



Item 6.1 - Business Bulletin

South West Locality Committee

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South West Locality Committee

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Recent news	Background
<p>Buckstone Crescent Crossing</p> <p>Works to construct a new Puffin Pedestrian Crossing on Comiston Road at Buckstone Terrace to the south side of Waterfield Road started on Monday 29 October 2018. It will take approximately four weeks to complete the crossing. Working hours will generally be between 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday and on-street parking will be suspended during the works. Two-way traffic on Comiston Road will be maintained while the crossing is being built.</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Gary Patton, Senior Engineer</p> <p>gary.patton@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>0131 469 3674</p> <p>Contact:</p>

Westside Plaza Regeneration

Over the last year we have been working with Wester Hailes Community Trust, following their successful application for Scottish Government Making Places funding, to appoint a consultant to facilitate a community-led design process for improvement proposals to Westside Plaza Civic Square. Following a consultation exercise with the local community and users of Westside Plaza, a concept design for the area has been completed. We are currently going through the process of procuring a designer to take the concept design to detailed design and then onto the construction stage. The concept design has been split into three stages due to the costs involved. We have secured funding for the first stage, which will address the different surface levels and materials used while creating a more inviting and safer environment taking note of the two future stages. We are aiming for work to start on the Civic area early next year.

Spokes Audit Update

On 5 October 2017, a motion raised by Councillor Booth regarding Low Cost Ways to Boost Cycle Use was agreed by the Transport & Environment Committee. The motion referred to a Spokes document describing competition entries which provided some examples of small low-cost active travel infrastructure improvements, ideal for Locality teams to take forward. The motion requested that the the Spokes document was referred to each Locality (or other relevant sections of the Council) with a request that they identify the proposals within their area of responsibility, assess the feasibility of each proposal, undertake the relevant work to take appropriate proposals forward, and report back on a quarterly basis to the relevant Locality committee on progress to implement the proposals.

From the document, the South West Locality identified two immediate proposals: 1) Telfer Subway – Cyclists' lights dazzling users of the subway. As a result, suitable signs have been identified and these will be erected in the near future. 2) Removal of dead bikes from parking racks. The Locality team has committed to working with Community Councils and other community groups to identify bikes that have been clearly abandoned and remove them from cycle racks across the Locality.

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In addition, the Locality team are currently working on the following related actions to boost cycle use: 1) analysis of the 2017 Union Canal Towpath study document to assess if there are similar small, low-cost active travel improvements which, could be jointly implemented with Scottish Canals; 2) identification of sites for cycle rack installation across the locality.

Updates on all these items will be reported in future editions of the South West Locality Committee Business Bulletin.

Dalmahoy Junction Update

The Council has now agreed heads of terms with Morrisons Property Dundee and is currently in the process of agreeing Heads of Terms with the Douglas Trust, which is anticipated being concluded within the next couple of weeks. Thereafter, CEC Legal will be instructed to submit formal offers to purchase the areas of land required for the project.

Ratho Canal Bridge Project

The project to build a pedestrian / cycle bridge over the Union Canal at the EICA, Ratho started with the 2014 Section 75 agreement with Cala Homes. This related to the housing development on the land across the Canal from EICA, and was fixed at £100k, specifically for a bridge. Funding was then awarded by the South West Locality and Sustrans to commission a feasibility study for the bridge, and following due process, SWECO was appointed to carry out this work.

The feasibility study produced an initial cost estimate for the bridge, and an option appraisal which considered the topography of the site. This presented various options in terms of the location, orientation and span, along with the type of bridge construction.

At the same time as this work was taking place, Tartan Leisure Ltd submitted an application for Planning permission for their Wavegarden artificial surfing centre, to be constructed on land directly across the Canal from EICA. Approval was granted, but made conditional on a further Section 75 agreement for the bridge, and this helped the project gain momentum.

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Sustrans have now awarded £91.5k to the project, which is 100% of the pre-construction cost estimate. Work has now started to procure consultants to deliver this important phase of the project, which will include ground surveys, site investigations, a transportation survey, ecological surveys, plus detailed design work for the bridge itself and the access ramp from the Canal towpath (which is part of the National Cycle Network). This phase will also include consultation with the local community and the major stakeholders. It is likely that Sustrans will also grant-fund the construction phase of the project, although this will be to a maximum of 50% of the total cost. The balance of the funding would come from the two Section 75 agreements; as such, it is not anticipated that there will be any need for a capital allocation from Council budgets.

The access ramp from the towpath will extend beyond the boundary of the land currently under Council ownership, and so negotiations are underway to purchase a small piece of land bordering EICA and the towpath from the local landowner.

The bridge will increase connectivity and active travel in the area, providing an important link between the Canal towpath, EICA, the Wavegarden Centre, and the new housing development. It will also facilitate the connection of the Climbing Arena to the public transport network, as there is an existing bus stop at the edge of the housing development within walking distance of the bridge.

The timescale for the pre-construction phase of this project is 6-8 months, with the actual construction of the bridge and ramp approximately a further six months after that. This means that the bridge should be open at around the same time as the Wavegarden facility, in Spring 2020.

Forthcoming activities:

N/A