

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

BRIGHTON PLACE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Tuesday 28th August 2018

6.00 pm
Portobello Library

Notes - PCC

Item No	Topic	
1	Welcome and Introductions: Cllr Callum Laidlaw (chair); Portobello Against Brighton Setts; Traders (~17); PEDAL, Brighton & Rosefield Residents Association, Council Officers, Portobello Community Council, Northfield Willowbrae Community Council, Tommy Shepherd rep, Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mary Campbell, St John's RC Church, Sonia Browse Architects, Lothian Buses	
2	Background Sean Gilchrist laid out the background; Decision in March 2018 to go ahead with setts; felt it important to maintain dialogue with the community regarding the project;	
3	<p>Construction Details</p> <p>Drawing No 700: dig out setts, clean, size them in phases (as per drawing); Setted channel in first meter will be flat top setts to facilitate cyclists; Side entries will be dug out to create a flush crossing to pavements; protection zone to Christian Path for cyclists; Goes from right to left in phasing so first phase from high street to Lee Cres. 10-15 weeks per phase. Only one phase at a time. Access to crescents maintained at all time. Footway access at all times. A clerk of works will be on site at all times to deal with issues of access, etc. Clerk is also point of contact for Traders, members of the public.</p> <p>Cycle access at all times? Yes, but will need to push cycle along pavement.</p> <p>Construction to mitigate issues with utility companies?: ROC meeting arranged by CoEC and utilities companies to co-ordinate the installation / repair works required by utilities – However, CoEC is restricted by legislation – Can be certain of two years protection. After that there is nothing legally to stop utilities. More robust construction is the stated aspiration of the roads team; In future, they will seek to bind utility companies to the construction spec. “They should be reconstructing carriageway in the same way. “</p> <p>Will there be a follow-on inspection after utility companies go in? Yes, these happen and will be enforced.</p> <p>Rat running during phases 2 and 3? Signed diversion routes: Neither Lee Crescent nor East Brighton will be signed as diversion routes. Cannot stop people using the road. Can put out signs saying ‘Local Access Only’</p> <p>Anything to do to cut timescale? In a word: ‘no’. Methods mean setts are laid by hand. Can’t do more than a few ‘fronts’ of setts at any time. Working 8 am – 5 pm Monday to Friday. No chance of running out of money half way through. Optimistic that 60 weeks is at the upper end of the estimates. Experience elsewhere in Edinburgh has been that works take less time. 60 weeks include the contingency. If phase can be finished by Christmas will be off the street for the festive period.</p> <p>Does workforce have the skills? It is a more rigid design of construction. It is a similar basis to dry stone walling but lack of skills is not an issue.</p>	

	Traffic Lights will be monitored as soon as works start to address phasing issues.	
4	<p>Bus Diversions - (see updated plan from Lothian Buses)</p> <p>21 – continue current route to and from High Street will go to Eastfield and up Milton Road but will run non-stop. Maintain link from Craigentiny and Portobello to ERI</p> <p>42 – some double deckers – down Duddingston Road, Mountcastle, down Portobello Road. Terminate at normal place.</p> <p>49 – at end of Wakefield Road will turn right up Portobello Road, Northfield Broadway, back down Duddingston Road to rejoin ??</p> <p>69 – go through High Street, turn at Morton Street for a loop and come back along. Can't serve Baileyfield Road any longer.</p> <p>Note: Difficulty with changes is high annualised cost. In region of £150,000 per year to add a bus into the timetable.</p> <p>Diversions normally advertised a few days in advance; route changes three or four weeks. These will be in between – a couple of weeks ahead of the works starting.</p> <p>Could the 69 operate a loop, along Baileyfield? One for Council, not Lothian Buses.</p>	
5	Out to tender. Due back next week. Get appointed ASAP for a start at end of Sept.	
6	<p>Timescales: Can it be delayed until after Christmas? This schedule means traders miss two Christmas. Is there a budget to help promote the High Street? To be investigated. There is budget available for marketing in the Council, but not within Capital maintenance.</p> <p>There is a discretionary rating relief – if businesses are financially disadvantaged. Can certainly look at that.</p>	
7	<p>Communications – Contractor will have to provide a liaison officer who reports to the project manager (Project Manager is CoEC). Action to gather traders' email address and set up mailing list.</p> <p>Project is on the Scottish Roadworks Register (but not the public facing one by looks of it)</p> <p>Equality impact assessment – 2/3 complete, to be finalised once contractor in place.</p>	
8	Any Other Business	