

*Special email to all emailable members re Spokes members' online MeetUp, Tue 31 Jan*

## **Spokes members' online MeetUp, Tuesday 31 Jan, 7.30-8.30pm**

This is a quick email reminder of the meetup we are planning, as explained on page 1 of the recent [Action-Update circular](#).

It's your opportunity to chat with other Spokes members online!!

At the meeting, after a short introduction, everyone attending will be split randomly into small groups of 4 or 5 people, for 10 minutes or so. Here you can introduce yourself, say why you decided to be a Spokes member, and, if you wish, say/ask anything else you'd like to discuss about local cycling/ transport issues.

If there are no burning issues in your group, you can talk about the topic "*What should Spokes be doing this year?*" which should provide useful feedback.

After 10 minutes or so, you will be returned to the main online room. We will then split up again into different groups, and will repeat the process 3 or 4 times, ending no later than 8.30pm, and probably sooner.

**To register to take part, email [meetup@spokes.org.uk](mailto:meetup@spokes.org.uk)**

We will email back to confirm, and then a day or two before the 31st we will send you a zoom link.

For more details, see the Action-Update link above.

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## **'Spaces for People' ETRO consultations**

Please remember that the 6-month formal consultation for the *Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders* for the *Spaces-for-People/Travelling-Safely* main road semi-segregated bike lanes is now underway. See Item (6) in the [Action-Update](#).

### ***Why you should respond...***

1. This is the **final consultation**, after which the Council will have the legal powers to declare the lanes permanent, to modify them, or to scrap them. Although public comments are not a 'vote', councillors will be influenced by the weight of support and opposition.
2. Furthermore, although we strongly support the lanes, there are undoubtedly problems to be resolved and major improvements that should be made. Large amounts of funding for bike and walk facilities are now starting to come through from the Scottish Government, so it is realistic to make bold suggestions.

***If you don't have the time or patience to wade through the documents and plans (which are not user-friendly) you can anyway respond, as follows...***

- Address your email to [TRO.Consultations@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:TRO.Consultations@edinburgh.gov.uk) and to [Edinburgh.Consultation@projectcentre.co.uk](mailto:Edinburgh.Consultation@projectcentre.co.uk)
- Say you are commenting about the Travelling Safely Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders.
- Then make any points you wish, for example...
- general points about the importance of the schemes
- improvements you would like to see
- comments on specific schemes that you use.

If you wish fuller background details, links, etc, see item (6) in the [Action-Update](#).

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## **Council draft Active Travel Action Plan**

This is due to be published in the papers for the Feb 2nd Transport Committee. It should be available online as from the evening of this Friday 27 January. If you are interested, you'll be able to find it (and the other Committee papers) at..

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=136>

The Transport Convener, Cllr Scott Arthur, has tweeted that it is going to be quite something ... we hope he is right !!

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**Thank you!!**