

P6 – Footpaths

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Footpaths

A footpath is any delineated pedestrian route that is not directly adjacent to carriageway space.

Footpaths should be:

- 2m wide as a minimum in most settings.
- increasing to 3m when vehicular use is expected
- increasing to 3.3m under buildings to allow for 0.9m clear width around a parked car.

It is preferable for footpaths to be laid out in wider corridors (with a desirable 5m width between vertical obstructions, including the verge) so as to avoid creating a confined path network.

Shared use or segregated pedestrian/cycle paths should always be considered as an alternative to footpaths to enable additional cycling benefits.

Meadows pedestrian and cycle path, 2m x 2m wide (buffer is to improve sightlines at the junction)



The City of Edinburgh Council

Inviting pedestrian link



[Designing Streets 2010](#) (John Thompson & Partners, Queen Elizabeth Park)

St Andrew Square; 2.5m footpath



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Relevant Factsheets:

Creating Active Travel Networks (P1)

Quiet Routes (C1)

Image References

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