

Fisherrow Consultation – Spokes response 18.9.26

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Subject: Re: MAST - Invitation to Public Consultation Event

We support the principle of the proposals as part of the wider aims of the Active Toun project to improve walking, wheeling and cycling in Musselburgh.

It is good to see the general realignment of the eastern end to tie into the path shifted northwards (closer to the coastline) meaning the current right angle turns at either end through the Fisherrow Links will be reduced.

However there is no drawing 1 of the link to/from New Street at the west end - can this be provided please? We assume there will be no conflict between parked boats and their masts / rigging and cycle users passing at the west end. However a drawing would allow this to be confirmed.

It is stated that car parking provision is actually increasing by 3 spaces which seems a bit odd if cycling is proposed to increase and encouraged by the Active Toun proposals. *"Currently, there are 44 formal parking bays to the west of Fisherrow Harbour; the proposals include 47 formal bays. South of the harbour, there are currently 29 formal parking bays, and the proposals retain 29 bays."* Would an alternative option be to use the space from the 3 extra spaces for other uses such as cycle parking, boat parking, planting or seating provision (either permanent or temporary using parklets) in order to assess if parking needs to be increased.

It is positive to see a 4m shared use path width proposed which is as per Cycling by Design (noted as being less than 300 cycles per hour peak (per direction) which correlates with count data available [online](#))

Would some visual delineation of cycle and walking would be useful to prevent conflict? The proposal would be like the infrastructure recently completed in Broughty Ferry for which shared use on a leisure route with parallel road seems to be working well. However we appreciate there is New Street as the parallel direct on road route is available for 'faster' road cyclists so perhaps unnecessary. Appropriate signage / wayfinding could assist with this.

Council response

From: "Munro, Sylvia" <smunro@eastlothian.gov.uk>

Date: 22 September 2026 at 13:18:07 BST

Subject: RE: MAST - Invitation to Public Consultation Event

Hi John,

Just to advise that I have forwarded your comments for inclusion in the consultation feedback information.

I have also attached the draft drawings for the Fisherrow Harbour area. As you are aware, these drawings are subject to revision when comments & feedback from individuals & organisations have been reviewed & changes been made. There will be a further consultation event when the reviewed drawings will be available to view. Dates for the further consultation have not been decided but I will ensure that you are advised in advance. I also plan to take the revised drawings out to community organisations & individuals for further comments & will ensure that you are included in this.

In the interim, if you have any questions or comments, please get in touch.

Kind regards

Sylvia

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