

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

12th August 2024 - 19:30

Zoom link:

Time: Aug 12, 2024 07:30 PM London

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74872212982?pwd=ydDOuieelGp8cA1sLNffFrCLM8DLoi.1> (We'll need to do the leave/rejoin dance every 40 minutes).

Meeting ID: 748 7221 2982

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Attendees: DF, JR, MMcD

Apologies:

TEC items ([Notes from Dave](#))

Work programme

- September TEC looking busy (Princes St Waverley Strategy, City Centre Future Streets, ATINP update, George St costs & options, Speed Limits – Rural Roads, Meadows-Canal update, Corstorphine Connections update, Granton-BioQuarter tram update on funding & consultation plans)
- October TEC will have a bike hire scheme report and annual update on car kilometre reduction.

[Business Bulletin](#)

- Meadows to Union Canal - further public consultation ahead of TRO process.
 - Repeat of [2019 consultation](#) “due to the delay in the scheme progressing we feel it is important to re-engage with the public” - five years ago! Written deputation asking for progress directly to TRO/RSO? **AR to draft response**
- West End Crescents - traffic counts show streets generally getting quieter.
- Canal Footbridge at EICA - Sustrans refusing to fund construction as gradient would be too steep; Scottish Canals want £800k to rent the airspace for 50 years; bickering about who's responsible for maintenance.

Main agenda

- 7.2 - [St James Quarter – Introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order](#) - the developer is trying (again) to get a TRO allowing motorised access to the pedestrianised St James Square.
- 7.3 - [Strategic Review of Parking Monitoring Update](#) - don't think there's anything particularly relevant to us here.
- 7.4 - [Low Emission Zone \(LEZ\) – summer 2024 update](#) - Mostly just monitoring and cost statistics, but also proposes adding three classes of exempted vehicles (road-rail operation vehicles, HGVs modified for moving artworks, and taxis that have applied for a clean vehicle retrofitting scheme).
- 7.5 - [Local Traffic Improvement - Delivery Programme](#) - proposals for various, relatively minor, projects. Mostly to improve pedestrian access. Evaluation to come. Most important scheme probably Polwarth roundabout.
- 7.6 - [Trial of 7-7-7 Bus Lanes](#) - Written deputation highlighting that bus lanes aren't suitable for many cyclists, and become less suitable if more motor vehicles are allowed to use them? Worth mentioning significant delays for such a simple project. London link - <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/taxis-and-private-hire/parking-information>

“Remember, only licensed taxi drivers can drive in bus lanes - private hire vehicles are not allowed. Licensed taxi drivers should check the signs at the start of the bus lanes, however, because there are a still a number of bus lanes they cannot use”
AR to draft written deputation.

“In 2015 Addison Lee challenged this theory at the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and lost. The ECJ said only black cab drivers are allowed to use the bus lanes because of their distinction from minicabs. Crucially the courts also found the banned usage of PHVs did not give taxis an economic advantage.”

- 7.7 - [Implementing the Footway Parking Prohibition](#) - enforcement will now happen on privately-owned streets as well; updates on potential mitigation measures and enforcement.
- 8.1 - [Eilersly and Kinellan Road](#) - proposals for speed bumps may be brought forward, pedestrian crossing being considered, temporary footway widening being made permanent (via Local Traffic Improvement - Delivery Programme)

Updates/ongoing

1. City Centre Travelling Safely ETRO - **JR to draft response**
2. Other Travelling Safely ETROs - deadlines from October onwards.
3. Meadows to George Street
4. Tram to Granton
 - a. Spokes public meeting on tram extensions - JR to resend AR examples from elsewhere.
5. TtN - Robert Armstrong was supposed to send a list of outstanding defects, but hasn't. Contractors taking their time with defects (think they have two years?).
6. Roseburn to Canal
 - a. Last major structure now in place. Completion due in October.

Other transport

1. Midlothian
2. East Lothian -
 - a. Musselburgh Active Toun / Flood Defence Scheme - JR to chase quoted comment
 - b. heat network cycleway

Planning

1. Cycle parking at Development Management subcommittee - meeting with Green councillors.
- 2.

AOB

- 1.

Next Meeting? 09/09/24? Important TEC on 12/09/24

Written deputations:

Business bulletin
7-7-7 Bus Lanes