

Pentlands Local Development Committee

15 September 2004

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QUESTION 1

Dr Wotherspoon
22 Braid Hills Road
EDINBURGH

Date: 04 October 2004

Your Ref:

Our Ref: NS/S/LDCP/BT

Corr. No: IN 240002

Dear Dr Wotherspoon

PENTLANDS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 15 SEPTEMBER 2004
JUNCTION OF BRAID ROAD AND BRAID HILLS ROAD

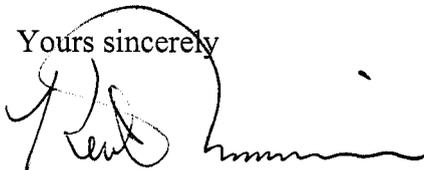
Thank you for your question regarding the above.

I can confirm that an improved junction layout has been designed at this location but at the present time, funding is not available to implement this. I will examine the situation along with the accident data for this junction in order to identify any action which could be taken to improve the safety at this location.

As you are no doubt aware, I am working with limited resources and for improvements of this kind, the accident data is taken into consideration and compared to other similar improvement work that is proposed throughout the city. In order to make the best use of the available resources, work is initially carried out where the accident data shows the most serious problems.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this in more detail please contact Tom Clark, Network Services Manager on 529 3414.

Yours sincerely



Signature of or on behalf of

Keith Rimmer
Head Of Transport

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Mr S K Rimmer/LDC File
Mr J C Gill
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Convenor of Committee

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E-mailed to Mr Bell
on 7/10/04.

QUESTION 2

CITY DEVELOPMENT

TRANSPORT

Keith Bell

Date: 4 October 2004

Your Ref:

Our Ref: NS/S/LDCP/BT

Corr No: IN 240003

Dear Mr Bell

**PENTLANDS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 15 SEPTEMBER 2004
COMMISTON ROAD**

I am writing regarding the question you raised concerning the above.

Question 1 - What is the width of Comiston Road between Morningside Station and Greenbank Church?

The average width of this stretch of Comiston Road is approximately 10 metres.

Question 2 – What is the minimum width for a road with three lanes of traffic and parking spaces?

There is not a prescribed figure for the minimum width of such a road as it depends on various sets of circumstances. On Comiston Road the bus lane operates during the morning and evening peaks. The parking and loading bays positions are staggered and weekday operational hours are between 9:30 am and 4:30pm; i.e. outwith the bus lane operational hours. During the week after 6:00pm parking is permitted on both sides of Comiston Road. The scheme's design was subject to a Road User Safety Audit. The markings at this location were introduced to formalise the pattern of use that was already extant. Informal observation has not revealed problematic conflicts between opposing flows of traffic.



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DIRECTOR

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QUESTION 3

EDUCATION COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Keith J Bell
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Edinburgh
EH11 4PZ

Date 23rd September 2004

Your ref

Our ref ce/MR/LM/767

Dear Mr Bell

I refer to the Pentlands Local Development Committee meeting of 16th September 2004 at which you asked the following question:

"How many staff work for Community Education, what are their different designations and duties and where are they all based."

I enclose a copy of Community Education's structure (as at December 2003) which includes the location and principal responsibility of each Manager, Senior Community Education Worker, Community Education Worker and Clerical Worker. In addition to this, Community Education employs a number of Service Support Officers (primarily based in Community Education Centres) and we have approximately 700 part time staff working on between 1,000 and 1,500 contracts.

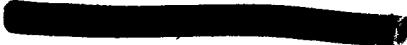
I hope this answers your question. If you wish to pursue this matter further please contact Hazel McLeod (☎ 469 3370).

Yours sincerely


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Head of Community Education

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Hazel McLeod

MIKE ROSENDALE
HEAD OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION



Pentlands Local Development Committee
Public Question Time – Response to question raised by Ron Cairns
16 September 2004

Q: "I am led to believe that there are plans to build a new school to replace Forresters and St Augustines. Can you tell me when the Community council will be informed about this as part of the consultation and as part of the new Community Planning legislation"

Both schools have appointed PPP co-ordinators and a Community Education worker has been asked to liaise with the co-ordinators of both schools throughout the process. The schools' PPP co-ordinators would be a useful first contact for the Community Council to find out more about the specific proposals for the schools. Any questions requiring further clarification can then be passed to the officers on the Project Team.

As both schools are to be rebuilt on the existing campus, rather than moving to new sites, there is no statutory requirement under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to consult with the public. However, our commitment is to involve as many people as possible within the process of developing the new schools but it must be considered that we are currently at a very early stage in the process.

The scope of the project was only confirmed when the Scottish Executive approved our revised business case in July 04. Officers have been involved in a process to shortlist bidding companies since then and tender documentation is expected to be sent out early in November to three bidders.

This documentation will include information reflecting the specific requirements for schools, developed after extensive consultation with the schools in regard to both educational and community use.

Each bidder will work closely with schools and the Council to develop costed designs, which will be submitted for consideration in March.

