

WL Development Plan, Ideas consultation May 2025

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Address of your idea:

Linlithgow High Street

Please summarise your idea for the site:

I would like the High Street made much more user-friendly for people on foot and cycling, with car dominance greatly reduced.

Please summarise your justification and reasons to support your idea for the site:

It is difficult to cross the road at some times of day, and unpleasant to cycle along it. This makes it a less attractive place to visit and to shop.

Having pavement parking legalised is completely outdated and makes the High Street look like it is a free-for-all for motor traffic. It's particularly bad at the east end, where sometimes it's even difficult to get along the footway with a buggy or pushing one's bike.

Please provide any other information that you think is relevant to your idea.

These are some of the measures I'd like to see, to reduce car dominance and vastly improve conditions for walking and cycling. Incidentally, I certainly don't think the 4-way junction would be a panacea, as local traffic would build up further unless the High Street was closed off (with a bus/taxi gate) on the same day the junction opened.

High Street ideas...

1. Speed limit reduced to 15mph
2. Parking removed entirely on the north side
3. Bidirectional cycle route installed on the north side
4. Continuous footways at all side-road junctions with the High Street
5. Frequent crossing points, as in many French towns, without Belisha beacons or light-control.