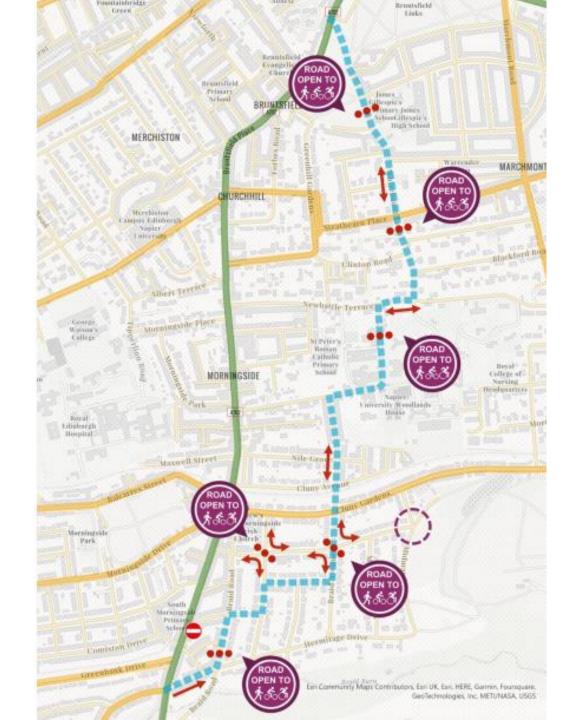
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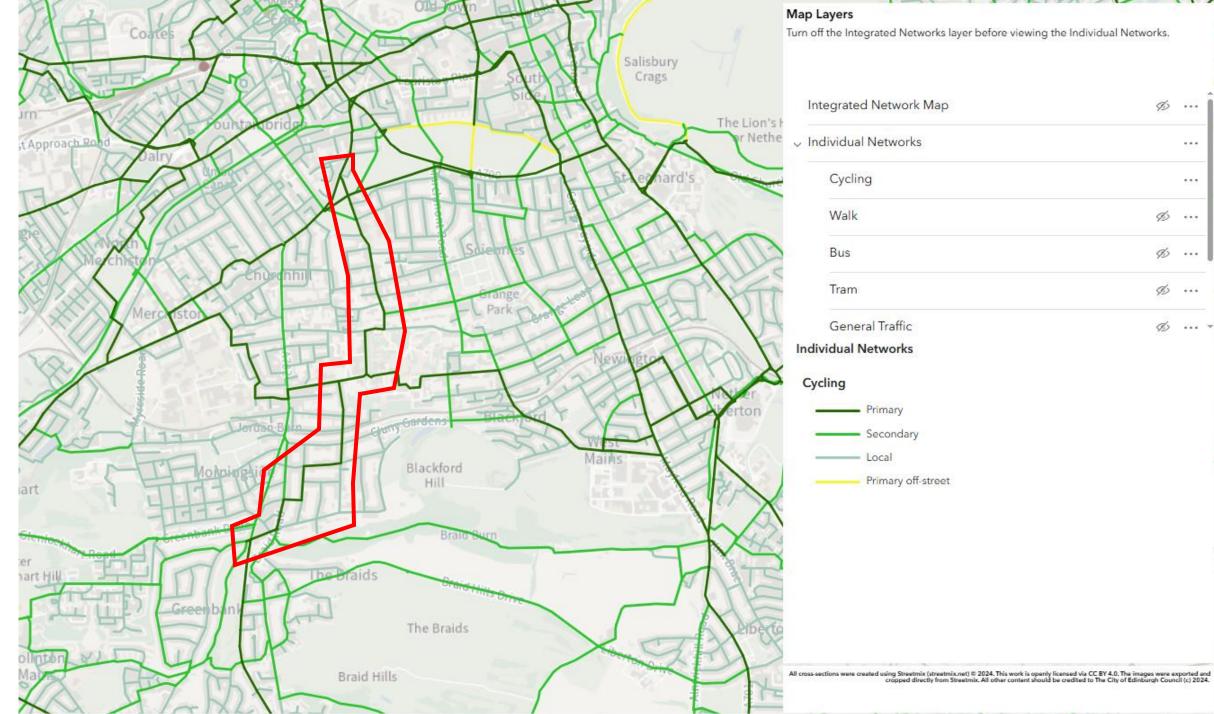
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21 May 2025



Scheme Context

- Introduced in 2021 as part of the Council's Spaces for People programme, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- The Council decided to consider retaining the Spaces for People schemes on an experimental basis as they supported our Transport Policy in relation to sustainable and active travel
- In particular, the Greenbank to Meadows Quiet Connection forms part of the proposed Primary Cycle Network, connecting residential areas with schools, workplaces and other services
- The development of the City's cycling network is an important part of our commitment to reduce car travel and encourage more walking, cycling and public transport uptake



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The existing layout of measures in the Braid Estate is shown on the map.



