

# Five things you need to know today

## Have your say on new murals

Leith Links Community Council ask for help in responding to the planning application for new murals along the wall of South Leith Parish Church (in particular this one), which would replace the historical images of Leith's seafaring history. The community council says it is not impressed and asks that anyone interested comments on the planning application **before 24 May**. Use the links in the community council post at [www.leithlinksc.org.uk](http://www.leithlinksc.org.uk)



One proposal for the new mural

## Roseburn Path Meeting

Whether the tram should use the Roseburn path or an onroad route via Orchard Brae and Dean Bridge will be discussed at the June Spokes meeting. The four speakers will present each

case, then the pros and cons of each option for cycling and walking, and for wider public health, followed by a one-hour QA and panel discussion.

Spokes says it has always supported cycling *“as part of an environmentally sustainable transport and access strategy”* not purely cycling for its own sake. A spokesperson said: “We are very supportive of public transport, walking, wheeling, reduced car use, and reducing the climate-crisis impacts of transport. It is therefore important to consider all aspects of both options, although cycling issues will of course weigh significantly in our discussions.

*“Very briefly and purely from the cycling perspective, **onroad tram** would mean some very difficult cycling conditions (notably, tramlines on the already narrow Dean Bridge), whilst **offroad tram** would reduce the ambience and ecology of the nature-filled Roseburn path and might need path restrictions such as pinch-points at some bridges.*

*“Our public meeting on Wednesday 5 June gives you the chance to find out more about the arguments, and to start formulating your thoughts in advance of the forthcoming Council public consultation.”*

## Speakers

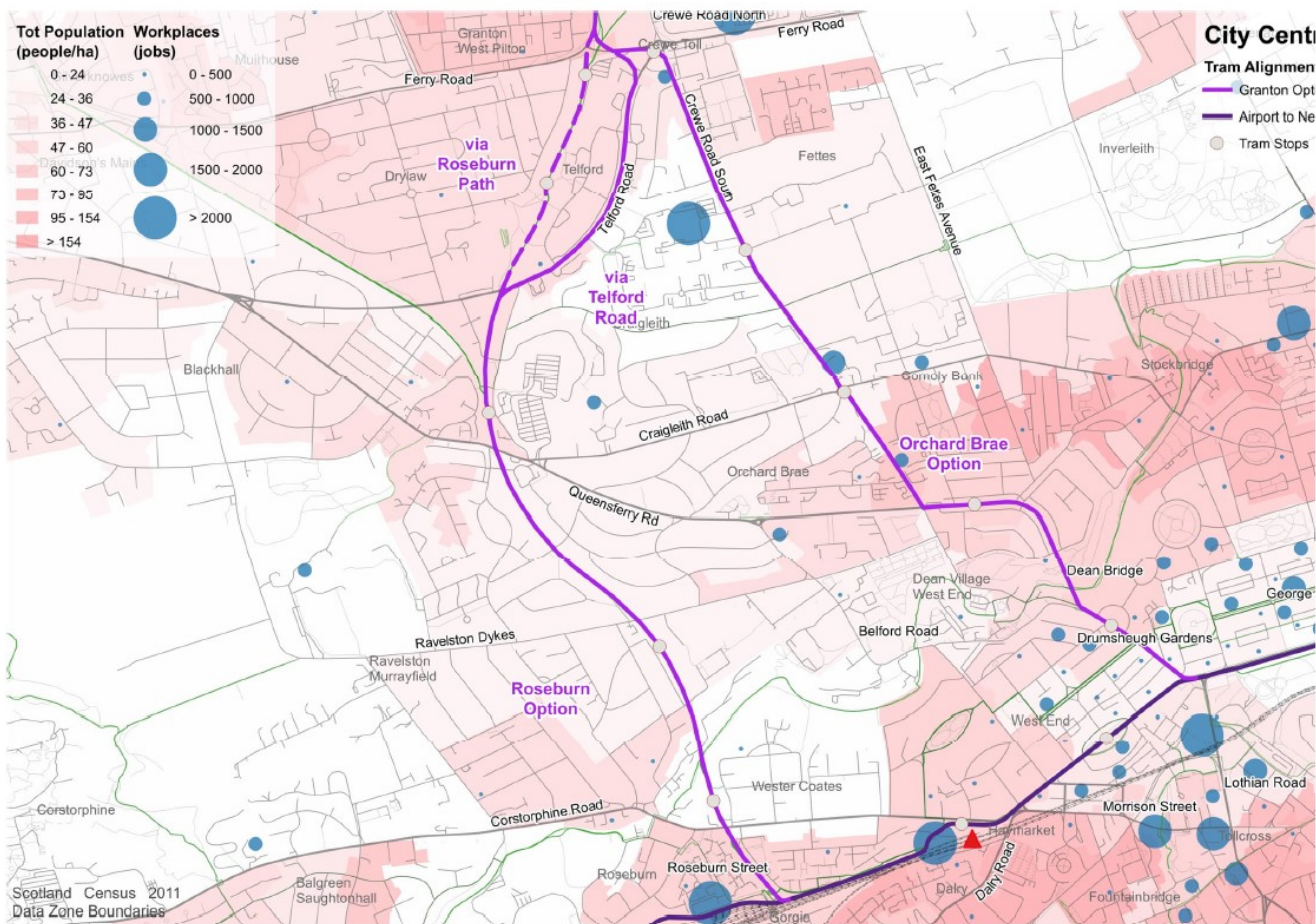
- **The case for tram using Roseburn path and not using the road route**
  - [\*\*\*Lesley Hinds\*\*\*](#), *Former Transport Convenor & North Edinburgh resident.*
  
