

PoP Aberdeen – Pedal on Parliament

Saturday 22 April 2017

Departing Beach Esplanade (Bridge of Don end) to Castlegate, departing 1100hrs. Distance 2.2 miles

On the Esplanade will assemble on the shared-use path where it runs parallel to the River Don at the north end of Aberdeen beach. Start time is 1100 so please try to arrive ahead of that (1030 – 1045) to allow time for people to get organized, form up, and chew the fat with your fellow cyclists.

Remember the aim of the ride is to *increase the visibility of cycling in Aberdeen*, so we are not in a hurry, and we will aim to ride at around 10 -12 mph

**Please also remember that this ride is a *peaceful demonstration* of our right to ride. We do not intend to cause unnecessary disruption to other traffic, or to disobey any of the rules of the road. Please respect this.**

**There are no marshalls, no road closures or any other traffic management. You are responsible for your own behaviour and your own safety at all times.** The notes appearing below are intended to assist anyone unfamiliar with the route but are advisory only.

### **Beach esplanade**

Off we go! The first part of the ride is on the wide shared-use path. Please be courteous to pedestrians and watch out for children and dogs. If approaching from behind, make yourself heard. Keep an eye out for street furniture (lamp-posts, road signs, benches) particularly if you are unfamiliar with riding in a group

After passing the beach leisure centre (swimming pool etc) on our right, and after the roundabout but before the traffic lights, we will rejoin the carriage-way with an advisory cycle lane **Caution!** There is a dropped-kerb but still a slight lip so be careful. **Caution!** We will be joining a flow of traffic, so **STOP** and look **RIGHT** to ensure it is safe before doing so.

### **On to Beach Boulevard**

At the traffic lights we follow straight ahead onto Beach Boulevard. **Caution!** Beware turning traffic from ahead or behind which may be entering the southern section of the Esplanade.

Follow Beach Boulevard for 0.2 miles to the junction with Links Road, which is a signal controlled (traffic-light) junction. Follow the cycle lane and continue straight ahead on Beach Boulevard. **Caution!** Beware turning traffic from ahead or from behind.

Continue up Beach Boulevard towards the roundabout. **Caution!** this is a busy roundabout with HGV and other traffic. Our route continues into **Justice St**, which is the **second** exit.

**To avoid the roundabout**, dismount on Beach Boulevard shortly before the roundabout and follow the pavement round to the left into Commerce St where there is a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing point.

### **Justice St**

Our route continues up Justice St, to Castlegate. At the sharp left bend, dismount and enter the Castlegate where we will assemble near the Mercat Cross.