

Consultation Response

Broxburn to Maybury Public Transport and Active Travel Improvements

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If you have any questions about this response, please contact our policy team: policy@pathsforall.org.uk

Who We Are

Paths for All is Scotland's walking charity. Established in 1996, we work in partnership with 30 national organisations with a shared vision of a healthier, happier, greener Scotland, where everyone can be active every day. Walking is the easiest and most accessible way to be active, and our work to change the way people move, travel, and enjoy life in Scotland is focused on the following three themes:

- Walking is for everyone.
- Walking is for everywhere.
- Walking is for every day.

Our <u>strategy</u> sets out our vision for tackling physical inactivity, poor mental health, increased health and transport inequalities and the climate emergency.

Our Response

Enabling faster, more reliable bus journeys along the A8/A89 between Broxburn and Maybury

Broxburn mobility hub(s)

- 7. To what extent would you be likely to use the bus more often if bus journeys between Broxburn and Maybury were up to 10 minutes faster at peak times?

 Highly likely
- 8. To what extent would you be more likely to use the bus if there were less delays and buses operated in accordance with the timetable more often?

 Highly likely
- 9. Do you have any comments on the location of bus lanes, junction improvements and bus stop improvements?

We would support the intention to make bus journey times between Broxburn and Maybury up to 10 minutes faster at peak times. Virtually all bus journeys also involve walking and wheeling as part of the trip, and this would make it a more attractive option. Access to buses needs to be made easier.

12. To what extent would you be more likely to use the bus to/from Broxburn if waiting facilities in Broxburn were safer and more comfortable and it was easier to walk, wheel or cycle to the bus stop in Broxburn?

Highly likely

13. Do you have any comments on the mobility hub proposals? For example, suggested locations or feedback on the types of facilities which could be available.

We would support delivering one or more mobility hubs in Broxburn which bring together public transport and walking, wheeling, and cycling in spaces which offer safer, more comfortable waiting. This would make sustainable travel choices more attractive.

Enabling safer, quicker, more attractive walking, wheeling, and cycling journeys along and across the A8/A89 between Broxburn and Maybury

14. To what extent would you be likely to walk, wheel or cycle for more journeys along or across the A8/A89 between Broxburn and Maybury if it was safer, quicker and more attractive?

Highly likely

15. To what extent would you be more likely to use the bus for more journeys if it was safer, and quicker to cross the A8/A89 between Broxburn and Maybury? Highly likely

16. Do you have any comments on the proposed locations for signalised crossings for people walking, wheeling and cycling?

We do not have the local knowledge to comment on the detail of the proposals but would like to make some general points. We will limit these to aspects that have direct relevance to the work and objectives of Paths for All.

We support enabling safer, quicker, more attractive walking, wheeling and cycling journeys along and across the A8/A89 between Broxburn and Maybury.

Longer term improvements

17. How supportive are you of improvements to the A8/Ingliston Road junction?

Very supportive

18. How supportive are you of introducing an A8 North active travel connection?

Very supportive

19. Are there any additional measures which you think would enable safer, quicker more attractive walking, cycling and wheeling journeys along/across the A8/A89 between Broxburn and Maybury?

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We support the intention to enable walking, wheeling, and cycling on this route.

Enabling safer, quicker, more attractive walking, wheeling and cycling journeys between Newbridge and Kirkliston

20. To what extent would you be likely to walk, wheel or cycle for more journeys between Newbridge and Kirkliston if the railway path was safer, quicker and more attractive?

Highly likely

21. Are there any additional measures which you think would enable safer, quicker more attractive walking, wheeling and cycling journeys along the railway path between Newbridge and Kirkliston?

We support enabling safer, quicker, more attractive walking, wheeling and cycling journeys between Newbridge and Kirkliston.

22. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed package of measures will help both West Lothian and City of Edinburgh Councils contribute to the national target to reduce car kilometres by 20% by 2030?

Strongly agree



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