



Project Newsletter | 14 August 2020



Trams are timetabled in Leith and Newhaven in Spring 2023.



Construction Update



Leith Walk

Site investigation and excavation works are continuing from London Road to Crown Street. We have commenced the installation of surface water drainage which has been progressing between London Road and Annandale Street.

Pilrig Street to Dalmeny Street will be handed over from our Swept Path Contractor MUS to our Infrastructure and Systems Contractor, SFN, who will commence the main tram infrastructure works next week.

The junction of McDonald Road with Leith Walk remains closed to allow utility works in the area.

Walking and Cycling Spaces

We are working to create safe and accessible spaces for walking and cycling throughout the route of the project. On the west side of Leith Walk, a bi-directional cycle lane has now been installed which creates 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, there will be a segregated cycleway along the length of Leith Walk. You can view indicative designs [here](#).

Additional Working Hours

Works will take place from 1pm to 7pm each Saturday for the month of August between London Road and Annandale Street junctions. The works will consist of bulk excavation and

the removal of materials 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 are available in three areas on Leith Walk to facilitate access to businesses and local properties, they will be located in the vicinity of Elm Row, Pilrig Street and Crown Street. These waiting areas are short stay only for 60 mins.

Ocean Drive/Tower Place roundabout

On Wednesday 12 August we installed temporary 4-way signals at the Ocean Drive/Tower Place roundabout replacing temporary 2-way signals at Ocean Drive to accommodate utility works. These will be place for one week.

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.

Queen Charlotte Street/Constitution Street

There are temporary traffic lights at Queen Charlotte Street/Constitution Street junction to accommodate utility works.

Newhaven, Ocean Terminal and Tower Place to Constitution Street

Next week, the sites at Newhaven, Ocean Terminal and Tower Place to Constitution Street will be handed over from our Swept Path Contractor MUS to our Infrastructure and Systems Contractor, SFN, who will commence the main tram infrastructure works.

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Notification

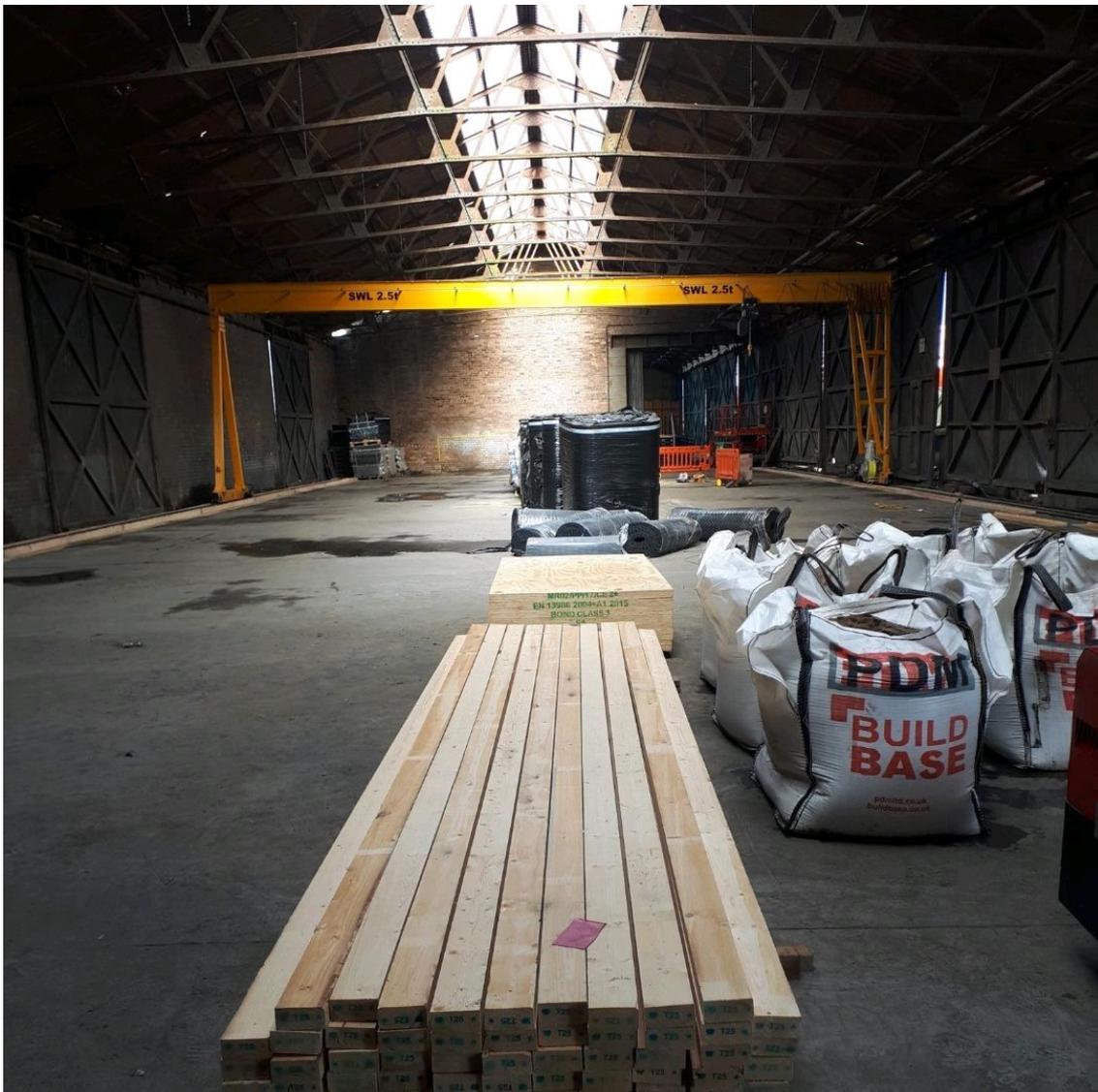
The TRO was issued to statutory consultees on Tuesday 28 July for a period of 28 days and is available to view on the [website](#). Statutory consultees include Edinburgh Trams, Living Streets, Lothian Buses and Emergency Services.

