

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

5th December 2022 - 19:30

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86831103152?pwd=MjB5Q3hRTWdMRkFNeFhQaHd1ZEdiUT09>

Attendees: DF, MMcD, AR, PG

Apologies:

Updates from previous meetings

1. Leith Connections - legal orders out.
2. Road resurfacing ([list of schemes](#), [our previous comments](#)) - any updates? We can request a meeting to discuss the specifics of any of the proposed schemes (perhaps including Lawnmarket proposal to disregard their own policy on setts)
3. 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?**
4. Edinburgh Council policy on parks & greenspaces - [Thriving Greenspaces 2050](#) - consult ends Dec 31. Any updates?

TEC papers

1. Business Bulletin - Bus lane operating hours — seems like now part of the Public Transport Action Plan. Consultation will happen in summer 2023.
2. 7.1 - Circulation Plan - **DF will give deputation.**
3. 7.2 - Dalmahoy junction - £750,000 of funding from the annual Cycling Walking Safer Routes (CWSR). That'd be 20% of the annual CWSR budget. - **DF to send quick email.**
4. 7.3 - Review of Parking Policy — Includes proposals to remove the observation period if a vehicle is parked on a cycleway and to reduce the thresholds for "persistent offenders". Suggest we send a brief note of support. **DF to send.**
5. 7.5 - Air Quality Action Plan
6. 7.6 - Brunstane Road — Officers recommend making the scheme permanent. We could write a brief note of support and suggest use of bollards rather than planters. **DF to send.**
7. 7.7 - Road Safety Action Plan - **MMcD to look at.**
8. 8.1 - King's Road junction — Plans for junction redesign published. Medium-term plan funded. Long-term plan being wrapped into the major junction review. **Spokes Party responding?**
9. 8.3 - Maintenance of Footways and Cycleways — Not much of interest here? **Ask how priority maintenance network is reviewed.**
- 10.8.5 - School Travel Plan Review — Not much of interest here?
- 11.9.1, 9.2 - Conflicts as Leith Walk reopens to vehicles
- 12.9.3 - LEZs — Vehicles over 30 years old are nationally exempt; motion asks officers to look into removing commercial vehicles from the "whitelist".
- 13.9.4 - Mobility Analysis — Asks for a report on using CCTV footage for traffic counts, modal analysis etc
- 14.9.5 - Whitehouse Loan — Councillor Munro has a motion looking to reopen Whitehouse Loan (with a cycleway included).

Other Transport

1. [Speed limit consultations](#). Close 8 Feb 2023 - some notes in previous agenda
2. [Rural Road speed limits](#) - also closes 8 Feb
3. Braid Road "reopened" 19th November.
4. Sheriffhall inquiry
5. [ETROs for Travelling Safely](#) Major consultation, open till 20 May, for comments on existing and desirable improvements, Once we have drafts or initial comments for these areas, Dave can email local members for comments.
 1. **East package** - Spokes Party has agreed to tackle the entire package
 2. **South package** - Can Spokes South Ed (Stella/John etc) take it on?
 3. **West package** - At least for Lanark Rd, SW20Ed is likely to do a high quality response - perhaps we liaise and support it rather than a separate one?
 4. **North/Central/rest-of-West** - **DF to look for previous submissions, PG and MMcD to respond.**
6. [Gorgie/Dalry 20-mins nbd](#), consult ends 16 Jan. Alex & Dave went on walkabout with officers (Gert & Marta). Opportunity to suggest bus gate

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. **DF, MMcD will look later this week.**
2. NPF4 - [latest version](#) published.
 1. Presumption against out of town retail incl drive throughs.
 2. "Predict and Provide"? **DF to check.**

Planning

1. 22/05584/FUL student housing, Murano Place (Leith) - backs on to the Powderhall line. 23 Dec.
2. 22/05599/FUL mixed use development, (res'l, comm'l, public realm) Ocean Terminal. 23 Dec.
3. 22/05811/PAN mixed-use - hotel, student, comm'l - Ocean Drive; site at west end of OD, opposite Ocean Terminal (OT); exhibitions 13 Dec., 9 Feb., at OT, in vacant unit on 1st floor
4. 22/05563/PAN Newcraighall replacement Primary School (n=630) and Nursery (128), in centre of New Brunstane - site (2ha) is west of ECML, south of Daiches Brae; just north of existing track which crosses the ECML; part of New Brunstane Masterplan. Events: exhibition, Newcraighall PS, 19 Dec at 3pm and 16 Jan at 7pm.
5. 22/05805/FUL - Bellfield Street, Portobello. Timber storage shed and install external bike stands in the grounds of Bellfield Community Hub. The storage shed will be used for community owned e-bikes and for gardening equipment...
6. Cycle parking - DF had a meeting with Cllr Osler about non-standard cycle parking in new developments. She has suggested writing to Planning Committee. Meeting at 10am on Wednesday with Wheels for Wellbeing, if anyone wants to join.

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Next Meeting?

Pencil in for 30th January.