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Submitted to Lochend and Easter Road - walking, wheeling and cycling improvements
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Your details and current travel behaviour

1 Are you completing this survey on behalf of an organisation?

Yes

If Yes, please state the organisation.:

Spokes

2 What mode of transport do you regularly use for local journeys? (select all that apply)

Walk, Bicycle

Other (please specify):

3 How would you rate current conditions on the path connecting Moray Park Terrace to Lochend Butterfly Way for walking, wheeling and cycling?

How would you rate current conditions on the path connecting Moray Park Terrace to Lochend Butterfly Way for walking, wheeling and cycling? - Walking:
neither good or bad

How would you rate current conditions on the path connecting Moray Park Terrace to Lochend Butterfly Way for walking, wheeling and cycling? -
Wheeling (mobility scooters, scooters, wheelchair):
poor

How would you rate current conditions on the path connecting Moray Park Terrace to Lochend Butterfly Way for walking, wheeling and cycling? - Cycling:
neither good or bad

Would you like to leave any additional comments:

4 How would you rate current conditions for walking and wheeling at the junction at Albion Road and Easter Road?

neither good or bad

Would you like to leave any additional comments:

5 Do you currently use the path connecting Moray Park Terrace to Lochend Butterfly Way?

Yes

6 If you do not use the path, connecting Moray Park Terrace to Lochend Butterfly Way what are your reasons?

If you do not use the path, what are your reasons?:

7 If you would like to be kept informed of the results of this community engagement, please enter your email address below.

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Comment on our proposals for Lochend Butterfly Way to Moray Park Terrace

8 Would the proposed designs for the path between Moray Park Terrace and the Lochend Butterfly increase your use of the path?

Yes

9 What type of features would you like to see in the proposed pocket park? (Please rank your top 3)

What type of features would you like to see in the proposed pocket park? - Seating areas:

What type of features would you like to see in the proposed pocket park? - Trees:

1

What type of features would you like to see in the proposed pocket park? - Other low maintenance planting/ green space:

2

What type of features would you like to see in the proposed pocket park? - Play spaces:

What type of features would you like to see in the proposed pocket park? - Local/ community artwork:

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What type of features would you like to see in the proposed pocket park? - Community garden:

Other (please specify):

10 Do you think that greening of the path by providing more planting and improved fencing will improve the quality of the route?

Yes

11 To what extent do you agree with the proposal to develop a pocket park on Moray Park Terrace?

Strongly agree

12 We'd like to hear if you have any other thoughts on our proposals. Do you have any suggestions on how these proposals for the path and Moray Park Terrace could be improved? Please tell us in the box below.

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Spokes would like to see the path made wider. A broader path would allow for a dividing strip of grass/plants down the middle, with cyclists and walkers having a side each. Without a delineation, this path will still have the opportunity for conflict. However, we appreciate that the work would be prohibitive from a cost perspective and a wider path is better than the current situation.

The dropped kerb is a welcome addition as cyclists either dismount or hop the kerb, making it difficult for people using their cycle as a mobility aid. This minor tweak will make a notable difference.

The turn-in from both ends of the path is tight, and the sightlines for those exiting or entering are poor. It's unclear if the proposal would do anything to improve the viewing angles to make it easy for people to see what's around the bend.

We welcome the raised table introduction as it will help increase the priority of pedestrians coming to and from the area.

One issue drivers cause here is at the Lawrie Reilly end of the shared use path. Drivers sometimes park on it in front of the retail space used for the Edinburgh Tool Library. We would recommend installing a bollard to keep the pavement car-free.

Spokes recommend installing a public bike repair stand (with pump) at the Lawrie Reilly end of the path. There's space for it, and it would fit in well in an area frequently used by cyclists, wheelchair users, pushchairs and tool borrowers alike.

It's good to see these two pieces of infrastructure being considered in a single consultation. Together they help make up part of a network for getting between the North and South East of the city. It indicates that you're planning improvements not just for a specific area in isolation but as part of a network that helps people move sustainably across the city.

To go further, we ask you to consider where cyclists using these sections may be heading to or coming from.

There is a well-used railway underpass from Holyrood Park, which leads to Lower London Road. From here, cyclists can go onto Wishaw Terrace and make their way to Butterfly Way or Local Route 20 via Marionville Road. However, the Lower London Road onto London Road junction is precarious. It would benefit from narrowing or an island which prevents drivers from cutting down onto Lower London Road too quickly.

Comment on our proposals for Easter Road/ Albion Road junction

13 Do you agree that the proposed changes will improve conditions for pedestrians at the Albion Road/ Easter Road junction?

Strongly agree

14 To what extent do you support/ oppose the inclusion of a pocket park on Albion Road?

Strongly support

If you wish, please tell us why you have answered this way:

15 What would you like to see incorporated in the proposed pocket park on Albion Road? (Please rank your top 3)

What would you like to see incorporated in the proposed pocket park on Albion Road? - Seating areas:

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What would you like to see incorporated in the proposed pocket park on Albion Road? - Trees:

2

What would you like to see incorporated in the proposed pocket park on Albion Road? - Other low maintenance planting/ green space:

What would you like to see incorporated in the proposed pocket park on Albion Road? - Local/ community artwork:

What would you like to see incorporated in the proposed pocket park on Albion Road? - Cycle parking:

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Other (please specify):

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This area feels more like a minor motorway junction than a meeting of two residential roads.

Spokes welcome all of the changes, particularly the early release for cyclists. It's not uncommon for drivers to attempt a precarious overtake as the lights turn green; the early release will be helpful.

We support the widening of the pavements in this area. During game days, these pavements are full of football fans heading to Easter Rd Stadium, and we're sure they'll appreciate more pavement to walk on. Narrowing the road to achieve this will also help calm traffic and slow it down, creating a safer environment for all road users.

We ask that you consider increasing the number of disabled parking bays. Perhaps one could be placed on the southern section, which is earmarked for future pavement widening and another east of the secure cycle storage.

Any cycle parking introduced must consider the needs of non-standard cycles, e.g. for disabled cyclists or cargo bike users. Also, as this is a residential area with many tenements, we think it would be wise to introduce more than one secure cycle storage unit as demand is likely to be high.

Lastly, benches are always welcome; there are just not enough places to sit and rest outside Edinburgh's parks. Giving people places to relax will help get people moving around actively. Perhaps you could consider planting some trees for those sitting on the benches to enjoy?