

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

13th October 2025 - 19:30

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82527616002?pwd=6fkrDubxvhESiYskB7czrUZIYogCay.1>

Attendees: MM DdF AR JR EB

Apologies: DF

Welcomes & Apologies

New PG member - Mike Watt

Admin

PG mailing list / group distribution

Trams from Granton to Edinburgh BioQuarter and Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Beyond [Consultation](#)

Closes 17 Nov 2025

Current version of draft spokes response as agreed for website [here](#)

Current google doc of draft response [here](#)

Summary of Existing PG comments collated [here](#)

Spokes website of collated information [here](#)

Actions from October:

- Updated initial response has been shared publicly to get Spokes Member feedback - DdF
- Attended in person events / meetings ALL
- Visit northern route - completed by EB JR MM AR RA

Actions:

- MM to email Chris / Michael at CEC for a meeting w/c 27th October
- There are extra drop-ins proposed
- How do we get feedback from users of Balgreen - Saughton path that is parallel to tram tracks already?
- Southern route section ride to be completed - Bridges key concern, junctions safety where cycle lanes already in place, place making opportunity not to be missed.

Latest [Edi.Bike](#) newsletter

Updates/ongoing

Construction projects:

- West Edinburgh Link
 - Construction was due in October 2025. To be built in phases now, phase 1: Bankhead Drive to Calder Road. No news on funding award as yet.
- Leith Connections
 - Great Junction Street - bin issue and bus stop closed - any solution
- Elm Row/TtN Mitigation Measures
 - Elm Row work has still not restarted
 - Unidirectional cycling issue how to improve correct use
 - Balfour Street buffer - issue MM to meet RA on site
- [Queensferry High Street](#)

- Works on the first phase started on 07/10.
- Charlotte Square Interim Scheme
 - Still no snagging work on-site - AR to chase and share the list of defects
- Lawnmarket / Old Town Streets
 - Ped/cycle zone signage is now in place but it's incorrect and doesn't seem to be supported by an ETRO. AR to ask the OTS team.
- [A7 Active Travel Improvements](#)
 - Any update on works - DF work underway - any further update?

Consultations

- [Dundee Street and Fountainbridge](#)
 - [Consultation](#) closes 12/01/26 - AR to lead
- TRO/25/13 - Leven St/Valleyfield Street
 - Public consultation - includes Valleyfield St contraflow. AR to respond positively.
- LDPAP Projects (Burdiehouse, Queensferry and Maybury)
 - [South Queensferry connections](#) - responded to by Simon.
- [Walking, wheeling and cycling improvements in Currie](#)
 - AR responded. Broad support in the consultation report but one-way plug will be ETRO.
- Curriehill Station Link
 - Withdrawn application - JR ward Cllrs
- Polwarth Gardens [junction](#)
 - AR responded

Ongoing issues:

- Meadows - Canal / King's Theatre Improvements
 - TRO for the full M2C due this year.
- Meadows - George St
 - RSO called into Scottish Ministers + Public hearing for meeting
- Voi Cycle Hire Scheme
 - Emma Crowther is now leading the scheme, former UofE sustainable transport.
 - Update on scheme from Voi:
The scheme is going very well (at least from our POV and the Council - were well aware of the appetite for us to serve more areas with more vehicles!)
We're actually seeing record numbers for the scheme - with vehicles being used 7-8 times a day - which is unprecedented for Voi, and I think I would struggle to find such a well utilised scheme anywhere!). We're even getting close to daily trip numbers on the Just Eat scheme - on about either of the fleet size.
Plan is to expand to 800 vehicles by the end of the year - with large shipments coming towards the end of this month.
- Porty Junction
 - Still in design stage. No money for Construction as yet.
- [Braids Estate](#) - 2026 installation now proposed. Project Officer speaking at MCC on 18.10.2025
- Roadworks & Cycling Safety
 - RA pursuing. Special designations not being used. Cycleway need special treatment. What has changed?
 - Canal tree works - local temp closures
 - Christmas Markets - Waverley Bridge & Kings Stable closure RA to query
- Cowgate

- TBC on short term improvements
- TdF in Edinburgh
 - EB has shared ideas - Funding / spend agreed workshop later this year planned.
- Port Hamilton cycle route closed
 - Banned left turn on diversion - AR to chase with signals
- Cycle hangar TRO
 - Waiting List for expanded scheme
- Edinburgh Park Arena
 - Diversion route for wheelers non-existent. Unsure response from Carlyn Fraser in CEC/Spokes meeting. JR to resend issue to officer & Cllrs.

Other transport

1. Midlothian
Dalkeith Country Park - 7am to 7pm access from Newcraighall
2. East Lothian
Gosford House query - AF has replied
3. West Lothian
 - a. Map launch - Graeme Burton contact

Planning

- [25/04749/FUL](#) | NHS Lothian RIE elapsed covid car park renewal | Sat 18 Oct 2025
- [23/01743/VAR2](#) | Changes to long term cycle storage | Fri 17 Oct 2025

AOB

1. Transport & Local Access Forum - points to raise - see my email just now and also papers [here](#) when is the next meeting.
2. Living Streets - 2026 Holyrood
3. Spokes Husting 16.03.2026
4. Cycle Road Safety Roadshow [event](#) - 17th Nov 2025
5. Edinburgh Schools Young Drivers [event](#) -

Next Meeting - 05/11/2025 (next TEC is 13.11.2025)

- Note, TEC is now to be bi-monthly, but should PG continue meeting monthly, as there is usually a lot of other stuff, consultations, etc?
- How should we deal with TEC not lining up with PG meetings?
- Create recurring calendar event - 1st Monday of the Month
- Martin - 2nd Monday clashes with my Community Council meetings - can we change that day please? Thursday Nov 6th

26.10.2025 cycle, southern tram section

05.11.2025

01.12.2025

19.01.2026