Scheme Context – Change to Design

- In June 2023 the Council decided to consider re-designs for the Quiet Connection in response to concerns raised by affected residents.
- Particular concerns related to additional traffic being routed down certain streets in the 'Braid Estate' due to closures elsewhere.
- Although traffic through the area was down overall, some streets were experiencing increases.
- Officers worked with Local Councillors to develop three re-design options for the Braid Estate which were presented to the public for feedback in Autumn 2023.
- These options ensured that the core aims of the scheme ie: the establishment of a safe cycling route through the area were retained.

Scheme Context – Change to Design

- Opinions were split within the affected communities but the option with the most support was 'Option 3' which removes the modal filters in the Braid Estate and introduces protected cycleways on Braid Avenue and Hermitage Drive instead.
- This was the option selected for implementation.

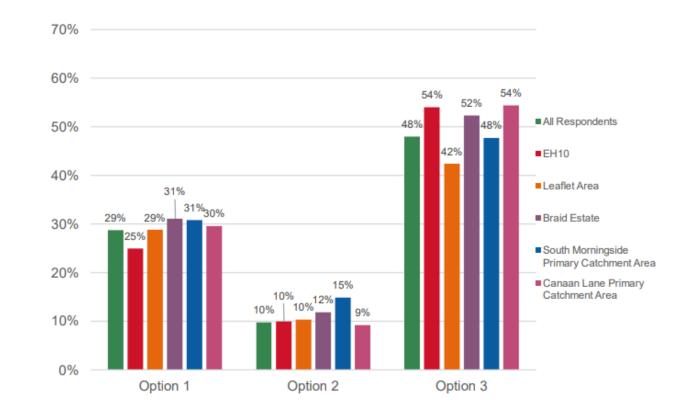


Figure 6.1: Please rank the 3 options for amendments to the Greenbank to Meadows Quiet Connection within the Braid Estate in order of your preference (where 1 is your preferred option). – First preference.

Option 3 – Remove all existing measures within the Braid Estate and introduce segregated cycling



Scheme Context – Change to Design

- The Council also developed a Revised version of Options 1 and 2 which retain the benefits of the modal filters, but address some of the concerns raised about these options during engagement
- The Council decided to include the option to 'switch' to the revised Option 1 or 2 during the ETRO period should this be required.
- The council will be monitoring the impact of these changes to inform any decision on a switch.





The Current Plans

The designs include:

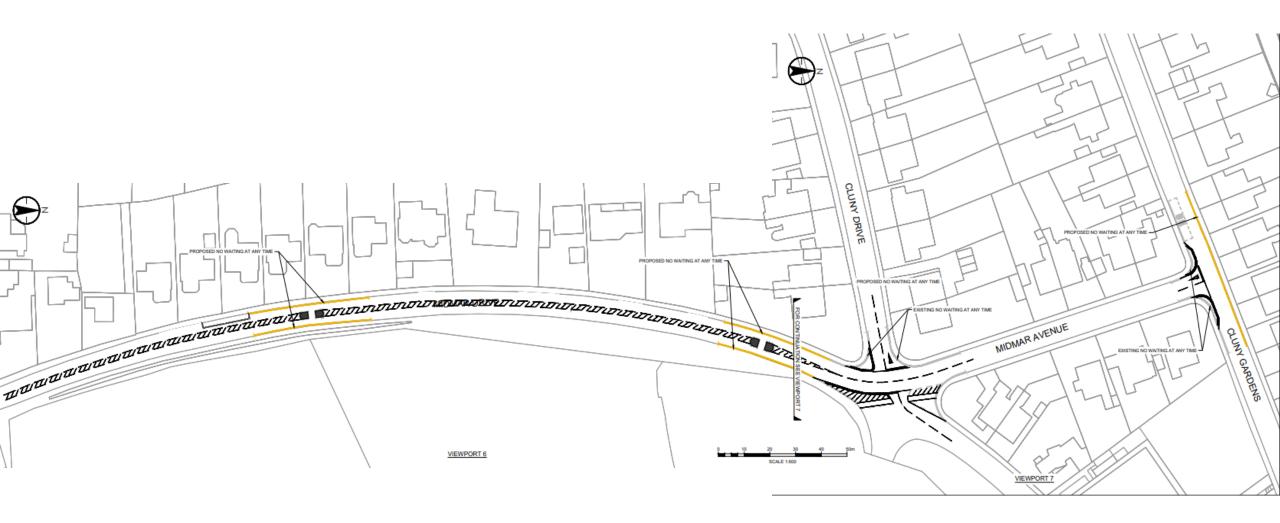
- Speed reduction measures on Braid Road, Hermitage Drive, Braid Avenue and Midmar Avenue
- Protected cycleways on Hermitage Drive and Braid Avenue
- Removal of most of the parking on Hermitage Drive between Braid Road and Braid Avenue
- Removal of all the parking on the west side of Braid Avenue
- Removal of all modal filters in the Braid Estate

