

# Proposed pedestrian and cycle crossing on Balgreen Road



## Issue:

There is an existing signalised pedestrian crossing on Balgreen Road at Baird Drive which cyclists are not currently permitted to use. This crossing is a key missing link on the existing cycle route between Roseburn and Edinburgh Park, called QuietRoute 8.

## Proposed scheme:

The proposal is to adapt the existing crossing to allow shared use by people walking and cycling. There will also be minor improvements to relocate items of street furniture such as sign posts.

## Purpose and context:

The Council is developing a network of cycle routes across the city, called the 'QuietRoutes' network. We know that heavy or fast traffic is the most significant barrier to more people cycling. To address this, the QuietRoutes are designed so that people can cycle without having to be with heavy or fast traffic.

The improvements on Balgreen Road will make it possible for cyclists to safely cross the road and thereby complete this section of the route.

Final designs are available to view on the Council's website: <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cyclewalk>

## Previous Consultation in Autumn 2016:

A previous consultation on initial design proposals was carried out in autumn 2016. The majority of consultees were generally supportive or strongly supportive of the proposals. A summary report on the initial consultation is available online, see link above. The consultation feedback was used to further refine the designs and these changes were detailed in the consultation report. The table below details one requested design change from the consultation which it has not been possible to include in the final design.

Design changes considered from the Preliminary Design Consultation but not taken forward	Reason for not taking forward design change.
Re-determining a section of footway from Saughtonhall Road to Baird Drive as shared use	This re-determination was carefully considered. It has not been taken forward as to deliver this additional link to a QuietRoutes Network standard would have required changes to street geometry and potentially a new crossing that were beyond the resources available for the current scheme.

## Next Steps:

The purpose of sharing these designs is to inform people who have expressed interest in the scheme about the final design that is being proposed.

The next step will be to commence the statutory legal processes associated changes to traffic regulations (parking, waiting restrictions) and with making the pavements at the crossing shared use for people walking and cycling. This will give any interested parties the formal right to object to elements of the proposed changes or express other views. Any objections received will be referred to the Council's Transport & Environment Committee. All those affected by the scheme, or who have expressed interest in being kept informed about the project, will be notified about how and when to respond to the statutory processes consultation.

Subject to completion of these statutory processes, we are currently aiming to commence construction of the proposals in autumn 2018.

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Location Plan with overview of proposal

