

A701 Relief Road & A702 Link Road, Stakeholder Consultation

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Dear Kenneth,

Spokes Planning group forwarded the designs for the 6 options for the A701 relief road project to us at the Spokes Dalkeith sub-group.

In terms of the 6 designs, there is not much to separate them all from a cycling standpoint. They all share the same problem in that there is only an MUP on one side of the road, but cyclists will be meeting the proposed roads from both sides, meaning they will have to cross the road to access it. There do not appear to be any signalled crossings to facilitate this.

The lack of safe crossing points near the proposed roundabouts is also of concern, and the design for Straiton of the 6 lane, 4 arm junction with an MUP on only one side and no crossing provisions looks particularly hazardous.

There were also suggestions from the Spokes Planning Group that a bridge rather than a junction where the new road meets Old Pentland Road would provide a valuable cycle link.

Best Wishes
Andrew Matheson