

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

16th February 2026 - 19:30

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82527616002?pwd=6fkrDubxvhESIYskB7cZrUZIYogCay.1>

Attendees: RA JR SC MM AR KT

Apologies: DF

Welcomes & Apologies

Welcoming Ken Talbot

Admin

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Next TEC: 2nd April 2026

Next TROSC: [17th March 2026](#)

Next CEC Meeting: ##.##.2026 agenda here [HERE](#)

Latest [Edi.Bike](#) newsletter

SPOKES SCIO:

Planning Group putting forward a trustee if Spokes becomes a SCIO. Contact Ian Maxwell.

Updates/ongoing

Construction projects:

- West Edinburgh Link
 - Construction Phase 1 started: Flassches Yard to Edinburgh College + Torwood Path (~600m...)
- Leith Connections
 - Signal issue at FotW & Henderson - McD A permanently on "Ahead only" arrow has been added to the bottom of the cycle signals. Observation that cyclists continue doing every conceivable manoeuvre. 16/2 Martin: Project Manager passed enquiry on to Robert Armstrong and Traffic Signals 23/1 but no response! Have asked for contact info for Signals and will chase Robert!
 - Invitation to launch event See also email from Dave. The opening at 10am is followed at 11.30 by the launch of latest edition of Edinburgh Cycling Index - restricted numbers as cake is being provided! Email Dave if you would like an invite (Council says a few places still available) 18th March
- Elm Row/TtN Mitigation Measures
 - Elm Row - Cllr Caldwell by end of March on BlueSky
 - Unidirectional cycling issue - 16/2 reported to TtN but no response. No plans at present. Maybe we should consult with Active Travel re design - or do our own - there are markings but ineffective.
 - Balfour Street buffer - 16/2 potential for further similar works resulting from Road Safety Report but no further news - part of the TtN black hole
- [Queensferry High Street](#)
 - First phase works should be complete. Main works due Jan'26 – Mar'27.

- Charlotte Square Interim Scheme McD: and George Street (meeting on Wednesday 21.01.2026 for a run through of the layout plans and Order drawings - DO WE HAVE THESE ALREADY??) 16th January MM email doc. 16/2 Alex, Ewan & Martin met with Marie (PM) Productive meeting but probably superseded by events (see "Ongoing Issues")! Marie also picking up St Andrew Sq CCWEL link. Some Ch Sq Phase 2 snagging outstanding including signage. Phase 3 not addressing North Charlotte Street southbound lack of cycle provision. Possible something said about the "side streets" proposals? No notes taken - others may remember more.
 - Still no snagging work on-site
- King's Theatre (Meadows / Canal)
 - Construction is ongoing until April'26.
 - Valleyfield St closed, diversion via Glengyle Terrace.
 - Gilmore Place closed for resurfacing until May, but cycle access has been possible OOH.
- Lawnmarket / Old Town Streets
 - New signage now in place for contraflow. ETRO 2nd stage due soon.
- South Gyle Road bridge
 - Not yet open but in place. Query

Consultations

- Canaan Lane
 - "School Street" proposals shared with MCC - JR comments to chase response
- TRO/25/54 & TRO/25/56 Meadows - Canal.
 - AR contacted Andres Lices. TROs being progressed to prevent the reopening of Tarvit St.
 - TRO/25/54: Tarvit Street contraflow + vehicle prohibition
 - TRO/25/56: Drumdryan Street + Glengyle Terrace contraflow
- Cameron Toll to Bioquarter
 - Drawings sent by CEC. No official consultation/TRO stage as yet. AR couldn't attend stakeholder event but happy to collage design feedback and respond to the CEC officer. DF / JR / NM

Ongoing issues:

- Princes St & George St - implications of council decision on visitor levy - see email from Dave suggesting letter. Comments welcome! RA / JR confirm current status of £30million
- QR8 at Edinburgh Park Arena
 - Access remains blocked.
- Meadows - George St
 - RSO called into Scottish Ministers + Public hearing for meeting
- Voi Cycle Hire Scheme
 - Spokes due to be included in stakeholder work after TEC decision.
 - Stakeholder engagement and expansion.
- Craigiehall estate (formerly the HQ of the Army in Scotland)
 - Seemingly limited cycle access during initial enabling works. Planning expected 2026
 - Needs to be raised at next CEC meeting - TBC Local access forum?

- Porty Junction
 - Still in the design stage. No money for Construction. Ghost bike - **has been refreshed - also "west end" one.**
- [Braids Estate](#) - 2026 installation now proposed
Pending Cllr conduct investigation
- Silverkows Road Closure
 - Raised ironworks etc - safety risk during resurfacing - on going
- Roadworks & Cycling Safety
 - RA pursuing. Special designations not being used. Cycleways need special treatment. What has changed? **No response but seen to improve.**
 - Off road path closures 3 days notice - St Mark's, Ferry Rd etc poor awareness but Balgreen closure good. **Full council amendment in December seems good.**
 - Canal tree works - local temp closures have been a little poor - Harrison Park closure for bridge work. **RA to write to Cllr Key.**
 - Christmas Markets - any feedback to CEC now removed? **RA to send comments**
- TdF 2027 in Edinburgh
 - [Route](#) now shared - road resurfacing along Craigmillar Park / Minto Street?
 - EB has shared ideas - Funding / spend agreed workshop later this year planned. **EB to chase date.**
 - Tour de France 2027 route through Midlothian
- Curriehill Station Link
 - Withdrawn application due to ecological concerns - **JR to email ward Cllrs**
- QR9 projects
 - TRO resubmitted for minor improvements. AR emailed Stewart Inglis RE wider project status.
- Salt on the Innocent Path - reply with comment
- Scotrail / Network Rail Scotland

How cycles interact in the City - JR to email JL Note there is now a new spokes bike/rail person, Charles Wallis, taking over from Ewan Jeffrey

No primary cycle route to Waverley
NCN 1 bridge at Brunstane.
Slateford Road and station access.
eBike parking

Other transport / LA's

1. City Plan 2040 - JR
2. Midlothian
 - [A7 Active Travel Improvements](#) - works postponed for traffic issues
 - Tour de France 2027 route through Midlothian - opportunity for legacy of cross boundary link?
 - [A7, between Lothianbridge and the Sun Inn](#)
 - Text only mentions footway but drawing shows toucan/presumed shared use.
3. East Lothian
 - Active Travel Forum attendance - DF / JR
 - Good use of DO NOT OVERTAKE signage on Wallyford / Tranent Road
4. West Lothian
 - Bathgate proposal on Edinburgh Road. DDF has requested drawings.

Planning

- Sciennes Primary School [25/06533/FUL](#) | Proposed erection of planters and fencing. JR collate response and speak to contact at school.
- Former Evans Cycles at Fountainbridge [25/06652/FUL](#) | External alterations and reconfiguration of internal space to form bicycle store, new changing facilities and ancillary cafe.
- [Cameron Toll Future](#) - drop in Feb 5th - Did anyone attend?

AOB

1. Transport & Local Access Forum - papers [here](#). Next meeting is "Access" 14:00 - 15:00 5th March. Ken to attend
2. [Spokes Holyrood 2026 Hustings 16.03.2026](#)
3. Accessibility Commission - DF attended but Ken Talbot attending pending date. 9th March, 6th May, 24th June.
4. Pedal on Parliament: 30th May 11:30am
5. Next Spokes/CEC (Martyn Lings and Andrew Easson) meeting or separate meeting with Martyn about his new role/ambitions/etc having taken on Phil Noble's remit?

TEC Papers

Next Meeting - 30.03.2026 (next TEC is 2nd April 2026)