

# Marchmont to King's Buildings

**Cycle Route Improvements – Consultation**



## Why are we making these proposals?

The Council's Local Transport Strategy and Active Travel Action Plan set out a range of actions aimed at encouraging cycling in Edinburgh.

We have invested in improving cycling facilities for a number of years, and this has helped our city to have the highest proportion of travel to work by bike of all Scottish cities.

Cycling is healthy convenient and environmentally friendly. At busy times, it is often the quickest way to get around town, and parking is free. The length of many trips made by residents in this part of the city is ideal for cycling.

The route between Marchmont and King's Buildings already attracts a significant number of cyclists, many travelling to, and between, the University of Edinburgh's campuses. These proposals aim to improve conditions for them and to encourage more people to cycle along this corridor.

## Overview of proposals

- New on-street cycle lanes
- Extended hours for parking and loading restrictions, to reduce the amount of time that cycle lanes may be blocked by parked or loading vehicles
- Northbound (uphill) cycle lane on Kilgraston Road where it is too narrow for cycle lanes in both directions
- A new road layout in the area around Kilgraston Road/Grange Loan/Blackford Avenue and Oswald Road. This will help to reduce existing conflicts between vehicles and cyclists in this area (and improve pedestrian crossing opportunities)
- A trial of early start cycle signals at Blackford Junction is also proposed. This would give cyclists time to move off in advance of general traffic, and would be the first time this has been used in the city.



## 20mph

The Council is also proposing to introduce a 20mph speed limit along most of the Marchmont to King's Buildings cycle route. This is a linked initiative, designed to improve road safety and increase the attractiveness of walking and cycling in the area.

For further information, please visit [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph)

## Further Information

To see more detailed plans of the scheme, please go to [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultations)

Plans will also be available to view at Newington Library, 17-21 Fountainhall Road, Edinburgh EH9 2LN, from **6 to 19 October** inclusive.

The library is open from 10am to 8pm Monday to Wednesday, 10am to 5pm Thursday to Saturday, and 1pm to 5pm on Sunday.

## Have your say

Please let us know your views on the proposals. All comments must be received by **26 October 2014**.

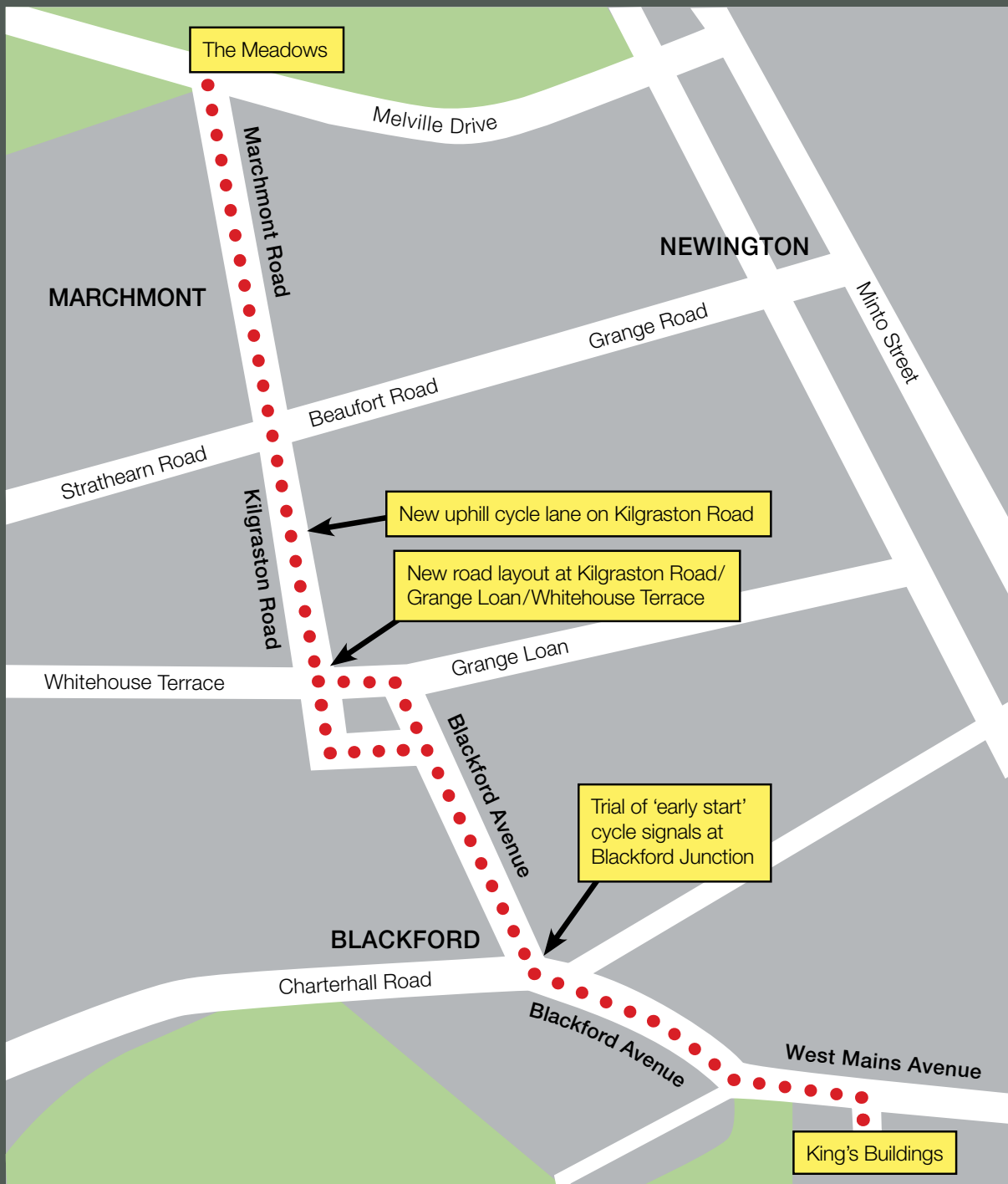
You can send your comments:

**in writing** – to Freepost RTCH-JJEK-TCCZ, The City of Edinburgh Council, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG

**online** – go to [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultations) and complete the online form to give us your views

**or e-mail** – if you have any questions or would like more information, you can e-mail us at

**CyclingProjects.Consultation@edinburgh.gov.uk**



## What happens next?

A summary of the results will be published on [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultations) in November 2014. We will consider comments made and may make changes based on these. After the period for comments has closed, we will begin the legal processes necessary to implement the changes. This will give you the formal right to object or express other views. However, we would like to know your views now – we may be able to make changes that you want before starting the legal process.

## General

For more information on Cycling in Edinburgh please visit [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/Cycling](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/Cycling)

If you're also responding to the 20mph consultation, please put both forms in the same envelope to save postage costs.

We can't respond individually to comments made on this feedback form, but they will be read and reported.

You can also write to us separately at the FREEPOST address, or e-mail us at [CyclingProjects.Consultation@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:CyclingProjects.Consultation@edinburgh.gov.uk)



## Have your say

Do you support or oppose the proposals described in this leaflet?

Strongly support  Support  Neutral  Oppose  Strongly oppose

Please make any further comments or suggestions here:

To help us analyse responses, please tell us a bit about yourself.

Your postcode or street name:

Are you: A resident or household?  A business?

Do you cycle: Often  Occasionally  Never



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