- **The case for tram using the road route and not using Roseburn path**
  - *Euan Baxter*, [\*\*\*Save Roseburn Path\*\*\*](#)
  
- **Cycling aspects – pros and cons of each option**

- [Alex Robb](#), *Spokes Planning Group*
- **Population health – pros and cons of each option**
  - [Adrian Davis](#), *Professor of Transport and Health, Edinburgh Napier University*
- **...then our always-inspiring one-hour panel QA – your chance to interrogate and challenge the speakers**
  - Chair: [Johanna Boyd](#), [Scottish solicitor](#) specialised in planning and local government law, CEO of [Planning Aid Scotland](#), and former leader of Stirling Council.

## Arrangements

- **Where** [Augustine United Church](#) 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL
- **Date** Wednesday 5 June
- **Time** Starts 7.30pm, Ends 9.30. Doors open 6.45 for coffee, stalls and chat, including a special stall to join Spokes or renew your membership
- **Questions** Questions for the panel, can be emailed (at least a day in advance) to [spokes@spokes.org.uk](mailto:spokes@spokes.org.uk). However, questions in person from audience members are likely to have greatest priority on the night
- **Online** We hope to live broadcast on our [youtube channel](#) – confirmation nearer the time – and make the recording available soon after
- **Social media** If tweeting/posting about the meeting, use hashtag #SpokesMtg

Figure 3.2: City Centre to Crewe Toll



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## Trew gent

By **GEORGE HAIN AND PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

**HIS SELFLESS ACTS OF GENEROSITY** raised more than £1 million for charities, and the late Tom Gilman, MP, was much loved

and well known in the capital.

Now, an Our Willie-themed statue, in the image of the late Scots war veteran and charity fundraiser, has been unveiled on the spot where he used to break six loach during his

long days spent in the city centre collecting cash for charities. The life-size sculpture, a replica of one auctioned during an 2019 fundraiser, is now in place outside Gordon's Tavern on The Royal Mile which was his

regular lunch spot. For more than 20 years Tom could be seen taffing his collecting tin, wearing his trademark tartan trousers and medals in the city centre.

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Fluffy babies on the Water of Leith

# **Calton Hill Conservation Trust invite you to look at the insects**

On Saturday there will be a walk on Calton Hill starting from the National Monument at 10.00am. The walk will be led by entomologist Craig Macadam of Buglife Scotland who will ask those taking part to identify the insects and then make a list to help the Friends of Calton Hill in planning any biodiversity improvements. Nets and collecting tubes will be provided but it would be useful to bring a hand lens if you have one. Email [chair@friendsofcaltonhill.org](mailto:chair@friendsofcaltonhill.org) to reserve a place.