

Proposed improvements for people walking and cycling between Holyrood Park Road and Ratcliffe Terrace



Issue:

QuietRoute 30 is an important part of Edinburgh's network of routes for walking and cycling. The high level of traffic at peak times on streets such as Holyrood Park Road, Dalkeith Road and Newington Road have been reported to the Council as a barrier to people walking or cycling to get to work, school, or university, for local trips, and for leisure.

Purpose and context:

The scheme will make it easier, safer and quicker for people to travel between Holyrood Park Road and Ratcliffe Terrace on foot and by bicycle.

This will help people travelling on foot and by bicycle to reach local and key destinations, such as Holyrood Park, Pollock Halls of Residence, the Royal Commonwealth Pool, and the University of Edinburgh campus at King's Buildings.

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 being designed so that people can cycle without having to be with heavy or fast traffic.

Proposed scheme:

The Council is proposing to make a number of improvements between Holyrood Park Road and Ratcliffe Terrace, including:

- New pedestrian and cycle crossing on Holyrood Park Road at East Parkside;
- A segregated cycleway on Holyrood Park Road;
- Junction and crossing improvements on Dalkeith Road at Holyrood Park Road and Blasket Place;
- A segregated cycleway on Dalkeith Road;
- Junction improvements at junction of Blasket Place and Blasket Avenue;
- Junction and crossing improvements at the Minto Street / Blasket Avenue / Duncan Street junction;
- Junction improvements at the Duncan Street / Upper Gray Street / South Gray Street junction and the South Gray Street / West Mayfield junction.

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 accessed from www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cyclewalk.

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Advantages:

- People walking and cycling have greater priority, safety and reduced waiting times over motor vehicles;
- Cyclists will be protected from busy traffic on Holyrood Park Road and Dalkeith Road;
- Improved crossing infrastructure at junctions along the length of the route;
- People walking and cycling will be segregated on Holyrood Park Road and Dalkeith Road.

Disadvantages:

- Potential for conflict between people walking and cycling at some crossing locations;
- New crossing on Holyrood Park Road at East Parkside could increase delays for motorists;
- Change in priority at three junctions could increase delays for motorists.

