

22/04595/FUL Elgin House, Haymarket Yards Spokes comment 18.10.22

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Spokes very much welcomes the proposal for a cyclist route separated from the tramlines at this location. This is the site of several reported bike/tramline crashes, some involving serious injury and hospitalisation, due to the exceptionally short space between kerbs and tramlines, a narrowness which betrays all official guidelines.

It is very unfortunate that the site does not extend to the top of Haymarket Yards, which means that the new path cannot be used for some journeys or for parts of others. However, we note that the Transport Statement refers to...

"interventions to be delivered by others. The City Council will coordinate these interventions to create a coherent scheme."

We hope this will, in future, encompass path continuation to the top of Haymarket Yards (as well as westwards). Only in this way can the danger zones be avoided by all cyclist journeys here.

Secondly, this is likely to be an area of significant footfall at certain times of day, and therefore we request consideration of pedestrian/cycle segregation, rather than fully-shared use. This might require some widening of the proposed path width.

Application Reference:	22/04595/FUL
Address:	20 Haymarket Yards Edinburgh EH12 5WU
Proposal:	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of mixed-use development comprising hotel (class 7) with ancillary cafe, office (class 4), and associated public realm, active travel links, landscaping, EV charging infrastructure, cycle and car parking, servicing and access.
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