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/82710325440>

Contact David French if you have any problems.

Attendees: Euan Renton, Chris Geisow, Alec Mann, David French

Apologies: Martin McDonnell

### Transport

1. TEC papers items:
  1. Expectation for simplified ETRO process - suggests starting from November.
  2. Update on active travel projects, including:
    1. CCWEL (also, a contractor has been appointed).
    2. Meadows to George St.
    3. Marchmont to Blackford.
    4. Roseburn-Canal.
    5. Minor improvements programme.
    6. WEL Construction 22/23, northern section delayed beyond 2026 incl Railway bridge and A8 Crossing
  3. King's Road junction
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2. Spaces for People/Travelling Safely. See [2107 ETRO info for BEST.doc](#)
  1. Consultations on various schemes ongoing:
    1. Braid Road and Comiston Road - [CEC options](#) for Braid Road. [CEC Options](#) for Comiston Road. Consultation closed Sunday 10th Oct. Spokes South Edinburgh responded.
    2. Gilmerton Road. DF enquired about extending further south - no response.
    3. Chris Geisow has a very useful entry to the Spokes competition on various SfP projects - circulated by Dave du Feu.
    4. Wayfinding should be in place.
  2. At the strategic meeting earlier today, we were told to expect all 46 ETROs to be published on the same day. They will be "batched up" into 5 orders - possibly for different geographical areas.
  3. Apparently it will be easier for them to incorporate features into schemes if they already exist in other schemes. An example given was the difference in loading restrictions between Lanark Road and Comiston Road.
  4. Lanark Road: Full cycleway to retain. Floating parking to be removed and repositioned at points.
3. Corstorphine Connections LTN [ETRO](#) available. Limited in scope.
  1. Traffic calming on Saughton Road North is poor, mostly coloured crossing points. No speed cushions/humps/raised tables.
  2. Higher quality widened footway.

4. Quiet Route 61:
  1. Route being extended to Portobello. Signage being redone along whole route, and extended via Hope Lane. **Missing dropped kerb at Milton Road/Hope Lane.**
  2. Construction complete at Gilmerton Road and Old Dalkeith Road, new segregated route and crossings currently under construction on Little France Drive.
5. Quiet Route 6:
  1. Construction is complete at Grange Road/Lauder Road but the signals are still covered. Raised tables installed on
  2. Grange Road/Tantallon Place crossing TRO responded to by AM.
6. Quiet Route 8:
  1. Cultins Road work complete, tram crossing should open momentarily.
7. Trams to Newhaven:
  1. Picardy Place site now in place. Full island currently closed but looking to see if the cycle route can be reopened.
  2. Very limited change is now possible on the rest of the route. Anyone proposing change asked to fund it.
8. Trams to Granton and the South East
  1. Strategic Business Case due 26/10/2021
9. [North Edinburgh Active Travel Connections](#) - consultation should commence by the Autumn. Delayed in latest TEC papers.
10. Raeburn Street TROs. AM responded.
11. West Lothian. Winchburgh M9 junction decision from Scottish Ministers announced today - objections ignored.
12. Midlothian - [A701 "Relief Road"](#) consultation has launched. Spokes Dalkeith looking at it.
13. East Lothian - [Access study](#) looking at all most modes of travel - closes on the 22nd October 2021.

## Policy

14. Recent consultations, needing volunteers:
  1. Scottish Government [consultation on Building Regulations](#) (energy & associated aspects).
  2. [Proposed CEC LEZ](#). Closes 20th Sept. CC submitted.
  3. [Holyrood Park road access](#). Closes 30th Sept. JR Submitted.
15. Cycle parking - ER and DF have been discussing CEC policy with Chas Booth.
  1. Is 1:1 provision requirement helpful? Leads to developers cramming substandard two-tier racks in. Would it be better to provide fewer, higher quality, racks? Or
  2. ESDG factsheet on cycle parking will be published by Christmas.
  3. ER has drafted some "standard text" on bike parking for PANs.
16. Spokes' "crib sheet" for responding to consultations and planning applications. Can we create a list of "general Spokes positions" for things such as cycle parking, development permeability, etc? What should go in it, if so?

17. Joanne Thin has also suggested that we start lobbying to get national standards for bike storage in new buildings (domestic & non-domestic). Two immediate possible actions...

1. Respond to the Scottish Government [consultation on Building Regulations](#) (energy & associated aspects) [ends 26 Nov; was Oct 29 but now extended]. The consultation includes EV infrastructure but no mention of bike storage. DdF contacted Chas Booth who persuaded Planning Cttee to include this in the Council response to the consultation. If we respond to the consultation, we could use an expanded version of Chas Booth's wording, which is [section 1.4 here](#). Given that EV included, there's a strong case to also consider bike storage as an energy associated issue. However, even if Scot Govt decides it is not relevant enough to these particular regs, it starts to make the case that they should be somewhere in the regs. We could also point out that ScotGov has already accepted the importance of domestic bike storage, by altering the rules to make front garden bike storage easier.
2. Write to Patrick Harvie on similar lines. If we respond to the consultation, ask him to speak to the relevant other Minister about our concern.

## Planning

1. ER and DF also discussed various aspects of the planning system with Cllr Booth. One of the things he suggested was to keep an eye on applications which come before the Development Management sub-committee. DF will try to do this.
  1. Caroline Brown has also [made suggestions](#).
2. [21/05023/PAN](#) Proposed mixed use development comprising mixed residential housing, private and affordable dwellings, retirement living apartments, care home, community hub including retail/village hall/library and tourism lodges. | Land 60 Metres South Of 69 Baird Road Ratho Newbridge.
3. 21/04798/PAN res dev, offices etc, 2 S. Gyle Cres. (former Tesco Bank), replaces 21/04421/PAN (w/drawn). Online, 14 Oct., 3-7pm. [Proposals now online](#) - "around 300 new homes including affordable housing, retail, commercial space and a nursery". New route from South Gyle Crescent to/from South Gyle Broadway. **Should connect to West Edinburgh Link.**
4. 21/04687/PAN res dev and offices, 10 Orchard Brae (former Finance House), end of Learmonth Cres., just S of Flora Stevenson PS. Includes "AT routes", which could be a link from dead-end Learmonth Cres. to Orchard Brae. Website [www.financehouse-consultation.co.uk](#) 5 Oct.- 26 Oct., interactive 13 Oct., 4-8pm. **Opportunity for improving the uphill cycle lane on Orchard Brae?**

## AOB

1. Pedal on COP is happening in November.
2. Council Road Maintenance - How bad is it in people's experience? CityFibre particularly bad.

## Next Meeting?

Possibly week beginning 8th November. TEC meeting on 11th, and an extra on 26th October (trmas). **DF to finalise.**