

Proposed cycle and pedestrian 'shared use' pavement on Hay Avenue

Issue:

The Council is developing a network of cycle routes across the city, called the 'QuietRoutes' network. We know that having to cycle with 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 traffic wherever possible.

Currently cyclists following QuietRoute 61 have to cycle along the road at Hay Avenue, however this street was designed with pavements that are wide enough to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. At its northern end there is an underpass of the railway to Bingham. This underpass is in poor condition and unattractive to use.

Purpose and context:

QuietRoute 61 links Duddingston, Niddrie, The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Moredun and Gilmerton to Midlothian and Roslin Chapel on quiet roads and traffic free paths. The route crosses Niddrie Mains Road to Hay Avenue using an existing cycle and pedestrian crossing.

The scheme will make it easier and safer for cyclists to use the route along Hay Avenue. It shall also improve the underpass making it more attractive to use.

Proposed scheme:

The Council is proposing:

- to widen the path connecting Hay Avenue to the signalised crossing of Niddrie Mains Road
- to permit cyclists to use the pavement along Hay Avenue
- to improve the access controls at the underpass of the railway and improve the conditions of the underpass to make it more attractive to use.

We would like your views on this initial design proposal and any other recommendations you have.

There is an accompanying overview map of this section of QuietRoute 61 and detailed proposal drawings of the scheme.

Proposal: a new pedestrian and cyclist signalised crossing and cycleway on Hay Avenue

Advantages:

- A wider path connecting Hay Avenue with the crossing of Niddrie Mains Road will make access is easier and safer for people on foot and by bike
- Cyclists will be protected from traffic on Hay Avenue
- Pedestrians and cyclists will be separated by white lines at junctions to increase safety
- The railway underpass will be made more attractive

