

Trams to
Newhaven



Project Newsletter: 17 July 2020



The Trams to Newhaven project is scheduled to be completed and carrying passengers by Spring 2023.

In this edition find out more about plans and activities on site.

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Leith Walk

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The establishment of the construction site from London Road to Crown Place is complete. The city bound lane is operational. Please visit our project [website](#) for further information on the traffic management arrangements. [Details of Lothian Bus diversions are available on their website.](#)

Traffic management arrangements have been approved jointly with members of the City of Edinburgh Traffic Management Review Panel, including Lothian Buses and the emergency services. Access through the site will be maintained for emergency services at all times.

Site Investigation and excavation works will continue from London Road to Crown Street.

The junction of McDonald Road with Leith Walk remains closed to allow utility works in the area. This will be in place for 6 weeks.

Leith Walk Utilities

Utility diversion works on Leith Walk will commence July 2020 and are scheduled to be completed by March 2021. This work is being undertaken by Morrison Utility Services (MUS) and a letter has been issued to residents in the area that may be affected by these works.

Cycle Way Leith Walk

We have installed a bi-directional cycle lane as part of the establishment of the construction site. This will result in a separate cycle way for cyclists adjacent to the pedestrian footpath and both will be maintained throughout the period of construction. As part of the final design a segregated cycleway will run the length of Leith Walk.

Out of Hours Working

We will be working additional hours on a Saturday between London Road junction and Annandale Street Junction. These works will take place from 1pm to 7pm starting on Saturday 18th July to Saturday 1st August. The works will consist of bulk excavation and traffic movements from access gates onto London Road from Leith Walk. Normal construction Saturday hours are from 8am to 1pm.

Parking

All parking and loading provisions are suspended on Constitution Street and between Foot of the Walk to London Road with no street parking or loading facilities available on the running lane on Leith Walk. Short-term waiting areas will be provided at three locations during the works to facilitate access to businesses and local properties. These waiting areas will be short stay only for 30 mins and will be located in the vicinity of Crown Street, Pilrig Street and

Elm Row.

Bins

Communal bins for Leith Walk are now situated at the nearest side street to their existing location. The regularity of uplifts will be increased to ensure the area is kept clean and tidy and uplifts will take place in the evening to minimise traffic in the area at peak times. If a bin collection has been missed please report this on the [council's website](#).



Newhaven, Ocean Drive and Constitution Street

Baltic Street

Traffic has been reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights at the junction of Baltic Street / Bernard Street to accommodate utility works.

Out of Hours Working

We have been undertaking Ground Penetrating Radar survey works starting at Ocean Way between Constitution PI and Tower St and Ocean Drive at the roundabout to the south end of Ocean Terminal. These works took place between 7pm and 7am. These commenced on Tuesday 14th July and were completed on Thursday 16th July. This has not involved any heavy or noisy plant.

Maritime Lane

Maritime Lane has been closed for approximately 2 weeks. All local deliveries will be maintained via our Mitchell Street Logistics Hub. If you need any assistance please contact the team in the Hub.



Itison

As part of the project's Support for Business scheme we are working with deal site Itison where customers can purchase £10 vouchers online to spend in local stores on Leith Walk for just £5. The discount is funded by the City of Edinburgh Council and businesses will receive 100% of the vouchers value from the City of Edinburgh Council.

We are working to introduce a scheme for Leith Walk. If you are a business in the area and you would like to participate in this scheme please contact Newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk with the subject title "Itison voucher scheme for Leith Walk", confirming name of business, address, and email address for future correspondence. Following this we will then get back in contact to request further information to complete the registration process.



Logistics Hubs

The [logistics hubs](#) on Mitchell Street, Foot of the Walk, Dalmeny Street, Albert Street and Montgomery Street are now operational. The logistics hubs are there to help businesses with deliveries and dispatches but any resident on the construction route that is expecting a bulky delivery should contact the logistic hub who will be able to assist. Additional equipment has arrived at the hubs to assist the team with larger deliveries.

We continue to receive positive feedback about our Logistic Officers and would encourage anyone who requires support to make contact with them.



Cargo Bikes

Sustrans have partnered with the project to supply cargo bikes for the hubs. If you are interested in using the cargo bikes to assist with your business deliveries and dispatches please download the form which can be found on the [project website](#). Please complete the form, save it, and email it to Newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk with the subject title “registration of interest for cargo bikes”.



Traffic Regulation Order

Approval to commence the TRO process will be going to committee in the next couple of weeks. The TRO will then be issued to statutory consultees for a period of 28 days and will be available to view on the website.

Following the statutory consultee period they will then be formally published to the public for a period of 28 days. This will give you the opportunity to review and comment.



Archaeology

We caught up with John Lawson, City of Edinburgh Council's resident Archaeology Officer to learn about the remains found underneath the recently removed South Leith Parish Church wall. This is the first in a series of archaeology [vlogs](#) detailing the current excavations and findings to learn more about the area's fascinating history through the eyes of an archaeologist.



**Find out more and
get in touch**




For further information on the project please visit our website where you can find a range of FAQs. Alternatively, you can contact us via email or by telephone on 0131 322 1122. We're available from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week.

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