



Spott Dunbar Path

Appendix 3 Anything else you want to tell us in this context

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 3: Anything else you want to tell us in this context; verbatim comments

Verbatim comments (with profanities and named persons redacted)

I think the development of better walking and cycling paths would be definitely a very positive move forwards , especially as there is already strong evidence more people and families walk and cycle more since Covid lockdown than before . It is also a strong means of improving people"s mental health , slowing people down and encouraging them to enjoy the nature around them , plus connecting communities. I have chatted to a number of people walking past my cottage from Dunbar and West Barns and Stenton area who I have never met before.

The route Spott House - Little Pinkerton - Broxburn, along the foot of Doon Hill, and across fields to go under A1 & rail line by Spott Burn could - with MUCH improvement of surfaces - be an alternative. Has added advantage of linking with new roadside paved cycle track from cemetery into Dunbar on A1087. Could make a nice loop ride Spott-Dunbar-Spott.

This is a fantastic initiative and even more so because you"re looking to extend the path into Dunbar and are considering the wider path network. East Lothian has some fabulous walks and nature reserves but is poorly served when it comes to a joined up network of cycle and walking routes that allow you to explore these places without using your car. A designated public path will definitely encourage people to exercise more and enjoy the countryside without the fear of confrontation by land owners.

There is local support for safe paths to the Pinkertons and on to Innerwick - all villages South of A1 have challenges getting to and from Dunbar by Active Travel means

Improve the canon gate area would be sufficient

Road surfaces and cars speeding are big issues in Dunbar. We need to give all road users the same priorities as currently movement around the town is focused on what's best for drivers. Dedicated cycle lanes would create a healthier, safer more popular town.

anything that improves access and roads for pedestrians and cyclists gets my support

You shouldn"t be using agricultural land , use road

Unfortunately I found the survey has been designed in a very one sided way, shame. Maps of plans or proposed plans would help

Just get it done

Not a great questionnaire. I only answered the cycling question so I could move through it. I still think walking is an after thought and not really on the agenda here.

This is important for the village and wellbeing of the residents. Its not just about travel but the opportunity to participate in safe exercise and recreation. The current pandemic has highlighted the importance of good physical and mental health.

I am able-bodied my husband and mother are not it would be great to have more places we can enjoy together.

We need to create a network of safe green travel routes for pedestrians and cyclists around the whole of Dunbar and connected villages. Especially important given the increase in traffic associated with all the new development.

Thanks for doing this!

Looking forward to walking and cycling on new paths around our lovely villages and Towns.

A decent path between Spott and Asda/Garden Centre would be a bonus. Also the pavement from Asda into Dunbar is far too narrow on such a busy road.

More important issues to be spending money on like resurfacing roads and increasing the width of Spott Road

We would love a new safe path to Dunbar from spott!!!!

I feel uncomfortable on public transport oh how I wish we had this path just now. I find the road to terrifying to negotiate in bike or foot

Dunbar is such a bike oriented town. Great to see so many youngsters on their bikes. Let's make it as safe as possible for them.

We are at Easter Broomhouse and consider walking or cycling from here to Spott more dangerous than crossing Spott roundabout. Too many fast cars coming around blind bends on the narrow road.

our family walks a lot and it can be terrifying on Canongate and the road to Spott. We have had near misses. Its a very busy route for large agricultural vehicles with limited safe space for walkers, dogs, children. I'm a nervous cyclist who hates using the spott to dunbar road currently

I found the section in the survey on prioritisation hard to complete as not all proposals were clear to me. I also feel like they did not address all options and issues, e.g. people travelling to the school not from Hallhill

It would be helpful if there was somewhere that electric bikes could be charged

Please ensure that a cycle path to Stenton is also considered as part of this project. Often families and cyclists use this route, and it would make a huge difference to this community.

A proper path and lights needs built down the old military road at Lochend cottage through the woods. It's terrible in the winter time for kids cycling to school.

You guys should hook up with the folks who are workign to create a safe path from Drem to Gullane. They are doing some great work and could peobably offer some advice on dealing with (or battling) ELC. I can introduce you.

It is even more a priority during these current times to have good cycle and walking paths. Walking or cycling on Spott Road especially Dunmuir Hotel to Asda is very busy traffic wise and is very dangerous to walk on the small pavement when a path behind the wall would be much safer

I would like there to be a safer route for my child to cycle from the new houses to the Grammar school. Once he reaches Hallhill, I don't think the roads or pavements are particularly safe. Also I believe many could benefit from a better pathway between Brodie Road and Hallhill - during wet weather the woods paths are flooded and muddy and children have to wade through enormous puddles to get to school

Consider paths down the full length of the back road for cycling

Great project idea! It will benefit many people. Best of Luck

Could do with a map for this, had to look up Canongate and the Broxburn on O/S site. I drove by car to Spott today, the existing road is narrow, nasty to cycle with lorries thundering down. Couldn't imagine children on that route

I live in Dunbar, but my parents live in Spott. We only generally visit them by car as it's too dangerous to walk/cycle up

Fed up with landowners thinking they can ignore Land Reform Act Scotland and putting up Private Keep Out!

