



Appendix 2 Any comments on your travel

What you said report

Feeding back to the community about the online consultation October 2020:
Interested in better cycle paths around Spott & Dunbar?

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Appendix 2: Any comments on your travel; verbatim comments

Verbatim comments (with profanities and named persons redacted)

Since COVID have noticed a massive increase (from practically zero) of people passing little SPOTT cottages coming from Dunbar. It has been an incentive to increase my health and mental well being by not just jumping in a car but taking my time either by walking or cycling more. Also it would be better for the environment.

I live in Dunbar, and cycle around there - or walk - for 95% of my journeys. I sometimes head out towards Spott by bike (leisure & exercise), but hardly ever via Spott Road in Dunbar, which I consider unpleasant, and not suitable for schoolchildren cycling; rather I go through Lochreend Woods to the "Asda" roundabout. A bridge, or underpass to cross A1 would be a key improvement.

My travel habits are more likely to change if the surface of the new path is suitable for biking at speed. If it's a poor surface I would continue to bike on the roads.

Mobility restrictions find cyclest inconsiderate

It would be a huge improvement if there were to be a safe, off road path between Spott and Dunbar. I could cycle rather than drive - good for me, my health and the environment (fewer cars)

Path near In woods near Lochend Campus gets pretty muddy after rain.

The path by Hallhill Steadings is fine in the summer but flooded/ muddy in autumn winter

The roundabout at the A1 is too dangerous to cross with a bike, but particularly if you are travelling (by bike or walk ing) with a family.

One of us cycles "anywhere" - the other three would do more if the routes could be made safer

"Crossing the A1 is ver difficult and dangerous

Car/van/Lorry numbers are increasing especially around Asda, s

Dunbar High Street can be scary and difficult to navigate especially at busy times"

Canon gate is dangerous to walk or cycle on

Already live and work locally but would use paths for leisure and encourage kids to do it more if it was safer.

As we are mostly working from home going walking or cycling is more relevant and brings home how bad the lack of pathways and cycle paths there are . Improving this would make exercise less dangerous and more enjoyable.

I live in Dunbar near Spott Road - We can travel round town fairly safely but Spott Road area is a problem and a safe path to our friends in Spott would be amazing.

Good paths would make cycling with my daughter safer and more attractive

I work in Edinburgh and require a car at place of work so paths would make No difference to my commute

I can only travel by car to work - rest of the time I walk

I enjoy walking to the Spott roundabout and into Town. I do not commute I am retired. I am not keen on mixing cycling and walking - they do not sit well together. I suspect ore people would walk if they could.

the roundabouts on the A1 are so prohibitive to cycling and walking, also the narrow roads. I've been involved in a cycling accident previously and don't want anyone to go through what I have had to endure because of poor road visibility and maintenance.

Better and safer paths would also increase our opportunities and motivation to exercise through cycling and walking / jogging.

Most of these answers make little sense because I am not sure if I am supposed to think of the current situation or the pre-COVID situation. I have generally given answers for the current situation. Since COVID, I have cycled a lot around Dunbar for exercise. Safe crossing points for the A1 are a major limiting factor.

Crossing Belhaven/ Edinburgh road can be scary - especially with younger children and the dog. Need Beveridge Row to be pedestrianised after the railway bridge to make it safe to access to Spott.

Entrance to station road could be improved for cycle access to station

A waking and cycling path would encourage me to use the car less and exercise more often

Some areas of dunbar have poor pavements/no pavements and it doesn't feel safe to walk or run at those parts. Likewise I find not all cars treat cyclists with respect and it doesn't always feel safe. I live at the other side of the A1 and don't have a safe pedestrian/cycle route to Dunbar. Ironically I could see myself driving to somewhere and parking to use safe paths to either run, walk or cycle.

Main difficulty is crossing A1 at Spott roundabout. Speeding cars and difficulty in seeing them coming from south. Roundabout a disgrace .

find the traffic to fast to cycle safely. spott road pavement not wide enough plus takes a while to cross from garden centre to path.

I have kids coming up to teenage years, and a safe cycle route from Spott to Dunbar would be a godsend for them to have the freedom to get themselves to school or to meet friends, and would considerably cut down on fuel costs for us.

