

Project Newsletter



Welcome

Thank you for expressing interest in the Leith Connections project. We are creating safer and more comfortable conditions for walking, wheeling and cycling and a more attractive street environment where residents can spend time in their local streets and outdoor spaces.

We'd like your feedback on:

- A new bridge connecting North Fort Street to Lindsay Road (survey open until 4 April 2024)
- Liveable neighbourhood trial layout and measures (make comments before 8 April 2024)

Help us shape our plans for Lindsay Road Bridge

Lindsay Road Bridge is a much-loved landmark and important part of Leith's local history. It provides a safe and convenient walking, wheeling and cycling route between North Fort Street and Newhaven. In December 2021, the well-used bridge was closed due to health and safety concerns. The Council and Sustrans are now working on options for redeveloping the bridge, so we can bring it back into community use.

We will be working with the whole community to better understand everyone's needs and get your views on proposed designs. You can [share your views on our online survey](#) or you can meet our team at one of our information sessions. Come along and see illustrations of potential designs. We'll start with a presentation, then a workshop and you'll be able to ask questions about the design and construction of the bridge. If you can't make the presentation you can still pop in and speak to a member of the team.

Information sessions

Thursday 7 March: Dreadnought Leith, 6pm to 8pm

Saturday 23 March: Heart of Newhaven Community, 11am to 1pm



Liveable neighbourhood - Comment on trial measures

Last year we made a number of changes around the area which included:

- Creation of three areas of community inspired artwork
- Installation of 15 new benches
- Six areas of new planting with pollinator and native species
- New pavement buildout areas around Leith Links to aid pedestrians crossing to the park
- New or improved dropped crossings and tactile paving at 17 locations
- Decluttering of pavements, removing various unused signage and poles

Alongside this work we have put in place some trial measures on Tolbooth Wynd, Wellington Place, John's Place and Links Place to change how motor traffic moves through the area and reduce non-residential through traffic. We have also made some changes to allow contraflow cycling on one way streets and introduced new pedestrian crossing points.

These trial changes are being made as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). As part of the ETRO process, we must make a decision within 18 months on whether to make the changes permanent.

You can [make comments](#) on the trial measures within the ETRO before 8 April 2024 and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Please send any additional comments on the overall scheme or suggestions you have to our [project email inbox](#).



Hawthornvale to Seafield walking, wheeling and cycling improvements

We have received funding from Transport Scotland through Sustrans Scotland's Places for Everyone programme to continue design and community engagement on the proposals for improvements along Commercial Street and Salamander Street to make it safer to walk, wheel and cycle.

Please look out for further updates and proposals on this scheme shortly.

Foot of the Walk to Ocean Terminal route update

We will soon be doing ground investigation works along Henderson Street, Sandport Place and Dock Street to confirm the condition of the soil under the roads and pavements, take samples for off site testing and to confirm public utility locations.

We will keep noise and disruption to a minimum but some noise from breaking the ground surface will be unavoidable.

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