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Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2025 at 19:57

Subject: Bike lane in Silverknowes Road, Edinburgh

To: spokes@spokes.org.uk

Dear Spokes,

I am writing about the new bike lanes along Silverknowes road that has been recently implemented. This in my opinion is a wonderful change that joins up the Blackhall bike path with the promenade along the beach. Unfortunately, this change has also caused criticism by some residents claiming that the bike lanes are useless and dangerous. They are not useless because it is used by many cyclists and certainly they are not dangerous. It is great to have our own lane without worrying too much about cars and it is great to have double yellow lines so that no one can park their car on the bike lane. Before the bike lanes were implemented it was risky and dangerous to always zig-zag between parked cars.

On Friday 24th there was an impromptu rally of anti-road change with SMP Sue Webber. I feel concerned that if the people who are pro bike lane do not come forward, the road will be reversed again. The main objections at the rally are about the limitations on on-street parking due to double yellow lines but without double line, people would continue parking on the bike lane which would defeat the purpose of separate lane for bikes. I am seeking assistance from your organization since I strongly believe that bike lanes will improve public safety and contribute to a healthier environment.

Thank you

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.. email to Spokes from worried local resident

👤 If you use & support this scheme please respond!

Bsky response from another local..

Thanks. Scheme isn't complete yet (close on section south of roundabout). Some positives and some negatives in my view - will certainly feed in constructive criticism and encourage others to do likewise. Views of everyone round the city (who might use this to reach the promenade) very welcome.

Also worth noting that there is a noticeable amount of parking on double yellows, and one section where no double yellows but mandatory cycle lane (solid white line). Needs an enforcement campaign (or proper segregation, of course!).