

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

20th May 2024 - 19:30

Topic: May PG meeting

Time: May 20, 2024 07:30 PM London

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Attendees:

Apologies:

TEC items

TEC agenda [Notes by Dave](#)

1. 6.1 [Business Bulletin](#)

- a. Powderhall Railway Line - "Positive" talks with Network Rail, aiming to get valuation for land so that CEC can purchase.
- b. Travelling Safely Update
 - i. [City Centre ETRO](#) now out for consultation (closes 18th August)
 - ii. [East ETRO](#) now out for consultation (closes 24th October)
 - iii. North, South and West ETROs expected soon.
 - iv. ETROs for the four schemes being amended (Greenbank-Meadows, Silverknowes North, Silverknowes South and Comiston Road) are expected in Autumn.
- c. Trams to Newhaven. Tree planters being removed/moved due to unprecedented vandalism. Are these used to prevent pavement parking?
 - i. **DF - short email? JR query summary comment related to all Leith Walk changes yet now 1 year since 7th June 2023 when tram opened yet cycleway is not opened.**
- d. West Edinburgh Transport Improvements Programme. Focus will be on public transport improvements (seemingly due to there being alternative sources of funding for active travel, but not for public transport). Exception is crossing improvements on A8/A89. The additional lane at Maybury which we objected to is not recommended.
 - i. **AR may write deputation**
- e. 7/7/7 Bus Lane – Development of a Trial ([route of 44 bus between Balerno and Musselburgh](#)).
 - i. Feels overly complex for something that has been done far quicker elsewhere. Project Delivery Plan (PDP) and Programme etc
- f. Circulation Plan – Our Future Streets. Cowgate experimental layout will now be making it one-way, rather than a closure to through traffic.
- g.

2. 7.1 [Petition for Consideration: Make Ellersly and Kinellan Roads Safer for Everyone](#)

3. 7.3 [Edinburgh Workplace Parking Levy - Engagement Results](#)

4. 7.4 [Secure On-Street Cycle Parking progress update](#)

5. 7.5 [George Street and First New Town – Operational Plan and Project Update](#) - see email

- comments from Richard, including (?) offer of written submission but can't be there for a verbal. Various downgrades including allowing private hire taxis and hotel coaches.
- 7.6 [Review of London Road junction and Picardy Place](#). They will be re-allowing the left turn into London Road. They stress that the length of the crossing phase will be unchanged, but will the gaps between them get longer? I think they actually state the length will be above the minimum. Sounds like the ten seconds will be found from the ped/cycle phase.
 7. [Motion by Councillor McKenzie - Roseburn to Union Canal](#)

Updates/ongoing

1. Meadows to George Street
 - a. LSE response - see email
 - b. Spokes response submitted
2. Tram to Granton
 - a. Spokes public meeting on tram extensions - JR to resend AR examples from elsewhere.
3. Roseburn to Canal
 - a. Completion now due in August. AR replied to email from landscape architects.

Other transport

1. Fountainbridge
2. Dalry, Living Locally consultation (includes bus/taxi gate & cyclops jn), closes 26 June / [Project page](#) / [Consultn website](#) / [Consultn maps](#) / [Door-to-door flyer](#) /
3. [Midlothian consultations](#)
 - a. Active Travel Strategy
 - b. Local Transport Strategy
4. East Lothian -
 - a. Musselburgh Active Toun / Flood Defence Scheme - JR to chase quoted comment
 - b. heat network cycleway
 - c. Pencaitland path/A6093 crossing
5. West Lothian draft ATAP, comments close 29 May / [Consultation draft](#) [14MB] / [AT web page](#) / Comments address not on web page. If we have capacity to send even general points, address is newdevelopmentroads@westlothian.gov.uk by 29.5.24

Planning

1. Cycle parking in new developments
2. [24/01341/PPP](#) res'l, comm'l, 200m NW of Bath Road (Forth Ports). 20 April, Adam Thomson
3. 24/02112/PAN mixed-use, sport and leisure, res'l, care home, commercial, 130m E of Cramond Rd North; S of Brighthouse Park Rd, where Cramond Rd N swings westward.
Exhib'ns: 29 May, 3.30-8pm, and 30 May, 4.15-8pm, at Cramond Kirk Hall.
4. 24/01950/FUL mixed use, care home, ground-floor commercial, at junction Manse Rd/St John's Rd (former row of shops; yet another app for this site!). 7 June; Nicola Orr

AOB

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Next Meeting?

Most likely to be 17th June.

Spokes Deputation(s)

6.1 Business Bulletin

Trams to Newhaven

Planters etc - these help to prevent pavement parking; need to be replaced with bollards or cycle racks.

Given the tramway opened on 07.06.2023 now just under one year ago Spokes finds it very disappointing officer time and money is being spent on matters such as planters when the cycleway isn't officially open yet.

West Edinburgh Transport Improvements

Failure to accommodate active travel and unclear whether projects will be taken forward. Projects usually die when descoped (e.g. Rutland Square section of CCWEL).

Good to see additional road capacity of Maybury Junction being removed from the project.

7/7/7 Bus Lanes

Spokes supports expanding bus lane hours to provide enhanced bus priority and to protect cyclists from vehicles in bus lanes. However, we are disappointed by the exceptional length of time that this proposal has taken. An initial consultation was undertaken nearly five years ago whilst other cities such as London have gone much further, much quicker.

The cost of implementing expanded bus lane hours is relatively low and broadly relate to signage and refreshing markings. Given this, we would urge for a broader implementation to be prioritised as soon as possible.

Circulation Plan

Spokes are disappointed to see the delayed timescale for traffic reduction measures within the city centre. This is particularly given the very small timescale since the previous report was taken to committee.

The Cowgate has already been one-way for significant duration during the construction of the Virgin Hotel. This can presumably be replicated very quickly with operational issues already known.

7.5 [George Street and First New Town – Operational Plan and Project Update](#)

PG supports the Spokes Deputation

7.6 [Review of London Road junction and Picardy Place](#)

Left turn technical risk for cyclists who wait at London Rd not at the cycle signal on Elm Row pedestrian crossing to Gayfield Square. Seems increasingly busy with the area at London Road full of southbound cycles waiting

8.1 Motion from Cllr McKenzie.

Spokes strongly supports this motion, particularly the need to connect the new infrastructure to the Canal towpath.



Has effect of induced demand been adequately considered? i.e. if the Bridges corridor was to be bus gated would the Picardy Place / Leith Street congestion issue be remedied?

Has swept path analysis been done, including effect on cyclists using carriageway (rather than cycleway), if HGVs are turning left from the middle lane?

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ALSO... <https://maps.app.goo.gl/LQ1rM1KWEbnbzgf89>