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Special email circular to all emailable members, re the proposal to 'discourage' and 'not cater for' cycling beside the tramline, when it is extended (as proposed) along Roseburn corridor

Dear Spokes member

We make a big effort not to bother members with frequent emails; normally just the roughly-monthly Action Update (obviously more if you are in a working group).

However there is an urgent and major issue on which you may wish to email your councillors.

The Transport Committee will on Thursday be deciding on a consultation about tram extension from Granton to the Bioquarter.

As it stands, the consultation will recommend that the tram will use a 2km section of the North Edinburgh Network, from Roseburn northwards - we had expected this.

However, to our surprise and shock the replacement path beside the tram, although it will be 3m like the existing, is proposed to be for walking and wheeling (prams, wheelchairs) only. According to the Committee report, cycling will be 'discouraged' and will 'not be provided for.'

An onroad so-called 'alternative,' with few details given (see the article below for what we do know) would be provided for cycling.

We have a website article which gives a full background here...

<http://www.spokes.org.uk/2024/01/proposal-to-discourage-or-remove-cycling-from-2km-of-north-edinburgh-network/>

Please read and, if you are concerned, email your councillors urgently, as suggested in the article. If you use the route, particularly for utility trips such as commuting, shopping, schools, visits, etc, please do mention that.

If you are on twitter, please also retweet [here](#).

Incidentally, the Transport Committee is also getting other reports on transport issues which we do at first glance like very much, though we've not yet had time to go into the detail. There is more about this at the end of the above article.

Thanks!