

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

16th December 2021 - 19:30

Zoom link: <https://ed-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/83109723871>

Contact David French if you have any problems.

Attendees: MMcD, AM, JR, ER, AR, DF

Apologies: CC

City Plan

JR has circulated a draft response. Of particular interest:

1. Tram route - Roseburn-Granton
 - a. Neutral position on the on or off-road options - as either has pros & cons for those who walk, wheel & cycle.
 - b. Alternative parallel route necessary during construction if off road chosen.
 - c. Additional access point safeguards to existing active travel routes. **DF to provide suggestions.**
 - d. **DF also has list of minor grievances to include.**

Transport

1. Quiet Route 61:
 - a. Route being extended to Portobello. Signage to be manufactured with minor changes and installed Spring 2022.
2. Trams to Newhaven (TtN)
 - a. Potential design changes at Elm Row (reduced parking, bidirectional cycleway replacing unidirectional)
 - b. Little to no communication with the project recently. No response to emails.
 - c. Pursuing cycleway segregation issues with Cllr Macinnes in conjunction with Access Panel. She is meeting with TtN tomorrow on "specific concerns" _ We also have design process issues city-wide!
3. Spokes/CEC Strategic Meeting with Daisy and co - 2nd (monthly?) meeting today. Matters arising: MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL JAN 6
 - a. City Mode Share Targets Update? Separate meeting 17th December with CEC on this.
4. Morrison St/Bread St resurfacing.
 - a. **Raise at strategic meeting:** lack of active travel improvements being included in resurfacing projects. Is this a formal policy? Similar example at King's Theatre junction - resurfaced but Meadows Canal not implemented.
5. CCWEL Construction starting 27/01/21
 - a. Construction to start westbound A8, so no cycle infrastructure until later on
 - b. Potential Roseburn - Canal delays linked to CCWEL (Cllr Comments)
6. A8 Cycle Route Improvements due "late 2021/22" - AR to email.
7. The Mound - have some defenders been reinstated?
8. Closure of Calton Rd / New Street by Network Rail
9. Lindsay Road pedestrian / cycle bridge will be closed from Wed 15 Dec until further notice.

Policy

1. Wrote to Patrick Harvie on cycle parking legislation. Response was lukewarm at best.
2. CEC's new cycle parking factsheet has been approved and is now published on the council's website. [Link](#). It *should* be very helpful, but only applies to applications submitted after it was published.

Planning

1. 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.
2. ER's checklist for planners.
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.
4. [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 available; interesting possibility of a new bridge over the canal. **DF to respond.**
5. [21/06008/FUL](#) res dev (11), 1 Fords Rd. 3 Jan., Jackie McInnes. Question about retention of pedestrian through route to Gorgie Road?
6. [21/06302/PAN](#) res dev, access, landscaping, Gilmerton Station Rd. (Miller Homes); west end of GSR, bounded by Lasswade Rd. Online event, 27 Jan.
7. [21/05967/AMC](#) Phase 3 of Edmonstone Estate - res dev (192); AT routes, etc, following PPP 21/00184/FUL. 24 Dec., Graham Fraser
8. [21/05968/AMC](#) ditto, Phase 4 - same contact and date

AOB

1. NEATS <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/neatconnections> no proposals and now on CEC website

Next Meeting?

Likely early week beginning 24th January - TEC on 27th.