

LASSWADE ROAD RESURFACING, WITH ACTIVE TRAVEL IMPROVEMENTS

Spokes comments, May 2024

The new cycleways with red coloured surface, which will be segregated and protected where possible look good - and will improve cyclist safety - that combined with the resurfacing will make cycling safer and more enjoyable.

The use of Dutch entry kerbs is particularly interesting.

Some small comments:

- The cycle lane adjacent to Gracemount House Drive should be mandatory outwith the immediate driveway access
- Both vehicle accesses to the school should be continuous footways/raised tables if possible
- Consider infilling the bus stop layby as per the Telford Road scheme. The pavement looks very tight at the bus stop and the layby isn't wide enough to actually fit a bus anyway.

There's also a good 70m+ worth of right turn space at the Captain's Road junction. I'm not local but is all that space actually needed for queuing? If it was reduced slightly you could start the cycleway sooner going north.

Obviously extending the cycle infrastructure north would be ideal but it looks like on-street parking becomes an issue that they're presumably trying to avoid. The section from Malbet Park to ~Gracemount Avenue already has parking restrictions so might be doable?

I would also suggest cycle early release signals and lead-in lanes at the Mount Vernon Junction.

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(local resident and cyclist - including collated comments from Spokes planning group)

On Mon, 15 Apr 2024 at 13:07, Brendan Forrester <Brendan.Forrester@edinburgh.gov.uk> wrote:
Dear stakeholders,

In line with our [City Mobility Plan](#) and the recently agreed [Our Future Streets circulation plan](#), we would like to make you aware of proposed road layout changes to Lasswade Road between Captain's Road and Ellen's Glen Road. The proposals will improve the route for walking, wheeling, cycling and driving, providing better options to encourage more people to choose greener travel for everyday journeys.

Please find attached the draft plans for the corridor with the main proposals being as follows:

- New road surface from Captain's Road to Mount Vernon Road. The section from Ellen's Glen Road to Mount Vernon Road, which is not shown in the attached, will be a like-for-like renewal of the road surface.
- Pavement buildouts and raised side street crossings on Lasswade Road at Carnbee Avenue and Gracemount High School.
- One-way cycle lanes with protection where feasible. The proposed protection will take the same form as what has recently been installed on London Road (see photo attached as an example).

Please note that the northbound proposals directly outside Kaimes Special School are still to be confirmed and may be subject to adjustment to ensure that pupil transportation is maintained.

Introducing protected cycle lanes on this key section of Lasswade Road will increase the separation between traffic and the pavements and in turn provide better and safer routes for anyone walking or wheeling to a number of schools. The proposed changes focus on the section of Lasswade Road from Gracemount High School to Ellen's Glen Road, which then provides links to the onward walking and cycling provisions.

We are planning on starting work in late July 2024 and would welcome any comment or feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarification or additional details.

Kind regards,

Brendan Forrester

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