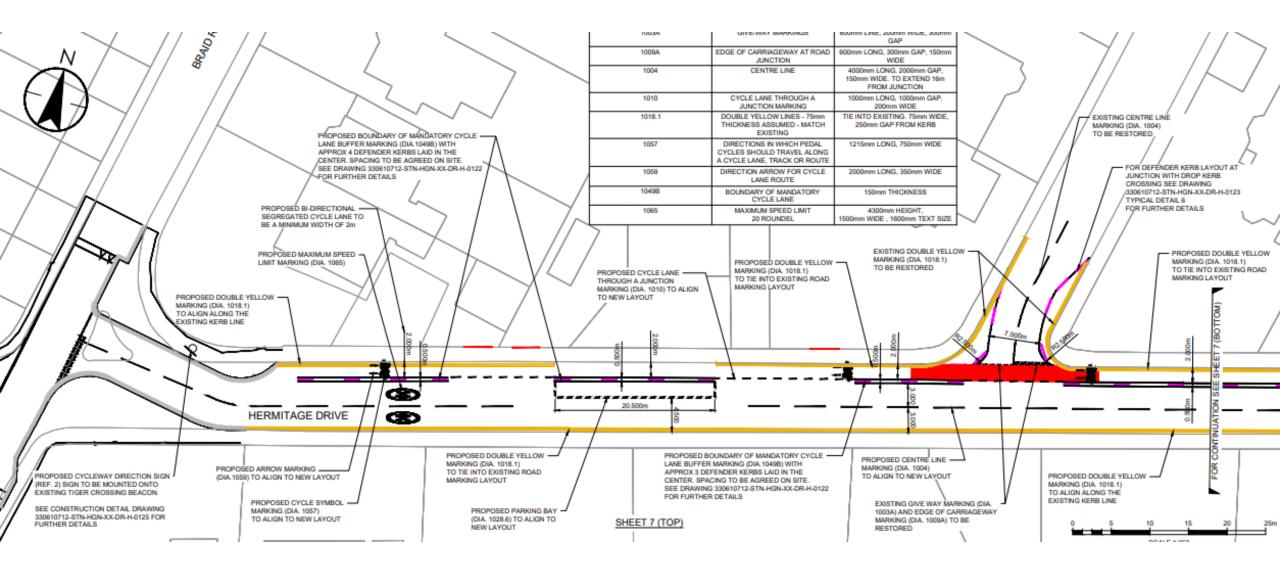
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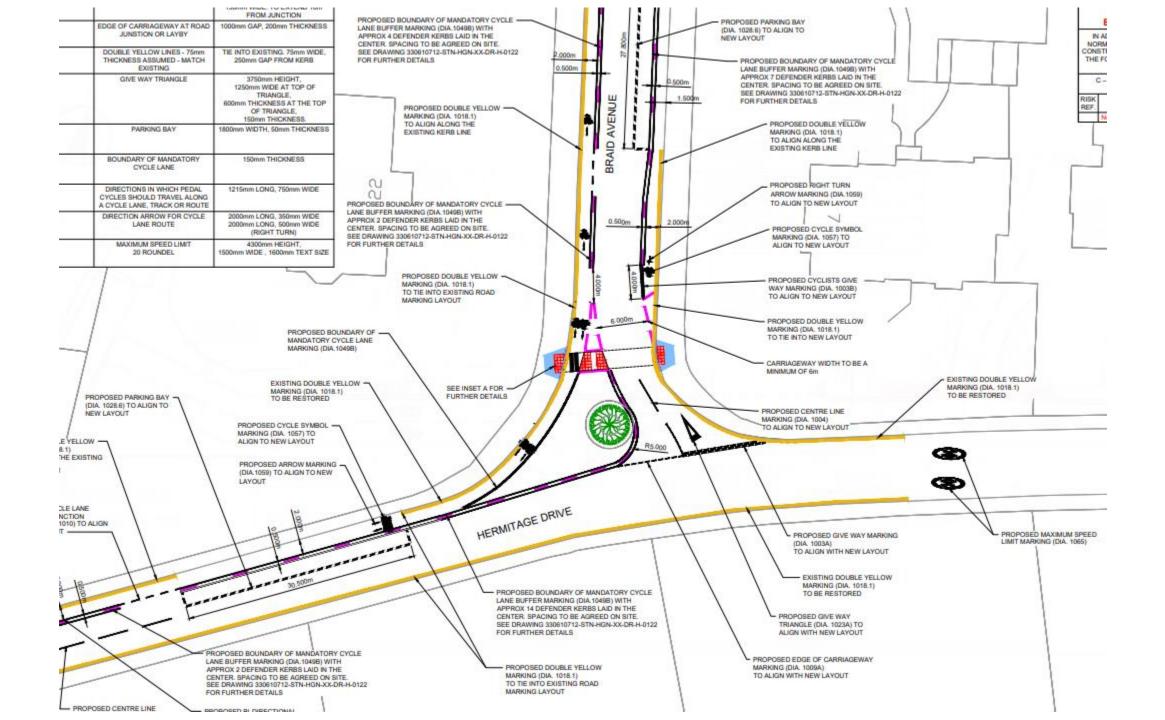


