

Proposed improvements for people walking and cycling on Carrington Road

Issue:

QuietRoute 20 is an important part of Edinburgh's network of routes for walking and cycling. The high level of traffic on Carrington Road at peak times have been reported to the Council as a barrier to people trying to cross the road when walking or cycling, and to people cycling on the road. The width of Carrington Road and Fettes Avenue means that it is difficult for people walking to cross the road, while there is no signalised crossing at the junction of East Fettes Avenue and Carrington Road. As a result of this Carrington Road does not meet the standards of the QuietRoute network.

Purpose and context:

The scheme will make it easier, safer and quicker for people walking and cycling along Carrington Road and as part of wider journeys in the north of the city.

This will help people walking and cycling to reach local and key destinations, including schools, workplaces, shops and parks.

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 preventing people who want to cycle from doing so. To address this the QuietRoutes are designed so that people can cycle without having to travel in heavy or fast traffic.

QuietRoute 20 links Craigleith, Inverleith, the Royal Botanic Garden, Canonmills, Leith Walk, Easter Road, Lochend Park and Restalrig on quiet roads and traffic free paths.

Proposed scheme:

The Council is proposing:

- A segregated cycleway along Carrington Road;
- Improvements to crossing facilities for people walking and cycling at each end of Carrington Road.

We would like your views on these initial design proposals and any other comments you have.

There is an accompanying overview map of this section of QuietRoute 20 and proposal drawings of the scheme.

Proposal: Segregated cycleway for people cycling on Carrington Road, and improvements to crossing facilities for people walking and cycling at each end of Carrington Road.

Purpose: to help people walk and cycle to reach popular local destinations on and around QuietRoute 20, and to remove barriers to people walking and cycling on Carrington Road.

Advantages:

- People walking and cycling have greater priority, safety and reduced waiting times over motor vehicles
- People cycling will be protected from busy traffic on Carrington Road
- Crossing Carrington Road and East Fettes Avenue will be easier for people walking and cycling
- Pedestrians and cyclists will be physically separated to increase safety
- Existing accesses will be maintained

Disadvantages:

- Some parking bays would have to be relocated onto neighbouring streets
- Motorists may experience greater delay through the introduction of a signalised crossing

