

Spokes Action-Update 30 June 2022

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0. Finding your councillors

Find your ward & councillors by typing your postcode on [this page](#) [or edinburgh.gov.uk : Council & Committees : Find your Councillor]. Note that everyone has either 3 or 4 councillors, usually from assorted parties.

1. Shopping by Bike – Spokes Summer Competition

If you love nipping down to the corner shop by bike for milk or a paper, or if you've transported your bed by cargo bike, or if you use your trailer as a supermarket shopping trolley – if it's **Shopping by Bike** send us your ideas, experiences or handy hints. *You could win a great prize plus modest fame!*

If you've a great idea to help other people, a challenge you've overcome, an experience you'd rather forget, or something you'd *not* recommend – if it's about **Shopping by Bike**, we want to hear from you!! It needn't be about equipment, though it could be. It might be an amusing incident, or how shopping by bike changed your life, or just a handy hint. Judges may like *useful* ideas, or *interesting* or *unusual* experiences.

Words alone are fine, even just one superb sentence, but a picture, diagram etc often adds value to an entry. Closing date Sunday 4 September.

It's easy to enter – but please carefully read the full rules [on our website](#).

As with all our competitions, entries will appear on our website (anonymous except for prizewinners) and hopefully will inspire more shopping by bike, whether for everyday shops or for unusual one-off purchases.

Most years at least half of all entrants get either a prize or a runner-up map!!

Super prizes (Including 10 runner-up prizes) !!

- [ScotRail](#) Return ticket for 2 adults & up to 4 kids between any 2 ScotRail stations
- [Spokes](#) £750 voucher* towards purchase of a cargo-bike
- [Spokes](#) £100 voucher* towards purchase of an e-bike
- [Spokes](#) Full set of 4 Spokes maps plus 2 buffs**
- [Edinburgh Filmhouse](#) Tickets for 2
- [Lanterne Rouge](#) (cyclists' favourite cafe, in Gifford) £20 voucher
- [Dowerhouse Cafe](#) Two £25 vouchers [one per prizewinner]
- [Edinburgh BikeCoop](#) £50 voucher
- [Camera Obscura & World of Illusions](#) Family ticket
- [Sustrans](#) £20 voucher for Sustrans online shop
- [Edinburgh Festival of Cycling](#) One day free hire of the EdFoC Urban Arrow cargobike
- [Laidback Bikes](#) Electric or manual recumbent tour, solo or guided to Crumond *OR* one day free hire of Helios tandem/cargo bike
- [Spokes](#) 10 runners-up will each win 1 buff**

* This voucher may only be used for the purpose stated. It may only be used by the winner and is not transferable. It must be used at an Edinburgh or Lothians independent bike shop which is not one of the major national chains. We will pay the shop direct.

** Your buff will show a section of our Edinburgh or our Midlothian map (your choice)

For full competition rules, details and prizes, see our website...

www.spokes.org.uk/2022/06/spokescomp-shopping-by-bike

If there are any changes to the details or prizes, the website will be fully updated.

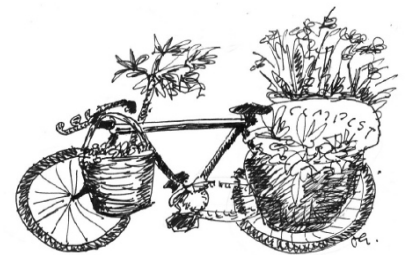


Photo 2: Me and my shopping on my bicycle. In this photo I am nine months pregnant, which shows that doing your shopping by bike does not require exceptional fitness or strength.

2. Edinburgh Festival of Cycling, July 16-17

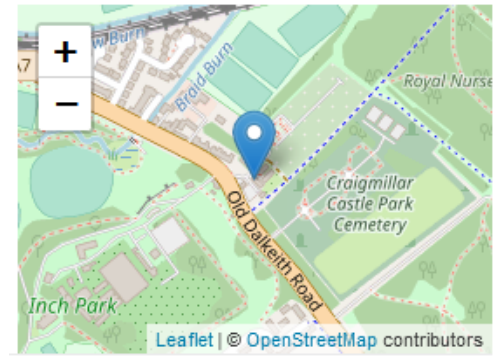
After 2 years of Covid cancellation, a mini-EdFoC is back, and sounds great fun – and useful.