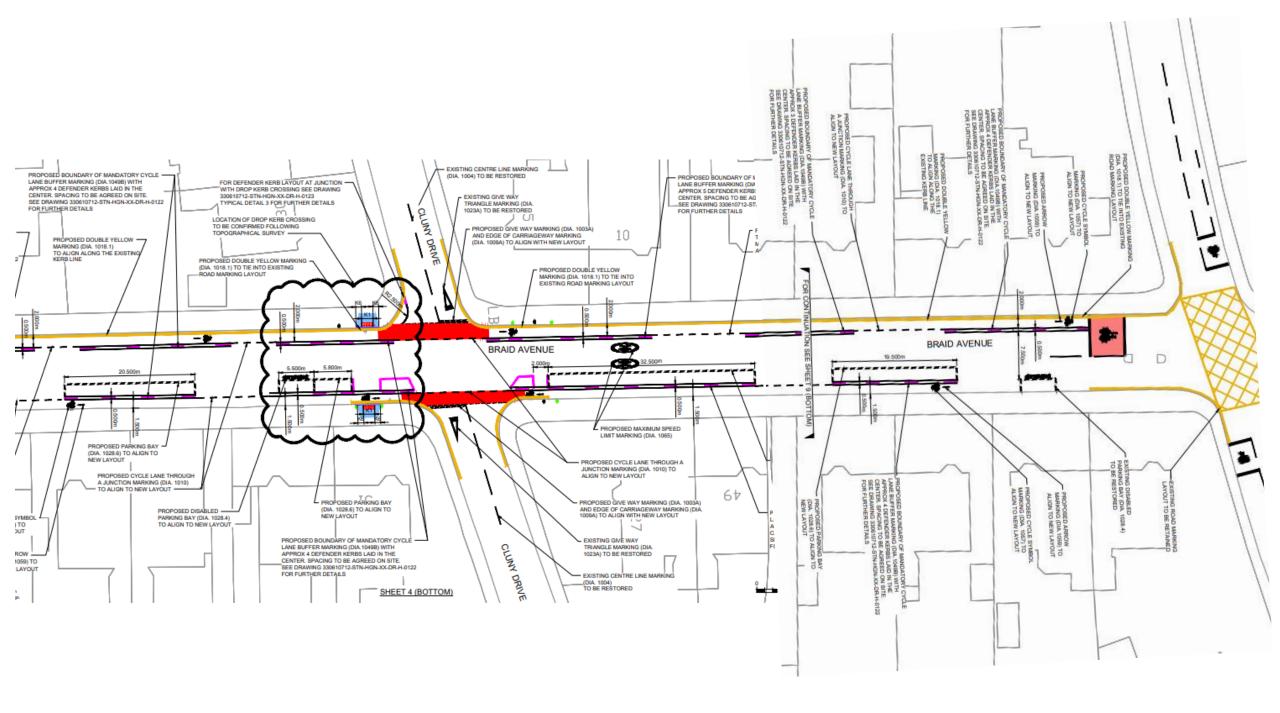












Progress

- The designs are complete and the relevant Traffic Orders (ETRO) are in the process of being drafted.
- Still facing delays getting started with implementation due to procedural hold ups and competing priorities.
- Unlikely to start work before the end of the summer, now targeting commencement in Autumn.
- Once the work is implemented the ETRO will be 'live' and there will be a 6 month period for feedback.
- Monitoring will be undertaken before and after implementation with the results presented to the Council's Transport and Environment Committee who will consider whether to retain permanently or make further changes.

Questions?