"To reiterate the Spott section of road is incredibly dangerous

People do not wear enough of any bright or hi vis clothing and on certain sections there is almost no space on a verge to shelter from traffic, especially at Cannongate. Huge agricultural vehicles use the Spott road and cars go too fast. It is a heavily used road by dog walkers and those going to and from Dunbar.

I run around the area and try to link up the local footpaths to avoid road running as much as possible.

I would love to be able to walk or cycle without fear to Dunbar for the post office, local shops, sport and entertainment. I'm not overly concerned by the A1 roundabout crossing but I do use the path that leads to the underpass at Belhaven quite a lot.

There is a Scotways path from Spott Home Farm to ASDA which uses an underpass tunnel under the A1 which then leads down the side of the railway to the beach. This is a lovely walk but it is long and not well maintained so not suitable for all or for bikes, buggies etc. It was our only route in thigh deep snow during the heavy snow of 2018 though."

Routes to cycle out of Dunbar are a good idea but not more hard surfaces

*Yes, you are a bunch of self serving hypocrites extracting money for nothing from the taxpayer. XXXX (redacted named persons) will pick up a large amount of cash for doing f*** (redacted profanity) all and no paths will ever be built.*

Please consider the wider community - for example the Pinkertons are completely cut off from Dunbar with no safe access or path network

I would use any safe access to Spott regularly for horse riding

"I'm always concerned when I read of "traffic calming" as this usually means speed bumps which I believe are completely ineffective in slowing traffic generally and just cause issues to cars. I am in full favour of other measures, such as chicanes, lights or temporary restrictions but these must be backed up with police monitoring as well.

I hope to see these much needed improvements take place."

I live at the top of Countess Road in the new houses at Kings Court, my son is 9.5 years old and the increase in the amount of traffic and the speed at which it travels through the one way system and onto the high street or down Countess Road is terrifying - I think he will probably not be able to cross it on his own until he is in grammar school. Please, please, please put on a crossing at the top of Countess Road

More had to be done to pressure planning for all new housing in Dunbar to incorporate separated cycle paths.

"The path is not needed, most people have cars in Spott, there is a bus service

There are other ways to travel

Please stop taking away land for no reason ,I'm very much against this path"

"The council have failed in leading development which prioritise active travel in Dunbar, please lobby elected members to move to his up their priority list.

Hospital Road is not required for vehicular access and should be closed.

Dunbar will over the next 30 years extend to Strawberry Barn. This development must deliver better active travel linkages.

Countess Road to the station requires a priority cycle route that avoids the one way loop, making it quicker to cycle than drive.

The east end of Countess Road does not even have a pedestrian crossing facility despite being the link between the new housing and the town centre.

ELC commissioned a study on transport in Dunba4 approx 15 years ago. None of this has been implemented but they have built two car parks! This study may be of interest."

The more cycling paths the better!

The Canongate is very dangerous for car travel as well- we have had the car mirror knocked off three times in the last four years

If improving links to town, what about the barrier that is the ECML? And who will walk from Spott to Dunbar High Street? Can understand links from Hallhill, but walking from Spott is a distance issue for what I'd guess is a lot of people. Hospital Road - and where would users destination be, apart from the beach? Cost:benefit ratio there not really stacking up.

The road is fast, full of large agricultural vehicles and not suitable.

Anything to reduce car use and increase non-carbon options is to be promoted and pursued. Additionally creating pathways which better connect people to their local communities and environment is positive for individuals, community & planet

No

Speed reducing measures approaching the crossing at the foot of Countess Road should be considered rather than a blanket approach in the area where there seems to be little evidence to support it's need.

I am surprised, and have always been, that there has never been a safe route for pedestrian, cyclist & mobility scooters, including a bridge/tunnel over/under the A1. So I am fully supportive of this project

Mo opinion is the money could be better spent elsewhere. Residents of Spott are (a) unlikely to use the paths. (b) were aware they were buying houses in a country village. They cannot now change the rules and expect transport links to be improved.

There are already safe cycling routes from New estates to town centre. But something needs to be done on spott road. Too unsafe and narrow/busy to cycle on and pavement too narrow to walk on.

Had my driving mirror broken while driving down the cannon gate three times in the last four years, so narrow dangerous road, maybe traffic lights would help safety

The path from Foxlake back to the roundabout (where it joins the new path) is totally insufficient - narrow, poor quality, no lighting, along the edge of a fast moving road, no passing space for bikes and walkers. It needs attention - meant to be part of John Muir way.

Great job

Traffic lights on Spott roundabout would also make pedestrian or cycle access from Dunbar to Spott (or vice versa) far easier. It would also help traffic from Dunbar and Spott trying to get onto the roundabout which is currently dominated by traffic flowing North or South who are reluctant to stop even when priority is with traffic to their right.

As well as pedestrians and cyclists can we also consider safe places for horse riding e.g. between village and beach.