

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

9th November 2021 - 19:30

Zoom link: <https://ed-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/87388225050>

Contact David French if you have any problems.

Attendees: DF, AM, MMcD, AR

Apologies: John Robson, Chris Geisow, Claire Connachan

Transport

1. [TEC papers](#) items:
 - a. Comiston and Braid Roads - Braid Road two way, Comiston Road bus lane, allowing loading in Comiston Road cycle lanes. Taken together, makes the Quiet Route towards the Meadows significantly less useful. Spokes SE have responded.
 - b. Mode share paper. The council is proposing to reduce their targets for cycling modal share in the City Mobility Plan. **Isn't it just in CMP paper and may only be in reference to 30% car reduction?? (Martin)** . The previous targets were 10% of journeys and 15% of commutes to be cycled by 2020. The new targets are 7%/9% by 2030.
 - c. North Bridge northbound closure. [TM Map, including George IV Bridge](#). **AR to clarify situation for cyclists.**
 - d. Brunstane Road Closure (ETRO) proposed to be approved. Beginning Nov/Dec.
 - e. Cycle Hire Scheme. 18-24 Months delay.
2. [Consultation](#) on reducing 40mph speed limits to 30mph on various roads in Edinburgh. Ends 19th November. Should write in support. **MMcD to write in.**
3. Quiet Route 61:
 - a. Route being extended to Portobello. Signage being redone along whole route, and extended via Hope Lane. No civils work, purely signage. [Route](#). **AR to ask for signing schedule, ask about making tamper roof.**
4. Trams to Newhaven? **???? (Martin!) Verbal update - plus see email re Elm Row and other issues**
5. Trams to Granton and the South East
 - a. Strategic Business Case delayed, date TBC. Chris Geisow may know more. **Apparently the Granton/Roseburn route will be parallel to the cycle path not on it and North Bridge won't link to Picardy Place (due to air raid shelter and possible other things)! (Martin)**
6. Here or elsewhere - Spokes/CEC Strategic Meeting with Daisy and co - 2nd (monthly?) meeting due. **DF will email DN to set up.**

Policy

7. 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? [Draft started here](#), please add comments/suggestions.
8. Joanne Thin has also suggested that we start lobbying to get national standards for bike storage in new buildings (domestic & non-domestic).
 - a. Respond to the Scottish Government [consultation on Building Regulations](#) (energy & associated aspects) [ends 26 Nov] More information in last month's agenda.
 - b. Wrote 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 has started doing this - with (some) initial success.
 - a. Caroline Brown has also [made suggestions](#).
 - b. Daisy Narayanan has also offered to discuss these issues (but may need to chase her up). **DF will email her.**
2. CityPlan 2030 (replacement Local Development Plan) [has now been published](#) for its (final?) consultation.
 - a. Includes some active travel proposals, which developers would be expected to include/contribute to. What's missing?
 - b. The Transport Assessment also shows active travel proposals and the tram alignment option along Queensferry Rd / Dean Bridge.
 - c. There aren't many *new* green belt additions, but all previous ones remain in the plan.
 - d. Consultation closes 20th December.
3. [21/05661/PAN](#) mixed-use - hotel, office, cafe; active travel links, cycle and car parking; at Elgin House, 20 Haymarket Yards. Site is bounded by Haymarket Yards to south and east; by existing buildings to north and west. Website address tbc, dates 23 Nov - 14 Dec. Interactive online, 1st Dec., time tbc.
1. [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. Online exhibition is now delayed until December, for reasons unknown.
4. 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.** "Feedback forms should be returned no later than 11 November 2021". **DF will do this.**

AOB

1. Transport Scotland webinar on 20% motor vehicle reduction.
- 2.

Next Meeting?

TBD