

Proposed improvements for people walking and cycling in Davidson's Mains Park



Issue:

The existing path between Queensferry Road and East Barnton Avenue, which is part of the John Muir Way, is narrow, only partially surfaced and poorly lit. This makes it substandard and unattractive for people to use for walking, cycling and wheelchair access.

Currently, the waiting area for pedestrians to cross Queensferry Road towards Clermiston Road North is not large enough to accommodate those waiting to cross at peak times. Furthermore the sightlines are poor, which creates a safety issue both for people waiting to cross and for approaching vehicles.

Purpose and context:

The scheme will make it easier and safer for people to access Davidson's Mains Park and travel through the park. In turn this will increase accessibility for local residents to a range of destinations including: National Cycle Route 1 in Barnton, Corstorphine Hill, Lauriston Castle, The Royal High School local amenities. It will also help pedestrians and cyclists crossing Queensferry Road at Clermiston Road North.

The path will eventually form part of one of the Council's 'QuietRoutes'. This is a developing, city wide, network of cycle routes and walking improvements. 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 being designed so that people can cycle without having to be with heavy or fast traffic.

Proposed scheme:

The Council is proposing a number of improvements to the paths in Davidson's Mains Park, which aim to reduce conflict between different path users and to improve conditions for those walking and cycling in the area. The proposed improvements include:

- Path widening, lighting and surfacing improvements between Queensferry Road and East Barnton Avenue through Davidson's Mains Park;
- Wild garden area within Davidson's Mains Park to be enlarged;
- Improved transition area for cyclists at East Barnton Avenue; and
- A larger waiting area on the north side of Queensferry Road at Clermiston Road North for cyclists and pedestrians waiting to cross.

We would like your views on the initial design proposals and any other comments you have. On the next page is an overview map of the area.

There are also more detailed drawings of the scheme on the consultation web page, which can be accessed from www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cyclewalk.

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Purpose: to improve the infrastructure for walking and cycling between Queensferry Road and East Barnton Avenue, to reduce the potential for conflict and to create a more friendly environment for people travelling on foot and by bike.

Advantages:

- Improved conditions for people walking and cycling in the area;
- Larger area for those waiting to cross Queensferry Road towards Clermiston Road North;
- Non-invasive construction measures would be used to protect tree roots;
- The proposed measures would improve links to and from National Cycle Route 1, The Royal High School, Corstorphine Hill and Lauriston Castle .

Disadvantages:

- A few small trees and bushes would have to be removed to create the larger waiting area for the crossing.

