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subject: **Consultation on Pedestrian Crossing Programme: Spokes Response**

Hello Martin,

I'm getting in touch on behalf of Spokes in regards to various new pedestrian & toucan crossings being consulted on. It's always good to see new active travel infrastructure and we have attached several comments below.

General:

Multiple of the proposed crossings are adjacent to large bellmouth junctions. Narrowing these at the same time would contribute to an improved pedestrian environment through shorter crossing distances and a safer environment through slower turning speeds.

Several crossings are also proposed in existing traffic calmed areas and near schools (5, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12). Raising these controlled crossings would provide further speed mitigation. There are several examples of this in the CEC area, notably new crossings that are currently being installed on [Grange Road](#). This area had a significant speed compliance issue.

Detailed:

Crossing 1. Crossing could be moved significantly closer to the junction. Junction radii should be reduced, particularly if kerbing work is already proposed. Given the shared-use nature to the north, the island and proposed connections should be suitable for use by cyclists.

Crossing 4. Narrowing the junction radii would allow a straight crossing to be installed with full tactiles.

Crossing 6. Particularly egregious junction layout to the east.

Crossing 7. Unclear whether suitable width exists to allow comfortable shared use facilities on either side of the proposed toucan. Footway should be widened to enable this.

Crossing 9. Opportunity to reduce new footway construction by moving the crossing closer to the desire line and reducing the junction radii.

Crossing 10. Chicanes should generally be removed, as seen in the CEC area. If chicanes are to remain, they should be widely spaced so as not to obstruct those on bikes or using wheelchairs or similar. Unclear whether the proposal includes the removal of chicanes.

Many thanks,
Alex Robb
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The original consultation letter to stakeholders is on the next page

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West Lothian Council has approved a programme that will allow the implementation of twelve new pedestrian crossing facilities and will support the objectives of encouraging cycling, walking and improving safety for vulnerable road users.

The twelve new pedestrian crossing locations are listed below and plans of the proposals can be viewed by clicking on the following link: -

<https://1drv.ms/f/s!AsqNYsCj2-kthg5V5WZN3nyQvNsT?e=E9nRcH>

Location 01: A89 at Newhouses Road, **Broxburn** - Proposed 2.1m wide Pedestrian Refuge Island;
Location 02: Church Street, **Addiewell** - Upgrade Zebra to Puffin Crossing;
Location 03: Calder Park Road, **Mid Calder** – Proposed Dropped Kerb Crossing;
Location 05: Preston Road, **Linlithgow** - Proposed Toucan Crossing;
Location 06: Main Street, **Mid Calder** – Proposed Puffin Crossing;
Location 09: Hardhill Road, **Bathgate** – Proposed Puffin Crossing;
Location 11: A705, Redmill Court, **East Whitburn** - Proposed 2.1m wide Pedestrian Refuge Island;
Location 12: B8084 North Street, **Armadale** – Proposed Puffin Crossing;
Location 13: Murieston West Road, **Livingston** – Proposed Toucan Crossing;
Location 14: Kirkton South Road, **Livingston** – Proposed Toucan Crossing;
Location 16: Springfield Road, **Linlithgow** – Proposed Puffin Crossing;
Location 17: **Lower Bathville** at Heathervale Walk – Zebra Crossing Upgrade.

The location referencing is not consecutive as some site locations put forward at committee stages did not meet the relevant selection criteria.

If you have any comment or feedback on the planned pedestrian crossings, can you please supply this in writing to the email address below or by letter to the address below by 16 February 2024.

Kind regards,

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