

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (CRAIGMILLAR CASTLE ROAD, DINMONT DRIVE, KINGSTON AVENUE, LITTLE FRANCE CRESCENT, OLD DALKEITH ROAD AND WALTER SCOTT AVENUE, EDINBURGH) (REDETERMINATION OF MEANS OF EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF PASSAGE) ORDER 202_ - **RSO/26/07**

Statement of Reasons

The proposal includes the creation of a new segregated pedestrian and cycle route including new toucan signalised crossings and has been designed to:

- Deliver a high-quality walking and segregated cycling route.
- Improve connectivity across the city by completing an important missing link in the network. Although there are existing advisory on-carriageway cycle routes along Old Dalkeith Road from Cameron Toll Roundabout to BioQuarter, users are not properly protected (there are a few sections with defenders and wands), and the surface is poor.
- Provide safer, more direct, and convenient access to key destinations by bike and on foot. There will be many trip generators in providing better access for pedestrians and cyclists to BioQuarter businesses, University facilities, Little France Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, Royal Infirmary, Outpatient Facilities, and Research Institutes.
- Provide better access to key employment and retail destinations listed above.
- Provide better access to green spaces.
- Improve road safety.
- Improve health and well-being.
- Reduce carbon dioxide emissions, to help the city achieve its net zero carbon aims by 2030.
- Encourage more people to switch to sustainable ways to travel. By providing safe, segregated routes it is envisaged that users for whom perceived safety has been a barrier shall be actively encouraged into active travel habits.
- The project is outlined for delivery in The Council's City Mobility Plan 2021-2030 Implementation Plan: Delivering Actions for Active Travel.
- Delivering these improvements supports walking and cycling policies detailed in the Council's City Mobility Plan 2021-2030 and Active Travel Action Plan (ATAP).