



# Trams to Newhaven

## Project Newsletter



# Construction Updates

Daytime testing and commissioning period is ongoing.

Testing and Commissioning and driver familiarisation continues along the route. Testing the full timetable (trams running every 7 minutes) will begin in the coming weeks.

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



## Contacting the project

Please note that from Wednesday 3 May 2023, phone calls to the project will now be handled by the Council's contact Centre. Please use 0131 200 2000 (option 9) if you wish to contact the project by phone.

## Localised worksites

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.

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, we have been installing new streetlights between Hawthornvale and Sandpiper. Temporary traffic management and pedestrian diversions are now in place to accommodate these works. [Further details can be found on the project website.](#)

Works at the junction at Newhaven for access to ASDA are ongoing.

There will be a requirements to temporarily close the bus stop at Newhaven to complete final hard landscaping works.

Westbound traffic from Ocean Terminal (south) is expected to reopen to traffic and pedestrians in the coming week.

[View the final designs on the project website.](#)

### Melrose Drive

Hard landscaping and surfacing works continue in this section.

The lower link road between Melrose Drive and Sandpiper Drive beside Forth Ports docks closed to pedestrians w/c 17 April 2023 with a diversion in place via the newly constructed footway on Lindsay Road. This is to accommodate final hard landscaping works in the area. The newly constructed footway that runs parallel to the tram tracks on Lindsay Road re-opened to pedestrians w/c 1 May 2023.

[View the final landscaping plans on the project website.](#)

### Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping continues on the eastern carriageway heading south towards the Holiday Inn. This is expected to be completed and reopen to the public mid-May 2023.

Footpath works are also continuing outside the Cala Homes development.



### 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

The creation of the new kerb lines and reinstatement works is scheduled to be completed w/c 15 May 2023. Outstanding in this area will be the planting of five trees and the creation of a bin store to the west of the bus stop.



## Coatfield Lane to FOTW

Landscaping works at the front of New Kirkgate house is expected to recommence in the coming weeks with hard landscaping and surfacing works taking place. Please note that as part of the final designs, the section from the foot of the walk to the entrance of South Leith Parish Church will be tram and pedestrian only.



## Leith Walk

There are ongoing remedial works on the track slab on Leith Walk. Temporary traffic management arrangements will be in place.

## 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 will be further works at the junction the entrance to the NHS building at 165 Leith Walk over the coming weeks.



## Foot of the Walk to Pilrig Street

Works at the Jane Street junction with Leith Walk are scheduled to commence this week. Full details can be found on the project website. Please note there will be parking restrictions at this junction.

The remedial works at Dalmeny Street are now completed and the junction has re-opened to traffic. Please note, as part of changes to the Highway Code, pedestrians have priority when crossing at this junction.

Public realm works are progressing well at Iona Street and will allow the installation of the Pilrig Wheels, benches, planters and bike racks. Works are expected to last four to six weeks. [Read more about the installation of the Pilrig Wheels on the project website.](#)

## Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street / Elm Row

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

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

Please note the project will be removing the logistic hub provision on Montgomery Street on Friday 12 May 2023 following the surfacing and lining works being undertaken.

Hard landscaping works at Elm Row are continuing.

### London Road to York Place

Hard landscaping works are progressing at Blenheim Place. Fence lines have moved towards the properties to progress works on the existing footway. Pedestrian diversions will be in place and access to businesses will be maintained. Businesses currently occupying the footway will have to remove any arrangements in place including tables and chairs. On completion of these works fence lines will be removed.

### North Bridge

North Bridge has re-opened to two-way traffic.

### Small Business Spotlight



### **Tell us a bit about your business**

We are Kadampa Meditation Centre Edinburgh, a Buddhist charity based at 172 Leith Walk, offering both in person and online meditation classes to all the people of Edinburgh. Meditation helps us to make the world a more peaceful and less confusing place. Everyone needs meditation, especially in these difficult times.

### **What makes your business unique?**

Probably the only place in Edinburgh where you can receive clear, scientific advice on how to be happy all the time and find solutions to everyday problems of stress, anxiety and depression. Here you will find something for everyone to enable us all to put meaning into our lives. Whatever race, religion, walk of life, you are welcome here to sit and enjoy real peace of mind.

### **Describe your typical working day**

Up at 5:30am to shower and do private meditation practice.

Breakfast at 8am.

Public prayers for meditation from 9am to 10am.

Open doors to Café and Meditation Room to Public at 10:30am.

Carry out admin duties and run the Café Close the Café and Meditation Room to the public at 4pm.

Finish off admin duties.

Supper.

Open doors for evening class at 6:30pm.

Close doors after class at 8:45pm.

Private prayers or study.

### **Why Leith?**

Leith has such an exciting diversity to it in its art, history and culture, as well as its retail operations. We looked at many locations but Leith was where we wanted to start our business, due to the location and opportunities Leith held for us, it's strong independent shop community and the people of Leith as a whole.

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

Qupi Coffee Shop on Leith Walk

Breadshare on Jane Street

Sunday Farmer's Market at Leith Links