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Dear Councillors,

I'm writing to you on behalf of Spokes, the Lothian cycle campaign to congratulate you on your election earlier this month.

Spokes campaigns for safer and improved conditions for daily travel by bike, and we do this firmly in a context of strong support for walking, wheeling and public transport. We have around 1200 members of all ages, and several local sub-groups, including Spokes Dalkeith which largely deals with issues in Midlothian.

Although as a councillor you may hear from us mainly regarding road, traffic and planning proposals, we also do a great deal to encourage cycle use, including the highly praised cycle maps of Edinburgh and the Lothians council areas, also useful for walking and wheeling – over 140,000 sold, with the Edinburgh map updated in 2021 to its 11th edition and the Midlothian map updated in 2020.

There are several Spokes members who are also councillors or MSP's throughout the Lothians, and if you support our aims and activities you may wish to do the same. As a member you would receive an email roughly monthly with current issues, events and activities.

To join, please see our website membership page here - <http://www.spokes.org.uk/membership/> Councillors (and candidates) who are Spokes members are mentioned on our website at election times, though we are strictly non-party political.

If you have any questions about Spokes or cycling and active travel in Midlothian and surrounding areas more generally, we are of course happy to answer any questions. Please email us at [spokes@spokes.org.uk](mailto:spokes@spokes.org.uk) or [spokesdalkeith@gmail.com](mailto:spokesdalkeith@gmail.com).

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