



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Update

Leith Walk

Site investigation, excavation works and surface water drainage installation is continuing from London Road to Crown Street.

McDonald Road

McDonald Road/Leith Walk junction has been shut to accommodate utility diversions as part of the construction programme. These planned works were based on documents given to the project that detailed the locations of utilities in the area. Following excavations of the road we have identified the need for additional electrical utility works to take place. Pedestrian access will be maintained. Pilrig Street will remain open to help traffic flow in the area. Vehicle access to McDonald Road remains via Bonnington and Broughton Road.

Shrub Place

In order to facilitate the works, changes have been made to the pedestrian walkway in the Shrubhill area on the west side of Leith Walk. Please be aware of the new arrangements and note pedestrian access will be maintained.

Access to and from properties of the Engine Yard developments underground carpark area will be maintained by the installation of a prioritised running lane between the carpark entrance and Shrub Place. This running lane will be clearly marked, whilst being segregated from pedestrians and adjacent cycle lane.

Trade Waste

Trade waste bins must be collected from side streets. Please continue to liaise with your contractor to discuss a suitable location and prevent placing any trade waste within the bi-directional cycle lane.



Leith Walk at Albert Street



Bernard Street



Leith Walk

KPI

Dashboards

You can download the following Key Performance Indicator (KPI) dashboards on our website:

- Health & Safety
- Stakeholder & Communications
- Route Progress Map

Ocean Terminal Discovery Garden

The Trams to Newhaven project are aware of the community request to retain the garden at Ocean Terminal, and representatives from the project attended a meeting convened between Ocean Terminal and representatives of the community on Monday 5 October. Following this meeting Ocean Terminal have committed to review the concerns and comments from the Community Council.

Construction Update



Additional working hours

We will be carrying out water diversion works on the west side of Leith Walk between Antigua Street and Croall Place. To minimise disruption, we will be carrying out these works during a night shift. We will inform any businesses and households that will be impacted by the water interruption via a Scottish Water interruption to supply card a minimum of 48 hours prior to the works. Works will commence on Monday 15 October from 11pm until 5am.

Foot of the Walk (FOTW) to Laurie Street

The footpath on the east side of Constitution Street between FOTW and Laurie Street remains closed. This is due to the discovery of a Scottish Water manhole which extended around half a metre under the footpath. We are working with Scottish Water to arrange for the removal of this manhole and further updates will be issued in due course.

We have been unable to extend the width of the footpath on the West side and would ask that in areas where space is restricted, as in other parts of the city that people consider other pedestrians and give them space.

Ocean Terminal

There will be minor changes to the traffic management arrangements at the North roundabout at Ocean Terminal from Tuesday 13 October, a T-junction will be installed.

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.

Maritime Lane

We will be closing vehicle access to Maritime Lane from Mitchell Street to facilitate Vodafone future proofing works and manhole installations. Works commenced on Saturday 26 September and will reopen early next week.

Additional working hours

We are working additional hours between the Baltic/ Bernard Street junction and Queen Charlotte Street junction from Saturday 19 September to Sunday 11 October. These additional hours will be 1pm to 5pm on Saturday and 9am – 5pm on Sunday.

London Road Clock



On Friday 9 October, the clock that was previously situated on the London Street roundabout was taken down to Smith of Derby specialist clockmakers to be refurbished.

This will be returned to the new public realm at Elm Row when complete. In addition, the famous bronze pigeons will also be returned to the same area.

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

The Traffic Regulation Order was issued to statutory consultees on 28 July for a period of 28 days and is available to view online.

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 conclusion of the statutory consultee period we will be publishing this to the public for comment. You will be able to make comments on the City of Edinburgh Council's Hub and the link to this will be on our website. We will be advertising the publication of this through our social media accounts also.

Archaeology Vlog

Each week we publish a vlog outlining our latest archaeology finds.

This week we have moved away from Constitution Street entirely and City Archaeologist John gives an update on what we are beginning to uncover on Leith Walk.

Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel to find out more about archaeology on the project!



World Mental Health Day



World Mental Health Day 2020 takes place on Saturday 10 October. These past months have brought significant change to our lives with many challenges. The World Health Organisation suggests that the need for mental health and psychological support will substantially increase in the coming months and years. Which is why it has never been more important to protect our own mental health but also support the mental wellbeing of others.

In line with Scottish Government guidance, our contractor, SFN hosted #StopMakeAChange workshop on Friday 9 October with their operatives to raise the profile of mental health.



Meet Jen!

Tell us a little about yourself...

As a mum of two football crazy boys I hardly have any free time as when I am not working I am a taxi service for football training three nights a week and games on a Sunday. When I do get free time I like walking our Goldendoodle Finn and discovering new trail paths near my home.

Tell us about your career history...

I started out my career in Standard Life. I then moved in to the utility sector where I learnt a huge wealth of knowledge in the Water Industry working for Scottish Water and then their alliance partner Caledonia Water Alliance as a Customer Liaison Officer which lasted 18 years!

What parts of your job do you enjoy the most?

I have always enjoyed the challenge of a busy demanding work environment and being able to assist the local community and alleviate their concerns in regards to our work. I have always promoted the cause of the customer and challenged all areas of the organisation to respond to concerns and issues with respect and understanding ensuring expectations are met.

What is your role on the project?

My role is Stakeholder Liaison Officer for Morrisons. It is my job to engage with the Stakeholders/Residents that are based along the new tramline and everyone else in between. Whether that is going in to see someone in person or just over the phone, I am one of the key points of contact should a stakeholder need assistance.

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