Loanhead – Gilmerton cycle route
Consultation – Background Note

The City of Edinburgh Council, in partnership with Sustrans, is developing a scheme to enhance cycling and walking provision between Edinburgh and Midlothian. This scheme supports walking and cycling policies detailed in the Council’s current Local Transport Strategy and Active Travel Action Plan.

The proposed works include:

- Creation of a tarmac path along 900m of the former railway line between Lasswade Road and the tunnel beneath the City Bypass. This will connect to the cycleway in Midlothian which offers off-road access to Loanhead and Roslin;
- Replacement or refurbishment of the existing bridge over Lasswade Road with and construction of a ramp to provide a link between the raised embankment and Lasswade Road/Gilmerton Station Road;
- Resurfacing and widening of the footway on the east side of Lasswade Road between Gilmerton Station Road and Gilmerton Dykes Road to create a shared use cycleway;
- Reduction of the speed limit on Lasswade Road to 40mph; and
- On-road improvements between Gilmerton Dykes Road and Moredun Dykes Road, including an upgrade of the existing ‘puffin’ crossing on Gilmerton Dykes Street to a ‘toucan’ facility which can be used by pedestrians and cyclists.

The proposed improvements are shown on the accompanying plan. This can also be viewed online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultations.

It is currently anticipated that work on this scheme (with the exception of the Lasswade Road footway widening) will commence on site in March 2014, and will last for approximately three months. For safety reasons, access to the former railway line will be restricted while work is carried out. However, we will seek to minimise this disruption where possible. Further information on construction and path closure dates will be available in early 2014.

It is currently planned that the footway widening on Lasswade Road will be delivered in mid-2014.
We would welcome any comments or suggestions relating to the proposals – please forward these to CyclingProjects.Consultation@edinburgh.gov.uk or alternatively call 0131 469 3592.

The closing date for any comments is Friday 20th December 2013.

Please forward this information on to any other parties who you feel may be interested in the proposals.
Tie-in to Midlothian Council cycle path to Roslin & Loanhead

New overbridge to be constructed

Existing path to be widened to create shared use path

Speed limit on Lasswade Road to be reduced to 40mph

New ramp to be constructed

Tunnel beneath Edinburgh City Bypass

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Location plan

Scale 1:2000

NOTES:

- Existing path to be widened (width to be confirmed) and upgraded to shared use path
- Uncontrolled crossing to be upgraded to Toucan crossing
- Proposed 3m wide shared use path along disused railway line
- Ramp with 3m shared use path linking new railway path and existing path
- Proposed 3m wide shared use path along disused railway line
- Uncontrolled crossing with proposed shared use path

Location plan

Scale 1:2000