

# Smokey Brae improvements - developed designs consultation, April 2022

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## Overview

We would like to hear your views on our proposals to improve Smokey Brae.

Smokey Brae is an important link between Leith and the historic village of Restalrig, to London Road, the new Meadowbank sports centre and the city centre.

Between 2018 and 2020 we held public drop-in consultations and design workshops as part of the community-led Meadowbank masterplan. At these events you told us that Smokey Brae is a highly undesirable space for pedestrians, wheelers and cyclists. In response we have committed to improving Smokey Brae to make it a safe, secure and pleasant space for all who use it.



At the beginning of 2021 we appointed a transport designer to come up with some options for improving Smokey Brae. These options were reviewed by our design team in partnership with the community-led Meadowbank sounding board. Together, we decided on our preferred option and this has been developed into the proposals that we would like to show you today.

Our proposals aim to improve Smokey Brae for pedestrians, wheelers and cyclists. You can look at our full proposals at the bottom of the page under the 'Related Documents' heading, but here are some key highlights.

- Wider pavements (minimum 2 metres)
- Separate cycle lanes
- Safe and secure pedestrian crossings
- Street lighting improvements
- More public green space
- Closing Smokey Brae to downhill traffic

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Hello

I work for the City of Edinburgh Council's development and regeneration team. We have been carrying out some design work for improvements to Smokey Brae in the Meadowbank area and would like to give you the opportunity to comment on our proposals.

Through intensive community engagement on the proposed Meadowbank development, it was raised by members of the public that Smokey Brae was a particularly undesirable place to walk, wheel or cycle. We hope that our proposals, developed by Jacobs and with the help of the Meadowbank Sounding Board, will improve Smokey Brae for all users.

The proposals and survey will be available in three ways:

1. Display Boards – the proposals will be displayed at Piershill Library between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Here people will be able to pop along and view the proposals and collect a survey to complete. Completed surveys can be posted or returned to library staff in person.
2. Online Survey – an engagement webpage has been set up where members of the public can view the design proposals and complete the survey online. This resource opens today and will close on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Link to the 'Consultation and Engagement Hub' page - [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/smokeybrae](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/smokeybrae)
3. Paper Survey – we have prepared a short newsletter with some context about the project, details of the display board event and the survey. These leaflets will be posted to local residents and will also be available to collect from Piershill library.

We would be delighted if you could take the time to view our proposals and complete our short survey, and would be grateful if you could disseminate the survey to your members. In this way we can capture the opinions of as many people as possible to determine the appetite for the delivery of these proposals. I have attached the drawings that will be displayed at the library and online for your information.

Please feel free to forward this email on to anyone you feel may have an interest or a take in these proposals.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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