

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

10th November 2022 - 19:30

Zoom link (coming soon!): [Zoom link](#)

Attendees:

Apologies:

Updates from previous meetings

1. Pedestrian crossing prioritisation Spokes to be consulted. To happen (they will get in touch with us). November update: no timescale for review at the moment. **DF: to double check.**
2. Active Travel Measures - Travelling Safely Update - ETROs expected next week.
3. Evaluation of the 20mph Speed Limit Roll Out
 - a. Map of proposed extension to go to consultation (expected to start in **October 2022 - any updates?**).
 - b. Noted short unnecessary 30mph stretch between Currie and Juniper Green.
Should review rest of proposals:
 - i. Lots of wee dead end streets apparently being left at 30mph when the street they join onto is becoming 30mph - e.g., Spence Street.
 - c. New paper quantifying speed reductions was published last week and has gotten a bit of attention. **Update: DF has been sent the underlying data. The largest speed decrease was on Braid Avenue, following the Quiet Route being installed.**
4. Inch Park consultation - JR [submitted](#).
5. Any updates on below?
 - a. Water of Leith desire line [fenced off](#). **Done due to concerns on pedestrian/cyclist conflict; "100% funded by Transport Scotland as part of the active travel strategic delivery" - this is the council's active travel pot?**
6. Leith Connections MM, JR & Andrew McPake held meeting with Miles Wilkinson on the evening of 25.10.22. No link between end of trams works. Requested updated map of phasing. Can Newkirkgate be signed or Spokes suggest as a safe alternative (as cycling is legally allowed).

TEC papers/Strategic meeting - issues arising

1. George Street
2. Picardy Place - MMcD/AR to meet Phil Noble and Robert Armstrong to discuss options.
3. ESDG and Use of ESDG
4. Setts - Lawnmarket/CCWEL Randolph Place et al/Henderson St/etc

Other Transport

1. Braid Road "reopening". 19th November. Current TTRO expires 20th November. TTRO dates [here](#). Final plans to be shared here <https://pclengagement-hub.co.uk/en-GB/folders/cec-travelling-safely> tomorrow (11th November).
2. Sheriffhall inquiry
3. Road resurfacing ([list of schemes](#), [our previous comments](#)) - we had a meeting with the design team leaders, who advised that we should be focusing on the 2023-24 and 2024-25 lists. They are happy to set one or more meetings to discuss specific schemes if we specify which schemes. Another point was re **Lawnmarket setts** - to be relaid 23/24 with no special provision for cyclists, despite [council policy](#) on this (appendix 2, page 35)(which was added after big Spokes effort!). NB the policy was applied when relaying Brighton Place, Portobello, with 1.5m strips of flat-top setts (albeit parking problems at that location)
 - **JR to follow up on work started by AM**

4. Circulation plan - meeting offered / held on 10.11.22 with MM? **DF to go back on city-centre through traffic, timeline and updated map**
5. Tram Cycle Safety work complete at Grosvenor Street/South Charlotte Street. South St Andrew St in early 2023. **Formally complain about delay to Scott A, Local Ward Cllrs and Paul Lawrence / Daisy? Check with Dave DF.**
6. [ETRO 21/26 Cockburn St & High St](#); stakeholder consult, ends 11 Nov. **AR to respond.**
7. [ETRO 21/29 Comiston Rd](#) stakeholder consults, ends 11 Nov - stella (South Ed) [has responded](#) and had reply from Dave Sinclair stating;

Afternoon Stella,

Isabelle recently sent me your comments about the proposed Travelling Safely ETRO on Comiston Road.

I'll pass on your comments to my colleague Rurighd, who is currently the project lead for this scheme, to consider if we can mitigate the observed cycle lane obstruction issue you mention in the future.

The "Notification period" for the planned ETRO will commence shortly with the view the experimental orders should commence on Monday 21st November. During the initial monitoring and evaluation period I'll ask if Rurighd can note the observations you have made about obstruction and the suggested loading bays etc.

*Regards,
Dave*

Policy

1. [Cycling Framework for Active Travel](#) - Transport Scotland consultation. Closes 19th December. Cycling UK has published a useful [briefing](#) which can give us ideas for Spokes response.
2. NPF4 - [latest version](#) published.
 - a. Presumption against out of town retail incl drive throughs.
3. Edinburgh Council policy on parks & greenspaces - [Thriving Greenspaces 2050](#) - consult ends Dec 31. Doesn't contain much on active travel, even in the 'Connected' section. **JR to respond.**

Planning

1. 22/05318/FUL public realm improvements to site surrounding the gas holder, Granton. 25 Nov. Only 6 sheffield stands shown doubt enough for large events.
 - a. Last Date For Comments Fri 25 Nov 2022 **JR to respond.**

Road naming: <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/granton-waterfront-new-core-path-naming/>

2. Cycle parking - Cycle parking in planning applications has improved recently following the council publishing [their cycle parking factsheet](#). However, at yesterday's Development Management sub-committee, a development on Beaverhall Road was approved despite the provision being 75% two tier racks (policy is 50% max) and less than 1% suitable for non-standard bikes (policy is 20% min). DF will follow up with Cllr Osler.

AOB

1. Shopping by Bike Factsheet drafted.
2. Newbattle Terrace 'continuous footway' not following street design guidance because officer doesn't deem it acceptable.

Next Meeting?

5th December.