

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. There are cycle routes to the east and west of the crossing.

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 improvements will ensure that it is easier and safer for people walking or cycling to cross Balgreen Road.

The Council is developing a network of cycling routes across the city, called the 'QuietRoutes' network. We know that heavy or fast traffic is the most significant barrier preventing people who want to cycle from doing so. To address this, the QuietRoutes are designed so that people can cycle without having to be with heavy or fast traffic. QuietRoute 8 links Roseburn to Sighthill and Edinburgh Park.

The lack of appropriate facilities for cyclists to cross Balgreen Road is a key barrier which prevents the route meeting this required standard.

The improvements will help people on foot and by bike to reach key local destinations, such as Balgreen Tram Stop, Balgreen Primary School, Roseburn and Carrick Knowe.

Consultation:

The location of the proposed improvements are shown on the following page. City of Edinburgh Council are consulting on the proposals before the scheme is progressed to a detailed design.

The Council would welcome any comments you have, by email to:

EdinburghCycling.uki@aecom.com.

Subject to Council approvals and available funding, the improvements would be proposed for construction during 2017/18.

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Purpose: to allow people both walking and cycling to use the crossing of Balgreen Road.

Advantages:

- Improved crossing facilities for people walking and cycling at Balgreen Road
- Continuous facilities for people walking and cycling along QuietRoute 8
- Reduced conflict between people cycling and general traffic

Disadvantages:

- Minor relocation of existing trees required

