



# Trams to Newhaven

## Project Newsletter



# Construction Updates

Testing and Commissioning continues along the route.

A specific date for revenue services beginning will be confirmed as testing and commissioning progresses.



## Out of hours working

[There is a section on the project website that details planned out of hours working over the coming weeks.](#)

This will be updated on a regular basis and promoted through the project's twitter account.

## Localised work sites

Localised works continue on carriage and footways along the route to allow the installation of new signs, lining, street lighting, planters, landscaping, street furniture and traffic signalling. Old wall-mounted street lighting brackets will also be removed as part of this workstream.

In addition, works will begin w/c 3 April 2023 on the installation of grasscrete in certain areas on the route. This will require localised, rolling traffic management arrangements to be in place while these works are carried out.

Traffic management and pedestrian diversions will be set up as required with any changes being communicated via the project's communication channels.

## Construction Updates

### Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Soft and hard landscaping works are ongoing within this section. In addition, w/c 10 April 2023 we will be installing new streetlights between Hawthornvale and Sandpiper. This will require the installation of temporary traffic management with pedestrian diversion also being in place. Further details will be provided in due course.

### Melrose Drive

Hard landscaping and surfacing works are ongoing.

### Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping continues on the eastern carriageway heading south towards the Holiday Inn.

### Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

The bridges on Ocean Drive have reopened to pedestrians and vehicles. Localised traffic management will be required in the next few weeks to allow the removal of pontoons that were installed to facilitate bridge works.

### Stevedore Place

There are ongoing surfacing, lining, and landscaping works including the area outside the old Casino and to the front of the Fingal carpark. In addition, there are outstanding works scheduled to take place at the west entrance of Stevedore Place.

### Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Please note, the ban on the right hand turn from Constitution Street into Bernard Street has been reintroduced.

### Bernard / Baltic Street

Hard landscaping and public realm works are ongoing in this section with the works progressing into existing footways over the coming weeks. Pedestrians will be diverted onto the newly landscaped area with access to properties and the surrounding area being maintained. Those affected will receive direct communication with further detail.

### Coatfield Lane to FOTW

Landscaping works at the front of New Kirkgate house continue.

Please note that as part of the final designs, Foot of the Walk to the entrance of South Leith Parish Church will be tram and pedestrian only.



## Leith Walk

The remedial works on the carriageway and tram track are scheduled to be completed by Saturday 1st April at which point Leith Walk will re-open to two-way traffic.

## **Cycle Lane**

Reinstatement and lining works on the cycleway and footpaths are ongoing which requires the establishment of small localised work sites.

To accommodate these works, please note cycleways on Leith Walk are closed in both directions and diversion routes remain in place.

There are ongoing works on the continuous footways at Jameson's Place and Smith's Place. In addition, there will be further works at the junctions of Crown Place, Crown Street and the entrance to the NHS building at 165 Leith Walk over the coming month.

Please note, the worksites that have been established at Stead's Place are not part of the trams project.



## **Jameson Place to Pilrig Street**

Main construction is now completed. The junction of Dalmeny Street and Leith Walk will remain closed to undertake remedial works on the continuous footway. These works are expected to be completed by Friday 7 April 2023. Once complete, the junction will reopen. Access to Dalmeny Street is maintained via Easter Road. There are further public realm works required on Iona Street which are scheduled to commence in the coming weeks. Further information will be available in due course.

## **Pilrig Street to Annandale/Montgomery Street**

The Brunswick Street / Leith Walk junction remains closed until further notice.

Albert Street is closed at its junction with Leith Walk due to ongoing Scottish Water works which are not related to the project.

Drainage and hard landscaping works are ongoing at Montgomery Street. Once completed, the heras fencing will be removed.

## **York Place to London Road**

Hard landscaping works are progressing at Blenheim Place. Once they are completed within the current site set up, works will commence on the existing footway with access to properties and the surrounding area being maintained. Those affected will receive direct communication with further detail.

Hard landscaping works at Elm Row are ongoing.

## Leith Connections

The City of Edinburgh Council has announced the first phase of Leith Connections which will introduce measures to limit through traffic and enhance streets for pedestrians and people cycling in areas around Constitution Street, Leith Links and the Shore.

Construction will begin in the w/c 10 April and is expected to last until late June. Amongst the changes are improved pedestrian crossings, planting and seating in newly created pedestrian spaces, community-inspired artwork and pavement decluttering.

This is alongside new traffic layouts in several of the streets to prioritise people travelling by foot, wheel or bike. These include the closure of Sandport Place Bridge to motor traffic, bus gates at the Shore and Links Place and modal filters to prevent through traffic in some areas. All residential and business properties will still be accessible by motor vehicle, while blue badge parking will be unaffected. Full details are available on the [Leith Connections website](#).

## Small Business Spotlight



### Tell us a bit about your business

Coffee Tepuy is a family business that throughout hard work and deep feeling of entrepreneurship was brought by Yina Suarez all the way from Colombia to Edinburgh.

The family specializes in Arabica Coffee variety, developing different flavors and bringing those unique flavors to the Scottish coffee lovers and transforming the sense of a franchised coffee to a local single estate coffee farmed, produce, sold and served by the same family, having the absolute control of each process and therefore guaranteeing its quality control, flavor and packaging unique to this family.

### What makes your business unique?

105+ years of family farming are brought to our customer's cup of coffee, served by its owner, assuring a care that only an owner can give to her own business. Straight from Colombia which is already famous by its colours, flavors and wonderful views, with no intermediaries and sent by the same family that farmed every single coffee bean by hand, selecting the right ones and making sure that quality is the number one top priority in the whole process. Our coffee is famous for its balanced flavor, with sweet notes, intense aroma, medium/high acidity, and medium body.

### Describe your typical working day

After dropping my little daughter at school, I head straight to my shop, taking any overnight dust out of the coffee machine and its accessories to have everything in pristine conditions. Then I make sure that all the payments methods are ready to go, when my customers are in, it is important to not waste their time waiting on anything, I know by experience that every minute counts in the morning and I support my customers in any way possible to make their morning a little bit better than before they order the coffee.

I close the doors at 2pm for the public and then I stay till around 3pm cleaning and setting everything up for the next morning.

### Why Leith?

For me, Leith is an area that feels like it never sleeps, it is so alive and buzzing all day that even in the darkest day a detail on the street, a smile from somebody in a store looking outside, a tourist searching for something to eat or just hot cup of coffee can make your day. I felt compelled to contribute to its culture in its own way and offer my best customer service to mix with its cultural feeling and give the same feelings that I felt the first day I walked through it.

### Name three fellow Leith Businesses you love to visit

Sicilian Pastry Shop:

An Italian family. They are our neighbors and their pastry is amazing.

A One Hair and Beauty:

Veenu is a lovely person who makes you feel good and very professional.

Orinoco Latin Food:

They have been our friends for years, a similar past to us, through hardship and adventure, Orinoco is a Latin family owned business that pushes as hard as we do blend with the culture and bring only excellent food to its customers.