We would definitely use the new path as with my 7 year old at the moment we use the road old but im very cautious of the road

I stopped walking and cycling after some very hairy road incidents even I high vis this is a very dangerous road to walk and cycle on. Would love to be able to walk and cycle

My 16 year old hates crossing Spott R/A. When the boys were younger they would use the detour along the farmers field and through the underpass

Will always need car to commute but would like to reduce car use for local journeys for shopping, visiting friends, going to the gym and sports and for general leisure.

I walk a lot but am fearful for my children due to cars speeding on the road where we live (Belhaven Road). Children have to cycle in pavements to be safe - cycle paths would be hugely beneficial

Busy roads with often pot holes or damaged road surface.

I would also be interested for safe horse riding routes from dunbar to spot

Would it be possible for a bike path connecting Stenton to Spott/ Dunbar also be considered? This community is also having to use a narrow and unsafe road for families to cycle to nearby villages as a neighbourhood village to Spott, with a local school and lots of young families, if Stenton could be factored into the cycle path discussions that would be fantastic and contact this community.

Pavement underneath spott bridge is narrow and scary!

Our travel would be from Innerwick or Co'path, which at present requires crossing the A1 at Torness, which is very dangerous but if a cycle route were in place, it would allow a large number of people of all ages to cycle safely. at present there around at least five Innerwick Primary pupils who cycle to school regularly from outside of the village but on that side of the A1 but as soon as They start grammar school, they Will not be able to do that. We would also have more opportunity for family cycles if there was a savage path and improved levels of fitness as the adults in our family could make best used of time, and improve our carbon footprint if we could either cycle from home or leave the car in Innerwick where kids are dropped off and picked up from re are a number of adults who cycle at side of A1 at present between Torness, and Dunbar and as a frequent driver, I fear for a serious or fatal accident at anytime as there are a number of hills, very little verge space, and low visibility in inclement weather, around sunrise and sunset and at night. I believe something must be done soon to rectify this, as the have and car traffics is only increasing, in particular around the cement works junction. The pathway from centre of Dunbar has already been extended to Deer Park, and there are only a few short patches to extend it, and all road users, cyclists and pedestrians would be much safer with alternative safe routes or reconfigured junctions.

I really enjoy cycling round Dunbar. I feel unsafe cycling ro Spott as road dark and narrow

I regularly cycle in Dunbar primarily using Belhaven Road, Edinburgh Road routes and I am always nervous due to speeding drivers. Pretty much every time I am on the road on my bike I receive a close pass from a driver. At the moment I wouldn't allow my children to cycle on the road and instead use pavements which of course causes its own problems. Fully support the Spott to Dunbar path in addition to the a greater concentrated effort on reducing the speed of traffic within Dunbar.

"Would love to see a path created away from the road along Spott Rd. the current pavement is treacherous in parts - in that pedestrians are far too close to high speed traffic.

Would also love to see the underpass from down by Lochend campus over to the the tree scheme reopened or an alternate means of getting from Hallhill to Belhaven. The road running down the back of the new builds to Belhaven is in a dire state and desperately needs resurfaced."

I don't drive so I walk or cycle everywhere. I avoid Spott Road as I believe it to be unsafe. I generally try to avoid cycling on roads as much as possible and stick to cycle paths or pavements. I cycle everyday on the concrete and woods path between Moray Avenue and Hallhill car park but avoid this route during and after heavy rain as it becomes flooded and very muddy.

I walk and cycle and use the car for heavy shopping

Normally travel to station for work by bike

Since lockdown, getting out each day has become much more important and just part of my every day routine. Going by bike can be quicker as taking car means the long way round and as I abide by 20mph, it takes longer. And why not cycle if I can.

Current road surfaces are dangerous for cycle use. Crossing the A1 can be perilous [I have already been knocked off my bicycle by a car at the roundabout]

A safe path from the Doon Steading up to the post box in Spott would be my priority. I would use this every week. I walk to Dunbar occasionally. A safe path for this would be lovely but would not change the frequency of my journey. I would still travel by car to Asda so that I can carry my shopping home... not possible on foot!

Would love to Bike to Dunbar

To Torness but roads not great!

"I take convoluted wilder paths when running, cycling or walking to try to cut down the time spent on Spott Road because it is really dangerous.

I commute to Edinburgh for work by car

I want to support local business sustainably by getting to dunbar on foot or by bike"

Please could something be done about the increase in LED lights - they are so bright on many roads at night and cause glare. They were due to have diffusers on them and they never have. This makes it difficult for some people at night walking about. I find them almost blinding they are so bright. Reduce lighting rather than increase it also for wildlife.

