

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meetings

1st December 2025 - 19:30

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82527616002?pwd=6fkrDubxvhESiYskB7cZrUziYogCay.1>

Attendees: MM JR DF AR RA

Apologies:

Welcomes & Apologies

Admin PG mailing list / group distribution

Next TEC: [29th January 2026](#)

CEC Meeting: 2nd December 2025 (tomorrow) agenda here [HERE](#)

Latest [Edi.Bike](#) newsletter

Updates/ongoing

Construction projects:

- West Edinburgh Link
 - Construction Phase 1 started: Bankhead Drive to Calder Road. No news on funding. South Gyle Access Road
- Leith Connections
 - Signal issue at FotW & Henderson
 - McD contacted Miles (project manager) - they were waiting for the bins on Gt Jn St to be relocated to bus stop area (now sorted) and some landscaping works. No info given re opening date or whether any opening "event". Still a bit of landscaping at The Shore and Dock Street but all the route is now rideable though the signals are not in use (lights are working but not call buttons.) Still unclear who is sorting out the connection at FotW. Robert Armstrong thinks it is ETYN and said he would talk to Miles but not heard anything.
- 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
 - McD met Robert (project manager) - minor works hoped to be finished before Christmas works recess to include bollards to protect the cycleway from parking intrusion and markings to deter cyclists from using old northbound cycleway until new flags can be sourced to change the surface.
- [Queensferry High Street](#)
 - Works on the first phase continues
- Charlotte Square Interim Scheme
 - Still no snagging work on-site - AR to chase and share the list of defects. McD has written to Marie (project manager) for clarification as to what further Interim works there may be and comments on the proposed final scheme.
- King's Theatre (Meadows / Canal)
 - Construction starts 12.01.2026 - TRO for full scheme support comment needed.
 - RA to request access / comment on compound
- 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. New signage now in place for contraflow.

Consultations

- [Dundee Street and Fountainbridge](#)
 - [Consultation](#) closes 12/01/26 - AR to lead attended consultation
- Barnton Connections Consultation
 - Closes 26/01/26 <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/barnton-connections/> - AR can respond/draft
- TRO/25/13 - Leven St/Valleyfield Street
 - Public consultation - includes Valleyfield St contraflow. AR to responded
- Summerhall improvement proposals
 - Friday 21/11/2025 - AR responded

Ongoing issues:

- Princes Street:
 - [Planning Committee](#) outcome was a very pleasant surprise, which must have given the planning officers quite a shock. We need to make sure that we will be [involved in the next stage of discussions](#), the 'summit' which the officers have been instructed to undertake, and the drawing up of a more comprehensive scheme, hopefully encompassing changes to the roadway rather than just the pedestrian areas. [We will be asking for involvement at tomorrow's meeting with CEC.](#)
 - [Primary Cycle Network to include Waverley Bridge.](#)
- QR8 at Edinburgh Park Arena
 - Diversion route for wheelers non-existent. Recent contact and response sent. [On agenda for tomorrow.](#)
- Meadows - George St
 - RSO called into Scottish Ministers + Public hearing for meeting
- Voi Cycle Hire Scheme
 - Scheme has expanded zone with more bikes due - 03.12.2025 @ 15:30
- Porty Junction
 - Still in the design stage. No money for Construction as yet. [McD to ask at tomorrow's meeting which Design is being taken forward.](#)
- [Braids Estate](#) - 2026 installation now proposed
 - Query Canaan Lane money for One Way Street actually a footway widening scheme
- Silverkows Road
 - Raised ironworks etc - safety risk
- Roadworks & Cycling Safety
 - RA pursuing. Special designations not being used. Cycleways need special treatment. What has changed?
 - Off road path closures 3 days notice - St Mark's, Ferry Rd etc poor awareness but Balgreen closure good
 - Canal tree works - local temp closures on going Transport Scotland on balance not the worst
 - Christmas Markets - Waverley Bridge & Kings Stable closure RA to query
 - [George St - difficulties turning at west end and risk of ice - could barriers be widened/are HMs even needed? See Melissa's experience](#)
- TfD 2027 in Edinburgh
 - EB has shared ideas - Funding / spend agreed workshop later this year planned. [EB to chase date.](#)
- Curriehill Station Link
 - Withdrawn application due to ecological concerns - [JR to email ward Cllrs](#)

Other transport / LA's

1. Midlothian

[A7 Active Travel Improvements](#) - works postponed for traffic issues

JR attended Millerhill

2. East Lothian

Levenhall - Prestonpans: JR submitted

[Station Road Consultation](#) - 15.12.2025 deadline - JR attended in person event and collating

3. West Lothian

n/a

Planning

- [25/05524/FUL](#) | Demolition of existing buildings and development of purpose-built student accommodation | 28th Nov Deadline - SK
- [25/05731/FUL](#) | 26 Tolbooth Wynd, Edinburgh | 28th November Deadline - SK / JR
- [25/05325/AMC](#) | South Queensferry Construct new 2 stream (420 pupil) primary school | 21st November - SK
- [Cameron Toll Future](#) - drop ins Dec 15th & Feb 5th
- [Social Hub](#) - Fountainbridge

AOB

1. Cycle Road Safety Roadshow [event](#) - 17th Nov 2025 - **email officer about wrong way unidirectional cycleway use on Leith Walk safety concerns?**
2. LSEG informal meeting 2pm - Friday 5th Dec. Canopy at EFI - <https://www.livingstreetsedinburgh.org.uk/2025/10/26/dundee-street-fountainbridge-active-travel-project-briefing-by-lseg/> JR RA & DF / AR (TBC) to
3. Transport & Local Access Forum - points to raise - see my email just now and also papers [here](#) when is the next meeting. December? **Maybe. McD (me) attended last meeting as it was on Transport - they are alternating so next will be Access.**
4. Spokes Husting 16.03.2026
5. Safety issue - yesterday somebody cycled from Picardy Place to Broughton St and was almost run over by a tram. This situation could be repeated at similar locations where cycle signal is only safe (designed) for straight ahead, especially with less experienced/visitors people on hire bikes. [See illustration.](#)
6. Cycle track maintenance eg leaf sweeping on Ferry Road. **Maybe covered tomorrow.**
7. Dealing with all the issues that were not addressed when the Covid measures went in as they were "only temporary" - eg poor surfaces. Another one for CEC meeting?
8. Bus gate for PHC success.
9. What is guidance on cycle thefts in progress - 999 if active but do not put yourself in danger.

Next Meeting - 01.12.2025 (next TEC is Jan 2025)

19.01.2026