

to: TRO.Consultations@edinburgh.gov.uk
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subject: Spokes Response: TRO/24/27 - PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF ONE-WAY EXEMPTIONS FOR CYCLISTS

Dear Traffic Orders,

Spokes strongly supports the proposed [TRO/24/27](#) to introduce contraflow cycling on nine streets across Edinburgh. Contraflow cycling makes the city more accessible for cyclists, creating new connections and a more cohesive network. Notably, this TRO will implement CEC policy that "there will be a presumption that all streets will be two-way for cyclists".

Research has shown contraflow cycling is safe, and it is a normal part of the street environment in cities across the UK and Europe. It can also reduce the potential for footway cycling, improving the pedestrian environment.

Despite certain media coverage, it is clear that Rose Street will not become a major cycle route as a result of this proposal. The cycle contraflow will, however, allow people making local journeys easy access to the numerous shops and amenities on the street.

Detailed Comments:

Contraflow markings should be used at the Simpson Loan/Chalmers Street junction.

Give-way markings, with an adjacent cycle contraflow, should be marked at the Richmond Lane/Gilmour Street junction.

The Cassel's Lane/Kirk Street priorities are not clear, with conflicting give-way markings.

Many thanks,
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