

City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements – Project Update 2

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Project Updates

This is the second Project Update bulletin for the Council's City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements (CCWEL) project.

These bulletins will be issued regularly and will include updates on:

- key project-related information
- project progress
- statutory procedures
- construction information and arrangements

When construction commences on site (currently programmed for 2018/19), updates will be issued more frequently and will include the latest details of:

- construction timescales and duration of work phases
- contractor working hours
- access arrangements
- traffic management (including road closures, temporary changes to parking and loading, and temporary bus stop changes etc.)
- general construction progress

Further information on the CCWEL project, including plans showing the approved preliminary design, are available on the project webpage at: http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20135/cycling_projects/1209/roseburn_to_leith_walk_cycle_route

Latest Progress

Work on the detailed design for Section 1 has been ongoing since February 2017. This stage of the project involves developing the approved preliminary design to a more detailed, technical level. This first section covers the part of the route between Roseburn and Haymarket Station via West Coates and Haymarket Terrace.

The preparation of plans for the statutory roads orders necessary to implement the changes along the first section of the route is also nearly complete. As part of these legal processes (Traffic Regulation Order and Redetermination Order), plans will be issued to statutory consultees for initial comment, before a full public advertisement later this year. The first part of the route for which statutory orders are being progressed is the section between Roseburn Park and Haymarket Station (Section 1).

This will give any interested parties the formal right to object to elements of the proposed changes or express other views. Any comments received will be referred to the Council's Transport & Environment Committee (or Regulatory Committee for changes relating to taxi stances).

Further information will be issued to residents and businesses along the route in advance of the statutory public consultation period. It is intended to hold community 'drop in' sessions prior to the period for submitting comments opening. Further details of such events will be included in future Project Updates.

Melville Crescent

WYG and LDA Design have recently been appointed to provide design services for the Melville Crescent Public Realm Project, which is being delivered as part of the overall CCWEL scheme.

Historically, Melville Street was far more people-focused with public space in its central plaza – Melville Crescent. However, this plaza is now car dominated with a vast expanse of road space and little opportunity for public life. Initial stakeholder engagement took place in 2015, with a view to reclaiming the space for people while reinforcing

the important heritage value of the street.

The first stage of work by WYG and LDA Design will include opportunities for local stakeholders, including residents and businesses, to input into the design process at its outset. This engagement will take place in late summer/early autumn. It is expected that designs will include reallocation of road space to public space, with potential for seating, planting and other landscape improvements. Further details will be provided in the next update bulletin.

Sustrans Funding Award

We are delighted to announce that the Council have been successful in securing £141,000 of external match-funding towards project costs this financial year through the Sustrans 17/18 Community Links Grant Programme. More than £15 million in grant funding has been awarded to local authorities and other groups for the creation of walking and cycling infrastructure in Scotland over the next year.

We would like to thank our funding partner Sustrans Scotland for their ongoing support towards the delivery of the CCWEL project.

Stakeholder Liaison Officer

A dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the project has now been appointed, and will join the CCWEL project team in July 2017. This officer will act as a key point of contact for all project stakeholders, including residents and businesses, and will maintain regular contact with the local community for the duration of the project. Contact details for the new Stakeholder Liaison Officer will be circulated in the next Project Update bulletin.

For more information

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