Please note these show traffic and waiting orders and include parking areas, banned turns and one ways. The detailed final design is being developed. Following the statutory consultee period they will then be formally published to the public for review and comment.

Newhaven Tram Stop Design

Following previous consultations, the position of the tram stop at Newhaven has moved further east of the previously approved position and will include a stabling area. This has been submitted to City of Edinburgh Council Planning for approval. View the [updated design plans](#).

Track Update



We have a depot at Forth Ports in Leith, this depot will be utilised to prepare the rails for installation. This includes the erecting of portacabins and the temporary construction of a gantry crane, which will be used to handle and prepare the rails for the project.

Did you know that some of the film Trainspotting was shot in this depot also!

Key Performance Indicator Dashboards

View our monthly [Health & Safety](#) and [Stakeholder and Communications](#) Dashboards.

Archaeology Vlog

Watch our latest vlog with John Lawson, City of Edinburgh Council's resident Archaeology Officer, who talks us through all the major findings from the last seven weeks on Constitution Street.



Tables and Chairs Permits

In order to ensure compliance with Scottish Government physical distancing guidance, all businesses on the route will be required to have a permit for tables and chairs. Guidelines require a desired minimum of 3 metres for pedestrians.

With correspondence resulting from policies and decisions. Applications will be administered by the City of Edinburgh Council's Licensing Team. Once an application is submitted by a business it is passed to Street and Environmental Enforcement Team for assessment. The final assessment and recommendation is then referred back to Licensing who will advise the applicant of the outcome. Please be aware licensing deal with correspondence resulting from policies and decisions.

The charges in place for tables and chairs permits for those businesses serving food and drink to customers outside is to be [waived](#).

Eat Out to Help Out Scheme

From 3 to 31 August, get a 50% discount when you eat in at restaurants that are registered with the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme.

[Click here for a list of all participating Leith restaurants and bars](#)

Meet the Team

Name: Roula Kokoliou

Company: Edinburgh Trams / City of Edinburgh Council

Job Title: Public Liaison Assistant

Born: Thessaloniki, Greece

Previous City: Athens

Current City: Edinburgh

Favourite Team: Don't have one!

**Tell us a little about yourself...**

I was born and raised in Edinburgh. In my free time I enjoy playing bowls, walking and spending time with friends.

Tell us about your career history...

I have been in customer service since I left school, starting in hospitality and moving in to retail finally on to Edinburgh Trams as customer service/revenue protection.

What parts of your job do you enjoy the most?

I like the fact I get to deal with such a diverse range of people. All with different issues that may require a different approach than normal to deal with and I do like a bit of problem solving.

What is your role on the project?

To be out on site answering questions and resolving issues any of the business or residents may have. Also, to inform them of the help and support available to them.

**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

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