We have no option but to cross the A1 at the cement works junction. This is hazardous and not safe at all.

Excellent cycle path from Whitesands to Dunbar

Cycling along busy roads makes me feel very vulnerable. We cycle regularly but always feel anxious when encountering busy traffic. I always use the car for shopping but use my bicycle a lot more if there were special safe tracks.

I live in Dunbar, but even there I feel restricted to only a few routes. We would very much like to cycle further afield

Usually by car as it's safer

Worried about people cycling on pavements

Current an electric car owner, haven't used public charging since council introduced very high charges to the charging points.

My son goes to West Barns Primary School, we live on Dunbar High Street and the cycle for him is just too unsafe, no cycle paths, no consistent pavement, requires crossing main roads twice to stay safe.

When I cycle I always try to use paths away from the main road. Sport road itself is too narrow and far too busy to cycle on safely.

Some of the hedges need cut along paths and the woods.

Travelling to Dunbar is good ,path is not needed and your causing damage to the environment

"No comfortable cycling on roads where vehicles have priority at every junction.

The more recent developments in Dunbar are poorly served by active travel arrangement and this has dramically increased vehicle movement mak8ng cycling much less attractive."

Poor road surface (potholes etc) inhibts cycling

I'm a confident cyclist so feel fine on roads but I would much prefer a cycle path and believe this would encourage far more cycling in the community

Separate paths are good - more would be great

Regular cyclist, but restricted to roads that quieter

Walking to/from the shops and railway can be difficult because so many people cycle on the pavement. If there was a separate path for bicycles that would be better. I always cycle on the road here but some roads are narrow and congested. some roads, the cars feel very close and fast.

Canongate near Spott is terrible needs widening or a traffic light system fitted Dunbar side of bridge and next to church

Spott road too dangerous even to walk on the pavement

We are a very active family and the safety of using the road with a 7 year old impacts our level of activity. We would drive somewhere safer to bike. I'd love to not drive.

More local buses for older people would be helpful.

Terrible road surfaces on 'cycle path' along A1 and to East linton (which is actually a footpath)

"The state of the current road and provision for all users south from Beveridge Row is a disgrace and risks the safety of all users (pedestrians, cyclists and car users). Additional dedicated space should be created for non-vehicular traffic.

The lighting under the railway bridge At the top of countess road nearest the station is very poor and needs improving."

With my mobility decreasing, I have to use a mobility scooter for longer distances if I have no access to a car. Currently if I want to travel to Spott it's been in a car only. I once walked part of the way but the vehicles often passed at speed which was too concerning even when I stood against the fence, never again. I've reported on different occasions issues with the path along Spott Road. I've seen a woman with a buggy and small child have to step onto the road as a person with a mobility scooter met, they couldn't go on the road obviously so the lady had too. I've seen people impatiently pass cyclists. Now in these times with the path so narrow it gives nothing to help social distance. As ELC & DCC will agree I've suggested several times they take over the slither of woods adjacent to Spott Road and make it the path. Take away the current paths to make the road wider and path the opposite side.

My main concern is the amount of traffic requiring to be negotiated, especially on Spott Road and the A1 roundabout.

Cannon gate is very dangerous for cars cycling and walking

Within Dunbar is fine but once you leave Dunbar it's ropey. Roads are often narrow and shared with cars and no street lights. Even for an experienced cyclist they are intimidating and I tend to avoid.

Dangerous roads between Spott and Dunbar especially at Canongate

I love cycling

In previous years I was a regular walker from Spott to Dunbar and back. However since the size of farm vehicles increased and the later contract out of farm management I ceased doing this as the volume and size of farm vehicles has again increased with vehicles frequently using the road from Spott to Little Spott as a short cut to neighbouring farms / fields. This road, like the main road from Dunbar to Spott and the Canongate Bridge were never meant to take this level of traffic and the roads are subsiding and breaking up. Repairs have been carried out on the main Dunbar to Spott road on approach to the Canongate Bridge but the road from Spott to Little Spott has been left to deteriorate further by East Lothian Council. An alternative solution for safely walking/ cycling on the Canongate would be a huge bonus. A safer route for car drivers negotiating the Canongate would also be appreciated when large farm vehicles are in transit: managed by traffic lights?

Biggest issue is broken pavements, potholes, need to repair the red blaise on cycle lanes, speed cushions with damage.