There will be two days to celebrate bikes and cycling, at the excellent Bridgend Farmhouse premises off Old Dalkeith Road.

Details of what's happening will be updated at this link...

edfoc.org.uk/events/edfoc-mini-2022

but the following is already arranged...



- ◆ **Saturday 16th July is children and families day.** As well as Cargo Bike Curious giving a chance for everyone to try out different load-carrying bikes, there's bike repair, learning to ride, a fun play on the history of the bike ([Reinventing the Bicycle](#)), an evening party with bike-related music, and a late-night light show projected from a bike ([Forest VIDEOLAB](#)).
- ◆ **Sunday 17th has a varied programme** - talks and discussions, a rally of unusual bikes (including [the double-height tallbike](#): are you brave enough to mount it?), opportunities to try bikes you've never ridden, a bike market, and group rides and meetings.
- ◆ **Throughout** there will be rides well away from cars in the adjoining woods and fields, bikes and bits for sale, home-grown and cooked food at the community-owned [Bridgend Farm cafe](#), and much more.

In addition to just going along, there are several ways you can help...

- ◆ **Spokes stall** – we are hoping to have a stall (maybe one day only), including to sell maps and buffs, if there are enough volunteers – this is not yet definite. Please get in touch with **Spokes** if you can help.
- ◆ **Unusual 'bikes'** – if you have a recumbent, handcycle, tandem, tricycle, rickshaws, folder, cargobike, or anything else 'interesting' please bring it along 1100-1500 on the Sunday for the 'unusual bikes' rally
- ◆ **Discussion events** – Sunday afternoon will include talks and panel discussions, probably including one on lobbying. If you are interested in participating or running something, please contact the organisers
- ◆ **Contact** – to help with anything other than the Spokes stall, or if you have queries about the Festival, contact Brendan Hill, email boghall@mac.com, phone 07458 349831.

At the Festival of Cycling on Sat 16 July....

[time to be confirmed – see edfoc.org.uk/events/edfoc-mini-2022]

Reinventing the Bicycle

"Pray, dearest gentlefolk, allow us the privilege of introducing a most marvellous invention. A veritable two-wheeled wonder! A transportational trailblazer! A first-class ticket to freedom! We think it might just change the world!"

[Future Follies](#) presents: "Reinventing the Bicycle"

A joyful, freewheeling, street-theatre celebration of a mechanical marvel. Our trio of two-wheeled time travellers will engage the public with all manner of bicycle related wit and wisdom and share thoughts on its positive impact on health, well-being and the environment. Featuring a beautifully hand-crafted, historic bicycle, this act is entertaining, informative and visually striking.



3. For your diary

- ◆ July 2 (Saturday) **Livingston Uncovered** 13-mile bike ride by [Livingston 20-Milers](#), Starting 10.30 at Howden Park Centre, calling by Livingston South Station around 11am. Please if possible [contact](#) them in advance if you hope to join in (or for any queries)
Stopping at places of local interest you may not know. Dedridge Pond, Murieston Trail, Campbridge Pond, site of former Newpark Bellsquarry railway station, Limefield falls, West Calder end of the Shale Trail, Easter Breich woodland & Killandean burn. A ride of 13 miles at a relaxed pace. We will use a mix of the 144 miles of the Livingston path network, surfaced track, some road & [National Cycle Network route 75](#).
- ◆ July 14 (Thurs) **Pennypit Mini Festival** (Prestonpans). The Festival runs over 3 days and they are hoping to have bike stuff on the 14th, including a Doctor Bike, police bike registration and a kiddie's marked out cycle course. They are looking for help with this or any other bike aspects, e.g. one or two unusual bikes or a cargobike would be good! Unfortunately we don't have a web link, but email contact is greenhillsmusicfestival@gmail.com.
- ◆ July 16-17 **Mini-EdFoC** - see (2) above
- ◆ July 30 **Critical Mass** – Families of course welcome. Last Saturday of every month, and now attracting 100-200 people. As [recommended by](#) Edinburgh's new Transport Convener, Cllr Scott Arthur.