Note: in a competitive bidding process the need to protect commercial confidentiality is imperative and limits who can be involved in the design consultation at this stage.

Once the successful bidder is appointed specific designs and layouts will only be finalised after much detailed discussions between the Council, both schools with their associated communities.

It is expected that detailed planning applications will be submitted at some point after June 2005 but this will be determined by the project timetable of the successful bidder. Designs will then be subject to normal planning processes and considerations.

In parallel with the developing school building project a separate department, City Development, have undertaken a consultation on a draft statement of urban design

principles for the whole site. These draft proposals have been publicly available since the beginning of June, when they were presented to the planning committee before being circulated for wider consultation.

Given the timing of the consultation during the summer, the Education Department asked that the formal period of consultation be extended to allow ample time for both school communities to comment on the proposals as laid out on their return from summer break. City Development have indicated that the Sighthill, Broomhouse and Parkhead Community Council was sent the consultation draft of the statement of urban design principles early in July.

QUESTION (b)

Ms Louise Maguire
35b Caystane Gardens
EDINBURGH
EH10 6TB

Date: 11 October 2004

Your Ref:

Our Ref: NS/S/LDCP/BT

Corr. No: IN 240004

Dear Ms Maguire

PENTLANDS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 15 SEPTEMBER 2004
OXGANGS BROADWAY

I refer to the questions you raised at the above LDC. The first of these is being dealt with by the Culture and Leisure Department and a response will be with you shortly.

Your second question related to the maintenance of the footway and flowerbeds in Oxgangs Broadway. It is not clear exactly what location you are concerned about. I would therefore be grateful if you could contact the Network Services section on the telephone number below in order to assist us in dealing with your request. If you feel it would be necessary, a site meeting could be arranged to discuss your maintenance concerns.

I trust this is of assistance to you. If you require further information or would like to discuss this in more detail please contact John Gill, Network Manager South on 529 3487.

Yours sincerely



Keith Rimmer
Head Of Transport

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Councillor A Paisley, Convenor of Committee

QUESTION 7

Mr A J C Clark
Currie Community Council
33 Lanark Road West
EDINBURGH
EH14 5JX

Date: 07 October 2004
Your Ref:
Our Ref: T&C/TS/110/TC
Corr No:
Corr No: IN240005

Dear Mr Clark

GILLESPIE CROSSROADS, PENTLANDS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
15 SEPTEMBER 2004

I refer to your question regarding the above junction raised at the Pentlands Local Development Committee meeting held on the 15 September 2004.

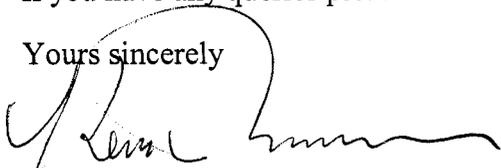
The developer for the Kinleith Mills site has now been granted planning permission to proceed with the development. As part of the Section 75 agreement for the development they are to carry out a refurbishment of the Gillespie Crossroads signals including the provision of full facilities for pedestrians.

The Section 75 agreement requires the developer to have upgraded the junction prior to the occupation of the first house within the new development. As this could be eighteen months to two years from work commencing on site the Council had requested that the junction upgrade should be undertaken as soon as possible. As a result of this request the developer has agreed to provide a financial contribution to the Council to upgrade the signalised junction. This money should be available this financial year, upon receipt of which I intend to commission a design with a view to having the scheme constructed within the next financial year 2005/2006.

This modified signal controlled junction with full pedestrian facilities should hopefully alleviate the difficulties pedestrians have been experiencing in attempting to cross the roads at this location.

If you have any queries please contact Mr T Cowan on 0131 469 3789.

Yours sincerely



Signature of or on behalf of

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Question 8

Mr Ivor Browne
3/34 Hailesland Park
Edinburgh
EH14 2RF

CORPORATE SERVICES

24th September 2004

Dear Mr Browne

Regeneration Funding in West Edinburgh

I have been asked to reply to your question submitted to the Pentlands Local Development Committee at its meeting on Wednesday 15th September 2004.

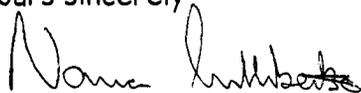
In July this year the Minister for Communities announced the establishment of a new Community Regeneration Fund which will replace the existing Social Inclusion Partnership funding.

A regeneration outcome agreement (ROA) is required to be produced by local community planning partnerships. This ROA will set out how partners will address the agreed regeneration priorities in the area. The West Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership is currently putting together an ROA that will set out what each organisation will do to address the regeneration priorities and how much funding will be given to them to carry out this role. An extensive public consultation exercise is currently ongoing alongside this.

The ROA is required to be submitted in draft form by the end of October and in final form by the end of December.

A report setting out the process behind the production of the ROA and the community regeneration funding was considered and agreed by the WECPP at the meeting you attended on 9th September 2004. I attach a copy of this report. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the report in more detail please do not hesitate to contact Steven McGavin, WECPP Manager on 453 4885.

Yours sincerely



David Jack

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JIM INCH
DIRECTOR