

# West Blacket Association

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

December 2001

QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR

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**YOU SHOULD KNOW**, from our October 2001 Newsletter, that we invited members and local residents to the West Blacket AGM to discuss with Councillors and Council Officials proposals for the Quality Bus Corridor along Minto Street. Every household will also have received the Council's Consultation Document on Phase II of the Quality Bus Corridor.

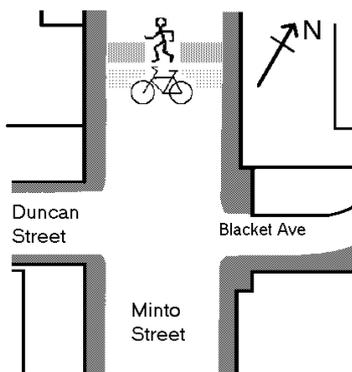
An hour-long discussion centred on proposals for a "Toucan" (pedestrian and cycle) crossing of Minto Street. We found the City of Edinburgh Council very receptive to our concerns. They seek broad approval from local residents before proceeding further with engineers' safety reports.

**NOW** is the opportunity to have your voice heard.

The consultation period is until December 21st 2001.

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## City of Edinburgh Council proposals for the Quality Bus Corridor

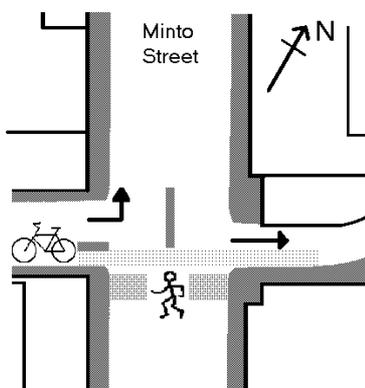


We feel this proposed Toucan crossing site would make an unsatisfactory cycle route, requiring cyclists to travel in busy bus lanes and against the traffic flow to reach the crossing from Duncan Street and Blacket Avenue.

The City Development Department are not committed to this particular siting of the crossing, and have invited amenity groups to submit their own proposals.

Following discussions with Council Officials and Cllr Fred MacKintosh, we would therefore object to implementation of a Toucan crossing at this site.

## Alternative Scheme proposed by the West Blacket Association Committee



Our proposal would provide a much safer cycle crossing, with additional benefits in reducing through traffic in West Blacket.

We propose a straight-through light-controlled crossing for cyclists and pedestrians. For safety reasons, right turns from Duncan Street would be disallowed and entry into Blacket Avenue would be one-way.

A refuge in the centre of Minto Street would prevent through traffic from Duncan Street to Blacket Avenue, improving amenity for pedestrians and cyclists, with minimal inconvenience to local residents.

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- **City of Edinburgh Council** (Richard Bourne, City Development Department, 1 Cockburn Street, Edinburgh EH1).
- **City Councillors** (Fred MacKintosh OR Alan Tweedie, City Chambers, High Street, EH1).