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Although there are some good ideas in the consultation it takes a piecemeal approach to linking new housing developments to the town centre and to each other. It would have been better to consider the strategic cycle/pedestrian network across Queensferry as a whole and links into/out of Queensferry, particularly along the national cycle route network. Many of those moving into well over a thousand new properties will be commuting into Edinburgh and it seems short-sighted not to consider how the local network links to the national cycle routes, indeed the integration of the local network into the longer-distance routes isn't mentioned once in the consultation and with some of the suggestions below we seek to redress that.

Echline

- *To encourage cycling to Echline Primary School, we suggest installing a new 2-way protected cycle lane on Boness Road from Builyeon Road past Echline Primary School to/from national cycle route 76 at Farquhar Terrace. Road is very wide and could accommodate this.*
- Provide a new intersection on Boness Road where cyclists can join the proposed two-way cycle route above from the already proposed improved shared path at Echline

Builyeon Road and Ferrymuir

- **Remove existing 2 stage crossing at west end side of Builyeon Road and replace with a one stage crossing further east where new road into new housing will be.** This means that cyclists and pedestrians heading east or west bound over the Queensferry Junction are crossing 3 times over 3 roads rather than the existing 5 times over 4 roads (with one of these roads not having a signalised crossing)
- **Where the new road through the new housing estate intersects with the existing Builyeon Road (at Ferrymuir Road side), move the proposed crossing east to increase where space where pedestrians can see cyclists traveling on the proposed two way cycle route before the cross the cycle route.** Reduce likelihood of pedestrian/cyclist conflict
- **The two existing footpaths connecting the roundabout over the A9000 to the Forth Road Bridge should be widened and made into shared use paths.** The routes are often used by cyclists already and it should be safely assumed more cyclists will want to use this route with proposed improvements elsewhere in the town. It is not currently wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists and there is enough space at either side to widen the pathways to a shared pedestrian/cycle path.
- **The left turn from Builyeon Road onto the Forth Road slip road should be redesigned. This is to provide a continuous two-way cycle crossing that gives way to vehicles from the right as well as reducing risk of high sided vehicles left hooking cyclists.** We suggest the left turn is made a sharper angle so vehicles are naturally slowed down and moves drivers' field of vision out to allow them a clearer line of sight for cyclists on their left
- **We suggest that at the junction on the Forth Road Bridge off slip road onto A9000 there should be a toucan crossing which ensures drivers coming off the ramp stop and as much as possible provides a continuous two-way cycle crossing.**

- **The Ferrymuir roundabout should be reduced to one lane for motor vehicles with an outside lane given to cyclist and motor vehicles made to give way to cyclists in outside cycle lane (Dutch style roundabout).** This ensures quick and continuous access to the proposed protected cycle route at Scotstoun, the shared route to the new housing on B800 as well as the shared cycle route to Kirkliston on the opposite side of the B800
- Install a single stage shared crossing on the B800 at the Ferrymuir roundabout. There is no safe crossing on the B800 and this should be installed as a one stage shared crossing if the above is not acceptable.
- We also suggest the possibility of connecting Ferrymuir Road and Kirkliston Road by Lovers Lane to use as an alternative quiet route which would enable cyclists heading towards Scotstoun to avoid the Ferrymuir Roundabout altogether

Viewforth

- *We are disappointed in the overall plans at Viewforth that do very little to address the issues caused by the addition of approx. 120 new properties adjacent to the Transport Scotland building.*
- ***Install double yellow lines and no waiting on High Russell Place at and 20 meters either side of existing shared path at Inchcolm park.*** This entrance and exit point to the park is often blocked or visibility of other road users blocked by parking too close or over the entrance/exit to the path. National cycle route 1.
- ***Widen the path from Hugh Russell Place to Ferrymuir Gait and provide a priority pedestrian/cycle crossing across Ferrymuir Gait to the Forth Road bridge.*** This is a narrow pathway next to a park and Ferrymuir Gait a road with a crossing that is worn and hard to see. National cycle route 1.
- ***Close off Henry Ross Place to motor traffic at Canmore Street with new housing traffic being sent via Ferrymuir Gait.*** This ensures the motor traffic is sent away from National cycle route 1 and Queensferry Primary, school walking routes and reinstates Viewforth as low traffic neighbourhood.
- ***We suggest that a carriageway re-design to provide a shared space along Hugh Russell Place, Viewforth Road and Viewforth Place, then a narrowing of Kirkliston Road – reallocating existing space used by parents to park at school set down and pick up times for a segregated cycle route which will safely link the area to Queensferry Primary School by creating a new safe route to school for children***
- ***We also suggest continuing the segregated cycle route down to Stoneycroft Road to complete a link between NCR 1 and the cycle route along the former railway.*** We believe there is enough road space here to allow this and connect two key cycle routes.
- ***Reduce the turning circles at every junction at Viewforth to make walking and cycling safer by reducing vehicle speeds.***
- ***Close Loch Road to motor vehicles and make a shared space with places to stop, rest and enjoy views.*** This is not a through road nor any property on it. Motor vehicles can have a short diversion to The Loan. It is very steep so allows people to take their time and rest if required.

- **Close Burgess Road to through motor traffic in front of Primary School and Nursery. Buses diverted through Station Road.** This is a busy road with traffic with lots of daily drop offs where it is not permitted and endangers school children. It is also a busy crossing between the Schools and 2 sports fields.. This closure to motor vehicles will make it much safer and healthier around the school perimeter. There is a short diversion via Station Road for buses and other motor vehicles.

Scotstoun Avenue

- **Continue the 2-way cycle lane all the way to the end of Scotsoun Avenue.** The design currently has the two-way cycle lane turn into the existing shared space. However, this is not wide enough and does not give priority and a continues cycle over Lowrie Gate and is a change in priority to all other junctions along this long route
- **Provide continuous priority to pedestrians and cyclists at Killiekrankie Path.** Provide a pedestrian/cycle priority crossing at Packard street on Killiekrankie Path. Remove all metal barriers on Killiekrankie path. Provide a pedestrian/cycle priority crossing that at Dimma Park on Killiekrankie Path
- **Replace existing gate where pedestrians and cyclists are forced to walk in the mud around gate with two removable bollards at Main St towards Dalmeny.** This area often is muddy and slippy and narrows which increases risk of pedestrian/cycle conflict. This improves National Cycle route 1 as those with adapted bikes or wheelchairs cannot pass at the moment.

Queensferry High School Link

- **Widen existing shared path from Scotstoun Avenue to new proposed link at Queensferry High School.** This path is narrow, winding and overgrown. By widening and straightening the path, it will make it safer and provide more capacity while linking up with the proposed two-way cycle lanes on Scotstoun Avenue and Queensferry High School as well as improve the existing National cycle route 1

Station Road

We are disappointed there is no consideration given to safety of cyclists on this key route through the town. This is a major link with the High School (which is also the town's sport centre) a primary school and another primary school just off the road. At the very least, consideration should be given to realignment of the carriageway from the High School to/from the existing pedestrian path that links to the old railway path which is a shared cycle path linking the car park at Scotmid to Dalmeny and beyond. There is space on Station Road to make cycle segregation possible from the High School to the junction with Burgess Road.