4. Other Spokes News

4.1 Website updates

- Zhi Min Soh memorial event + tramline safety developments – [website article](#)
- Linlithgow - Plan for the Future [[para 2206 here](#)]
- Agenda/Minutes of Spokes [Planning Group](#), [Resources Group](#)
- Find more updates via our [consultations page](#). Spokes Planning Group welcomes new volunteers to help with submissions for both local and national developments.

4.2 Juniper Green Bike Bus

Juniper Green Primary has run its first ever bike-bus, following on the example of several other schools such as Sciennes, Davidsons Mains and James Gillespie. In recognition of their achievement, Spokes sent the school a free copy of our latest Edinburgh bike map, resulting in some good [social media publicity](#).

4.3 Old edition Edinburgh Spokes maps, free to good homes

We still have around 200 copies of the previous (2016, with 2019 updates) edition. They are free to any community or educational organisation that can make use of them. Obviously they are not for resale, and we hope they will go to people who cannot easily afford one or would not buy one, or for educational purposes.

Already we have donated to Bikes for Refugees, to a community library, a college and a primary school.

We also have a [factsheet showing potential uses in schools](#).

If you are involved in or know of a relevant organisation, please email office@spokes.org.uk saying how many copies you could use, and how. As we are all volunteers, please contact relevant organisations yourself in the first place, to be sure that they would potentially use the maps, and how many, before emailing us.

5. Thirlestane Road

Councillor Ben Parker is looking into the future of the former car spaces outside Warrender Pool, which have been closed off for 2 years during the Baths refurbishment. e.g. could they be made into parklets and bike parking rather than re-instating the old car spaces. Send your ideas/ comments to Cllr.Ben.Parker@edinburgh.gov.uk.

6. Consultations – Spaces for People – *deadline 3 July*

The main-road semi-segregated cycle lanes and other measures introduced during Covid were legal under **TTROs** (Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders). These are now coming to an end and cannot be extended further.

For the schemes to remain legal, the Council proposes to introduce **ETROs** (Experimental TROs) under which they can remain in place for 18 months, classed as an experiment. If successful at the end of 18 months, they can then be made legally permanent (with or without modifications). New government rules we believe mean that the Council can declare schemes permanent at the end of the experimental period without having to go through yet another (**full TRO**) process. Thus the ETROs should now be the final stage in making the schemes permanent.

The first 6 months of the ETRO period are for public consultation and formal objections. On the basis of this feedback, and of monitoring, the schemes can then be modified (or removed!) by the Council during the ETRO or at the end of the 18 months.

What happens right now? What can you do?

The Council is currently consulting on whether the schemes should be transferred to ETROs, as described above – if not, the schemes will be removed when the TTROs expire.

The consultation is here... <https://pclengagement-hub.co.uk/en-GB/folders/travelling-safely>

Opponents of Spaces for People will doubtless ask for some or all to be dropped, so, **if you support keeping (and improving) the schemes, please send in a brief response saying you support the Council's plan to move the schemes to Experimental Orders**, and saying briefly why they are important and you would like them eventually made permanent (with improvements where appropriate). If you are in a hurry, your email could be as short as a single sentence of support for the ETRO process.

