

Proposed walking and cycling improvements along Lower Granton Road



Issue:

There is a shared use path for people walking and cycling on McKelvie Parade, along the north of Lower Granton Road.

Further west however, the path alongside Lower Granton Road is narrow and for pedestrians only. There is also an informal worn path in the grass.

The road carriageway on Lower Granton Road is narrow and may not be attractive for many people who wish to cycle.

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 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 13 links Granton and Warriston. The lack of appropriate facilities along Lower Granton Road is a key barrier which prevents the route meeting this required standard.

The proposals on Lower Granton Road will ensure that it is easier, safer and quicker for people walking and cycling, and will form part of QuietRoute 13.

The improvements will help people on foot and by bike to reach key local destinations, between Granton and Newhaven including Trinity Path, part of the North Edinburgh Path Network.

Proposed scheme:

- Widening the existing path for walking and cycling along McKelvie Parade
- Extending the shared use path for walking and cycling from McKelvie Parade, along the north side of Lower Granton Road to Oxcrail Street
- The creation of a crossing facility for people walking and cycling at the western end of Lower Granton Road close to Granton Square.
- Creating a safe crossing point of Lochinvar Drive

Consultation:

The location of the proposed improvements are shown on the following page and design drawings are shown on the Consultation Hub, along with a short survey.

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 provide walking and cycling facilities along Lower Granton Road to reach key local and popular destinations and create a more pedestrian and cycle friendly environment.

Advantages:

- Improved facilities for people walking and cycling along Lower Granton Road
- Improved attractiveness of route for people walking and cycling
- Reduced conflict between people walking and cycling and other road users

Disadvantages:

- Limited removal of existing green space required for new path construction

