

# City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements – Project Update 3

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

# **Project Updates**

This is the third Project Update for the City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements (CCWEL) project.

These bulletins are issued regularly to keep all stakeholders up to date with the project's progress.

When construction commences on site (expected 2019), updates will be issued more frequently with details of construction and traffic management.

Further information on the CCWEL project (including designs and artists impressions) is available on the project webpage: http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/CCWEL

Please Note: We have recently updated our Mailing List to include everyone who has expressed an interest or opinion in this project and all business premises along the route. If this is the first update you have received, please be aware previous updates are available online.

#### Stakeholder Liaison Officer

I am delighted to introduce myself as part of this project update. I am Rurigdh McMeddes and I have been appointed as Stakeholder Liaison Officer for this project.

One of my first activities has been to introduce myself to business premises along the route to provide an update on the project, next steps and highlight my role as key point of contact. This also gives me the opportunity to learn more about the requirements of businesses along the route, and take note of any feedback.

So far I have been to speak to business premises from Roseburn to Haymarket Station, as well as

Melville Street and Melville Crescent. I will be continuing to visit all remaining premises along the route in the coming weeks.

Throughout my role I will be working to ensure all stakeholders are kept closely up to date with the project as it progresses and that those who are interested are aware of all opportunities to be involved.

## **Latest Progress**

Work on the detailed design for Section 1 (between Roseburn and Haymarket Station) is now approaching completion and the designers have started to develop detailed designs for the rest of the project through the city centre.

The preparation of plans for the statutory roads orders necessary to implement the changes along Section 1 of the route is also nearly complete. As part of these legal processes (Traffic Regulation Order and Redetermination Order), plans will be issued to statutory consultees for initial comment, before a full public advertisement later this year.

This will give any interested parties the formal right to object to elements of the proposed changes or express other views. Any comments received will be referred to the relevant council committee.

Further information will be issued to residents and businesses along the route in advance of the statutory public consultation period. It is intended to hold community 'drop in' sessions prior to the period for submitting comments. Details of events will be included in future Project Updates.





#### **Melville Crescent**

Consultants WYG and LDA Design have been appointed for the dedicated Melville Crescent Public Realm Project, and they are currently considering options for re-imagining this unique public space in the heart of the West End.

Historically Melville Crescent was a much more people focussed space. Today however, it is dominated by road space, with comparatively little room left for public enjoyment.



The consultants will be considering ways to rebalance Melville Crescent in favour of people on foot and bicycle. This could involve additional planting, seating and play facilities, or even pubic art and sculpture.

As part of this project there will be opportunities for key Stakeholders and the local community to take part in the re-design of this space.

Activation Event - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September The design team will host an on street 'Activation Event' to promote and raise awareness of the Melville Crescent Public Realm Project. **Public Exhibition - Saturday 7**th of October Following this there will be a Public Exhibition at Annan House (10 Palmerston Place) to display various options for re-designing Melville Crescent.



Local residents, businesses and members of the public are invited to come along to view the proposals and provide feedback.

Full details of the exhibition (including opening hours) will be publicised at the activation event later this month and in our next update.

If you are interested in the proposals for Melville Crescent please do come along.

### For more information

For further information on the CCWEL project, please contact me on 0131 469 3606 or Rurigdh.McMeddes@edinburgh.gov.uk

Please also use these contact details if you wish to be added to or removed from the mailing list for future CCWEL Project Updates.