As stated on the above consultation page, **send your email to Edinburgh.Consultation@projectcentre.co.uk**

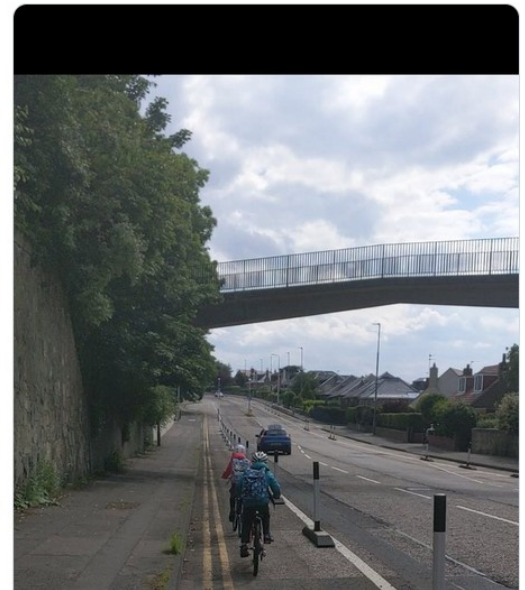
Finally, this is also an opportunity to comment on the *detail* of any particular schemes that concern you. That is less important, since once the ETROs are in place there will be a 6-month consultation period, as explained above, but if you do wish to make comments at this early stage, then do include them in your email.

If you want more about the ETRO process, see our website [here](#).



Katrina Morrison
@K_M_Morrison

@Edinburgh_CC please don't reverse the #spacesforpeople changes on Lanark Road, the bike lanes enable me and the family to cycle on it "safely" every day. Removing them would be a regressive step for the city. @cllrcammyday @adamrmcvey @lmacinnessnp @KarenDoran3 @gavincorbett



Dr. Louise Drumm
@louisedrumm

A big yay for first piece of segregated cycling infrastructure to appear on the 2-mile route to and from school. Floating parking (behind the shredder) keeping flow of bikes away from moving vehicles, plus space to open car doors. More of this please @Edinburgh_CC @lmacinnessnp



3:15 PM · Apr 17, 2021 · Twitter for Android

12 Retweets · 4 Quote Tweets · 90 Likes



blackfordsaferoutes @blackfordsafer1 · Feb 24

The area outside school where the @weeunicorns wait is now completely transformed - no more fumes, danger, noise of traffic. Many folk walking and cycling in - a really pleasant place to be. Using the route is a complete transformation. Thanks @lmacinnessnp @melaniemain



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7. Consultations – Local schemes – *deadlines in July*

The Council has a plethora of consultations on local area schemes at present. *Please respond to all that concern you. Also copy to Spokes for possible use in the Spokes response*

7.1 Corstorphine LTN – *ends 6 July*

- Plans for 18-month experimental Low Traffic Neighbourhood
- Details: [Para 2006 \(ETRO-21-21\) here](#)
- **Email your comments** to trafficorders@edinburgh.gov.uk quoting ETRO-21-21
- Draft Spokes response not yet available. Our response to an earlier version is [here](#)

7.2 Cammo Rd, prohibition of motor vehicles – *ends 11 July*

- Plans for 18-month experimental road closure to motor vehicles
- Details: [Para 2006 \(ETRO-22-13\) here](#)
- **Email your comments** to trafficorders@edinburgh.gov.uk quoting ETRO-21-21
- Draft Spokes response not yet available.

7.3 'Leith Connections' phase 3, Hawthornvale to Seafield route – *ends 17 July*

- “High quality active travel and public realm improvements along the Lindsay Road to Salamander Street corridor between Hawthornvale Path in the west and Seafield shared use path in the east”
- [Consultation website](#) / [Spokes Leith page](#) [Leith Connections paras 2205 & 2206]
- **Submit your comments** on the consultation page survey or email leithconnections@edinburgh.gov.uk
- *Drop-in 14 July, 14.00-18.00 – venue etc on above consultation website*
- Draft Spokes response not yet available.

7.4 South Queensferry walk/wheel/cycle improvements – *ends 17 July*

- “The aim is more travel options for daily trips to school, work and elsewhere in the local community”
- [Consultation page](#) / [Spokes page](#) [para 2206 Queensferry]
- **Submit your comments** on the consultation page or email queensferryactivetravel@atkinsglobal.com
- [Draft Spokes response](#) (comments welcome)

7.5 Lochend & Easter Road walk/wheel/cycle improvements – *ends 17 July*

- “Improvements to the path connection from Moray Park Terrace to Lochend Butterfly Way, and changes to the Easter Road/ Albion Road Junction”
- [Consultation page](#) / [Spokes page](#) [para 2206]
- **Submit your comments** on the consultation page or email consultationedinburgh@jacobs.com
- Draft Spokes response not yet available.

