

EATON RD CONSULTATION

Wheelrights response

There is much to be welcomed in the Mott McDonald 's proposal for Eaton Rd . We are especially pleased with the segregated cycle path along much of the route and the additional parallel crossing points. We are pleased that many of the issues raised at the last meeting have been addressed. The points we mention below are relatively minor, but make for a better cycling experience.

1.5 As you may know, Brynhyfryd Infant and Junior Schools are situated either side of Llangyfelach Rd. To encourage parents and old children to cycle, there would need to be a parallel crossing between Sydney St. and Freeman St., which would allow residents using all the streets on the West side to cross safely over. Freeman St is a one way street which is very suitable for cycling given its narrowness making overtaking impossible. There is then a short walk to the toucan crossing if accessing the Junior section of the School. For the return journey from these schools, you would want to use Brynhyfryd St. which is also one way. Consideration should then be given a short section of SUP along the east side of Eaton Rd to reach the proposed new crossing.

1.12 The crossing of Robert St. presents issues because of the very steep gradient on the South side SUP and the poor visibility, due to the parked cars at the crossing. We are unsure whether this issue has been addressed.

- At the car park, the cycle path has been located next to the footpath which means that it will have to cross the entrance and exits. We would suggest that the crossing should be at least 4m from the footpath, so that drivers can wait for cyclists to cross. It is debateable whether a segregated path at the back of the car park would be better as it is avoids any potential contact with motor traffic.

2.3 There is enough room between the car park and the Courteney St crossing for a segregated lane.

3.5.1 The crossing itself is currently similar to the Robert St. where there is a steep slope on the southern side which makes it difficult to also have control when stopping at the crossing point.

Lastly, the spreadsheet at the end does not mention the proposed Zebra crossing from Mainwaring Terrace to Pentremawr Rd. To assist cyclists maybe a parallel crossing might be considered. The existing footpath on the North side of Pentremawr Rd. is mostly wide enough to be made into an S.U.P., thus completing a cycle link to Pentrehafod School.

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