Overview

As part of the delivery of the <u>Local Development Plan</u>, we are exploring opportunities for improving walking, wheeling and cycling conditions within South Queensferry. The aim is to create more travel options for your daily trips to school and work as well as other trips in your local community.

The Local Development Plan was adopted in November 2016 and includes detail on the policies and proposals that are to be used in delivering future developments for the city and has identified significant areas of new residential development in the town. We are looking at what improvements are needed to existing infrastructure and what new infrastructure is needed to provide safe and high-quality routes to enable more people to travel in sustainable ways.

We are keen to hear from the local community about potential ideas for improvements to the streets and landscaping between the Builyeon Road area through Scotstoun Avenue towards Queensferry High School and Dalmeny Station. In addition, the study has identified opportunities to improve the existing routes through Echline and Viewforth towards Queensferry's historic town centre.

Please also see below in the Events section details of our drop in session to come along and see our proposals and provide your feedback.

Within these pages you can also find information on developing proposals for a new shared use path to the south of the high school between Dundas Park and Craw's Close.

Echline

We would welcome your comments or feedback in relation to the emerging proposals to enable more journeys by active travel modes through and within the Echline area.



Within the Echline Estate area the project is looking to improve the environment and infrastructure to make walking, wheeling and cycling journeys easier and more pleasant. To achieve this we are looking at a range of measures to slow traffic and make the walking environment more accessible by upgrading the existing paths in the area.

The feasibility study to date has identified three key ways to improve the area with a focus on walking and wheeling conditions:

- upgrading existing paths in the area by improving the path condition, path widths and crossings of roads (including locations of barriers)
- improving connections to the north and south such as paths through to the Builyeon Road corridor and a crossing of Bo'ness Road
- reduce traffic speeds in the residential area with additional raised tables at key crossing points.
- "tightening" junctions (making the side street entrance narrower) to slow entry and exit to side streets

Builyeon Road and Ferrymuir



We are looking to improve connections west to east across the south of town including linking to the new Builyeon Road development. Picking up on feedback during the consultation processes for the new developments at South Scotstoun and Builyeon Road, the project will be looking to remove the main barriers to active travel created by the existing roads layout. That also presents opportunities to improve the public realm. As part of the Builyeon Road development the current Builyeon Road will be realigned to the south and the existing road will be available as a traffic free route.

There are opportunities to reallocate road space as traffic has reduced in the area since the construction of the Queensferry Crossing and the early feasibility work has identified the opportunity to form a segregated cycle track and improved footways along this route. The north bridge of the Echline junction would be used as a traffic free route with two way vehicle traffic using the south bridge. Early discussions have begun with Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland on these proposals.



Plan showing reallocated road space on northern bridge of Echline Junction for walking, wheeling and cycling only. Motor vehicles would use southern bridge



Visualisation of Ferry Muir Road with segregated cycle track on north side



Plan of Ferry Muir Road with segregated cycle track on north side

Viewforth

In the area around Viewforth Road, the project is looking to improve conditions to help make walking and wheeling trips towards the town centre easier. People travelling by cycle will also benefit from calmed traffic conditions.

To achieve this we are looking at a range of measures to improve paths and to slow traffic including an improved path connection to Ferrymuir Road, tightening radii at junctions to slow cars and providing tactile paving and dropped kerbs to help move around the area.

New developments currently under construction are shown on the map below.



Scotstoun Avenue

At the current Ferrymuir roundabout and Scotstoun Avenue, the project is looking to enable more walking, wheeling and cycling journeys by improving the pedestrian and cycling environment and infrastructure.

To achieve this we are examining potential for a segregated cycle track along Scotstoun Avenue along with improved side road pedestrian crossings.



These design drawings show proposals for the cycle track and side streets. There may be some changes to parking areas available on Scotstoun Avenue.





Queensferry High School Link

Background

We are designing a new path to the south of the recently rebuilt South Queensferry High School which will further enhance the current shared use off road path network which is already established in South Queensferry. The new path would link housing to the south of Dalmeny railway station to Dundas Park enhancing links to local schools, community amenities and the town centre. Users of the station would also be provided with an alternative walking, wheeling and cycling route to Station Road.



Work to date

We have completed a Feasibility Study on the route to identify a preliminary alignment that minimises impacts on identified constraints within the route corridor in terms of established trees and topography. Structural design options for the ramp that is required at the eastern end of the link have been identified along with potential drainage and route surfacing strategies. The work has included completing a topographical survey (survey of ground levels), a tree survey and updating ecological assessments carried out as part of the school project.

We have recently secured Sustrans funding to take forward the detailed design of the link.

Previous Local Engagement

In autumn 2021 we carried out engagement with residents near to the proposed path. We have prepared a report on this engagement, see below. As we have already carried out this local engagement, we're not actively seeking further feedback on the High School Link at this stage, but you can make further comment in question 18 of the survey if you wish.

Next Steps

During the next stage of design we will further develop the proposals taking account of feedback received last year (see below). We will continue to engage with local stakeholders and neighbours of the path. We will update the Transport and Environment committee on progress with the project later in the year and plan to seek approval to continue to the construction phase of the project, taking into account of comments from previous local engagement. We'll also request approval to commence any relevant traffic orders required for minor changes to yellow lines at the Craw's Close end (subject to detailed design).