7.6 Burdiehouse / Frogston Rd walk/wheel/cycle improvements – *ends 17 July*

- “Improved provision for sustainable modes of travel for residents and visitors to Burdiehouse area including proposed changes to Burdiehouse Road and Frogston Road East”
- [Consultation page](#) / [Spokes page](#) [para 2206]
- **Submit your comments** on the consultation page or email GreenTravelBurdiehouse@sweco.co.uk
- [Draft Spokes response](#) (comments welcome)

7.7 Leith Links Masterplan – *ends 31 July*

- “Master planning gives an overall broad plan for an area and is a vision of what could happen, whether or not it is delivered in full depends on several things including local support, funding and resource”
- [Consultation page](#) / [Spokes page](#) [para 2206 Leith Links]
- **Submit your comments** on the consultation page or email thrivinggreenspaces@edinburgh.gov.uk
- [Draft Spokes response](#) (comments welcome)

7.8 Reimagining Murrayburn, Hailesland and Dumbryden – *ends 16 July*

- Not specifically active travel, but some relevance
- [Consultation page](#)
- **Submit your comments** on the consultation page or email westerhailesregeneration@edinburgh.gov.uk

8. Statutory consultations [see also spokes.org.uk/consultns]

Please respond to any of the consultations below which cover areas where you live, work, visit or are otherwise involved. If you respond by email, please send us a copy; otherwise please let us know of any main concerns or thoughts which you'd like considered for possible inclusion in official Spokes responses. You could also send your points to your local councillors (section 0 above) and ask them to support you in their own comments.

8.1 Edinburgh/Lothians Traffic Regulation Orders

No relevant TROs at present other than the Experimental Orders in 6 & 7 above

8.2 Edinburgh/Lothians Planning Proposals

Major developments are now legally required to go through a **Proposal of Application Notice (PAN)** stage before a normal planning application is submitted. At the PAN stage, the public must be consulted via an exhibition, online or in person. The subsequent **planning application (PA)** is then supposed to take account of the PAN consultation, hopefully to reduce the number of objections at PA stage.

Your comments at the PAN stage are to the developer; comments/objections at the PA stage are to the Council.

It is important to comment at the PAN stage as Council officers may be less supportive of comments which are only raised when a final PA is submitted. Conversely, if the developer's final PA does not pay attention to significant comments made at the PAN stage (either adopting the point or explaining why not) then planning officers may think there is more of a case to investigate.

Details of PAN exhibitions are meant to be publicised by the developer, but they are not always obvious. Some consultations are just online exhibitions open for a few weeks, whilst others also include one or more days with the developer available to answer questions interactively and possibly to give a presentation.

We try to list major current PANs on the website – go to spokes.org.uk – consultns – planning proposal consultns

Finding details of PAN or PA proposals

Go to the Council's [Planning Portal](#) and type in the PAN or PA reference number for the proposal. With a PA, full details should be shown. With a PAN there may be few details other than the developer's contact – details will appear when their PAN exhibition is launched. Note that approval of a PAN on the Planning Portal merely means that the developer has permission to go ahead with a public consultation, *not* with the development! For more details or other queries, email the developer contact.

