

North West Locality Committee

6.30pm, Tuesday 11 September 2018

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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Barnton Junction locality-funded roadworks

Locality Team Interventions and Improvements:

Locality team interventions are generally defined as management, maintenance and co-ordination of roadworks on the road network.

The Locality team has agreed to implement local improvements suggested by the Cramond and Barnton Community Council.

Local measures:

1. Extension of yellow box markings at the Cammo Gardens / Maybury Road Junction [Completed August 2018]
2. Introduction of yellow box markings at the Queensferry Road / Whitehouse Road crossing point [Expected November 2018]
3. Introduction of additional waiting restrictions on Whitehouse Road [Anticipated 18/24 months]
4. Revisions to Advance Direction Signage on the A8 Corridor to revise “Forth Road Bridge” directional information away from the Barnton Junction [New signs layouts have been prepared – Programme TBA]

Blackhall Traffic Petition

The Locality Committee considered this petition on 19th June 2018 and agreed that a site meeting with the originator, local Councillors, the Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council and an appropriate Council officer would be arranged to discuss the issue in more detail. A meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd August 2018 on Craigcrook Road, near the junction of Hillpark Road.

Petition wording:

Traffic in the residential area of Blackhall, around Strachan Road, Craigcrook Road has become unacceptable. The regular queuing of traffic in an area designated as residential requires urgent

action.

The following issues were noted during the meeting:

1. An observed perception that drivers were not complying with the current 20mph speed limit.
2. The traffic flows on Craigcrook Road are believed to have increased in recent years and causing moderate congestion at the junctions of Queensferry Road, Craigcrook Road and Strachan Road during peak periods.
3. The existing road layout at Marischal Place was noted to contribute to through traffic due to the left turn lane.

The following actions were agreed with the petition originator:

- A. The issue of speed compliance would be passed to the Councils 20mph team for consideration during the current assessment and review period. It is expected that the initial review will be reported to the Transport and Environment Committee in February 2019. At that time locations with poor speed limit compliance may be considered for further intervention or enforcement.
- B. The issue of local traffic congestion is more difficult to consider, as any immediate intervention would have an impact on adjacent routes. However, it is clear that the future of the Queensferry Road A90 Corridor is the most significant element of any traffic control measures in the area. The petition originator and the other members attending the site meeting had a specific interest in the planned A90 Corridor Study (Update required).

Short Term Measures are noted as:

- i. Introduce improved traffic signal controls at Barnton and Drumbrae North junctions
- ii. Repair existing SCOOT ITS signal system
- iii. Introduce Gating for SCOOT at Blackhall junction to potentially store queues during evening peak periods
- iv. Upgrade of traffic signals at Blackhall (including bus lane extension)

Kirkliston Traffic Study

An update on the traffic study is noted below:

The next stage of the study is to carry out the first Stakeholder Engagement meeting to consider the context of the data following the ANPR survey. This meeting will include Local Councillors, Kirkliston Community Council and QDCC.

Following this initial meeting the next phase of the project is for the Consultant to consider the detail of current traffic issues in the study area and develop options for further consideration. Once options are available the second Stakeholder Engagement meeting will be arranged (expected in October 2018).

Study activity	Update at 23 August 2018
Tender (see Appendix 2) and award	Completed May 18
Traffic counts and ANPR survey	Completed June 18
Stakeholder engagement – Survey stage	First stakeholder meeting to be arranged WC 3 September 2018
Survey analysis and option development	September/October 18
Stakeholder engagement – Options stage	October 18
Final report issued	October/November 18
Report on outcomes of traffic study to North West Locality Committee for information, and Transport and Environment Committee for decision.	To be agreed To be agreed

Local Events Fund

The Localities Events Fund was developed for 2017/18 as a pilot programme following the Scottish Government budget settlement in March 2017.

The fund was intended to stimulate and support artistic and

cultural activity to benefit audiences and artists living within each Locality, encouraging those who might otherwise not have the chance to participate in cultural ventures to take up the artistic challenge.

A city-wide allocation of £60,000 was identified to fund the pilot. In consultation with Locality Managers and Elected Members, appropriate funding criteria, guidelines and an application process were established.

The North West Locality was allocated £15,000, and applications for funding were invited from local community groups, arts/creative organisations and partnerships. A total of 10 applications were subsequently received and a panel comprising local elected members, Lifelong Learning staff and local community representatives was brought together to assess the applications.

Funding was awarded to the following organisations:-

Muirhouse Youth Development Group	£1,263
West Edinburgh Youth Engagement Partnership	£5,905
S Queensferry & Roseberry Hall CE Centre Association	£2,107
North Edinburgh Arts	£5,725

Two of the events have taken place, with the other two in August and September/October respectively. A report on the events will be presented to the November Locality Committee.