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date: 29 Nov 2021, 12:33
subject: A701 Relief Road NMU questions

Dear Mr McKavanagh,

I am emailing you on behalf of Spokes, the Lothian cycle campaign with regards the request we received for a list of -

1. Existing safety issues (ideally with locations)
2. Key desire lines and destinations
3. Preferred type and location of new NMU facilities
4. Likely impact on NMU journeys beyond the immediate highway scheme

Please find attached the [document we submitted last month](#) during the initial route option consultation period, which we believe goes into detail on all the points raised.

In summary -

1. The safety issue is the total lack of any segregated cycle infrastructure on the current site, coupled with the very high volumes of traffic, and traffic speeds.
2. The key desire line would be from the villages to the South and East to Edinburgh and/or the existing cycle path which runs from the Straiton Pond to Gilmerton.
3. The preferred type of NMU facility would be fully segregated cycleways and pavements on all the roads in the scheme, to avoid conflict between cyclists and pedestrians, and with properly signalised crossings.
4. We have significant concerns that there are no plans to reduce motor traffic on the current A701, which suggests that there will be yet more traffic converging on Straiton roundabout making the site even more hostile to cycling. Therefore, the scheme may have a significant impact on cyclists using the A701 to travel from further South, or using the A701 as a means of leaving Edinburgh, unless there are efforts to deter traffic from the A701.

Best Wishes

Andrew Matheson on behalf of Spokes