Below are some current PAs or PANs which we think are particularly relevant, with email addresses included where possible in case you want more info. ***If you submit comments, please send us a copy.***

- PAN - **North Ratho** 22/03205/PAN www.tw-northratho.co.uk Huge site, effectively an extension to the village, bounded by Freelands Rd to south, Baird Rd to W, M8 to N; east to just beyond the junc Freelands Rd/Freelands Way. Greenfield land. *Contact:* tw-northratho@iceniprojects.com 0131 370 3486.
Comments close 22 July
- PAN - **Harbour 31** 22/02855/PAN harbour31.com Huge site, for mixed uses, bounded by Ocean Drive and Edinburgh Dock. The site *could* provide a valuable east-west cycle route to connect north Leith with Seaford Promenade, avoiding Salamander Street. *Contact:* lesley.mcgrath@holderplanning.co.uk 07841 487916. ***Closing date for comments 21 July***
- PA – **Cameron Toll Centre** 22/03151/FUL hotel and other developments, supposedly with site-wide improved active travel links. Comments or objections by 22 July. Note we have not been able to check the details of this application at the time of writing as the Council Planning Portal is playing up. However, this is the final full planning application, and so for objections as well as comments. Spokes did not manage to comment at the earlier PAN stage, but one member at that time commented as follows, so these are points that could be checked against this final planning application
 1. I noticed 'double-height' bike parking when I was there. This is totally inappropriate for a shopping destination where you are only there for a short period and you have luggage - it is only suitable for all-day parking, e.g. at a railway station.
 2. Your bike parking needs to cater for bike trailers and cargobikes, which are rapidly growing in popularity
 3. Several forward-looking stores are offering bike-trailer hire, which is also common in Europe
 4. Looking at the consultation drawing, surely there should be a bike route along the south edge of the site, past the service area and linking through to the route at the cinema.
 5. The dotted orange path leading to the cinema needs to be open to cycling - it is not clear if this is intended.
 6. Signage on the site should make clear when paths are open to people with bikes, to avoid unnecessary confusion

9. Government consultations

- [Review of Permitted Development Rights, Phase 2](#) – *closes 3 August*
 - Permitted Development Rights (PDR) allow developments to go ahead without needing planning permission. You may remember last year the Scottish Government implemented changes which amongst other things gave PDR to install modest sized sheds in front gardens - i.e. there is now no requirement to apply for planning permission. The new proposed changes include...
 1. Changes to town centre rules - it looks quite complex with many proposed changes, largely aimed to make town centres more vibrant, but with possible downsides too if businesses get too many freedoms! One simple example is to grant pdr for tables and chairs on footways (under certain conditions). It really needs some careful scrutiny to see what might affect cycling negatively and which proposals we would like to support.
 2. EV charging infrastructure - again the proposals would make it much easier to install this without seeking permissions. Again there is a great deal of detail, including a lot about making it easier to install EV infrastructure on the roads; which could be problematic for us in some cases
 - **Although the closing date is over 2 months away, there is a lot of detail. If we can get a draft well before the closing date we can use it to encourage others also to respond. One or more volunteers to look carefully through the material and draft a possible response would be appreciated.**

10. More & future consultations – *Check council, government, other consultations*

- ◆ Edinburgh consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk
- ◆ Edinburgh [Edinburgh traffic orders](#)
- ◆ East Lothian www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk
- ◆ Midlothian <https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/directory/33/consultations>
- ◆ West Lothian www.westlothian.gov.uk/consultations
- ◆ Scottish Government consult.gov.scot
- ◆ Transport Scotland www.transport.gov.scot/consultations
- ◆ Scottish Parliament consultations yourviews.parliament.scot/consultation_finder
- ◆ Scottish Parliament petitions parliament.scot/get-involved/petitions
- ◆ **Just in case...** Transform Scotland keeps an updated page of current transport-related consultations... transformscotland.org.uk/whats-new/action-alerts Check it out in case there's anything important that doesn't appear in the website addresses above (there often is!)

11. Keeping in touch

- ★ Remember to check out our **website** every so often www.spokes.org.uk
- ★ We are active on **Twitter** [@SpokesLothian](#). Follow us and ReTweet tweets that you support. Recent tweets also appear on our website in the right-hand column.
- ★ If you use **Facebook**, please like, share, etc the [Spokes Facebook page](#)
- ★ To campaign effectively Spokes needs as many supporters as possible. If you are not already a member and you like what we do, go to www.spokes.org.uk/membership.