

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.

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.

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; and
- Improved transition area for cyclists at East Barnton Avenue.

Detailed designs are available on the Councils website: <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cyclewalk>

Previous Consultation in March 2017

A previous consultation on initial design proposals was carried out in March 2017. The majority of consultees were generally supportive or strongly supportive of the proposals. Key issues and actions are summarised below:

Design Element	Final design decision
The original design included for improvements to the waiting area for the crossing/junction at Queensferry Road.	This area has been removed from the scope of the project. It will now be considered under a separate future project which will consider more significant improvements to the crossings and wider junction area.

Next Steps:

We are currently aiming for construction of the proposals to commence in Autumn 2018.

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



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;
- 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 .



Future Phases

Please note the following areas are being considered as a future stand alone scheme that will be fully consulted on in due course:

- Junction of Queensferry Road / Clermiston Road
- Link between Clermiston Drive and D.Mains Park
- Davidson Mains park access
- Bus layby on Queensferry Road at Clermiston Drive.