

## Trams to Newhaven



### Project Newsletter: 02 July 2020



The Trams to Newhaven project is scheduled to be completed and carrying passengers by Spring 2023.

In this edition find out more about plans and activities on site.



## Leith Walk

## **Leith Walk**

The establishment of the construction site from London Road to Crown Place is ongoing. The city bound lane is operational. Please visit our project [website](#) for further information on the traffic management arrangements. [Details of Lothian Bus diversions are available on their website.](#)

Site Investigation works have commenced from London Road to Annandale Street and will be continuing down Leith Walk.

The junction of McDonald Road and Leith Walk will be closed from 10<sup>th</sup> July for 6 weeks to undertake utility works in this area.

## **Bins**

Communal bins for Leith Walk are now situated at the nearest side street to their existing location. The regularity of uplifts will be increased to ensure the area is kept clean and tidy and uplifts will take place in the evening to minimise traffic in the area at peak times. If a bin collection has been missed please report this on the [council's website.](#)

## **Cycle Way on Leith Walk**

We are installing a bi-directional cycle lane as part of the establishment of the construction site. This will result in a separate cycle way for cyclists adjacent to the pedestrian footpath and both will be maintained throughout the period of construction. We are aware of concerns raised by residents and members of the public and as an interim arrangement we have installed advisory signs. In the meantime, we would ask that all cyclists approach the area with

caution.

### **Parking**

All parking and loading provisions are suspended on Constitution Street and between Foot of the Walk to London Road with no street parking or loading facilities available on the running lane on Leith Walk. Parking areas will be provided at three locations during the works to facilitate access to businesses and local properties. These parking facilities will be short stay only for 30 mins and will be located in the vicinity of Crown Street, Pilrig Street and Elm Row.



### **Newhaven, Ocean Drive and Constitution Street**

### **Baltic Street**

Traffic has been reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights at the junction of Baltic Street / Bernard Street to accommodate utility works. These are expected to be in place for the next two weeks.

### **Additional Working Hours on Ocean Way and Ocean Drive**

We will be undertaking Ground Penetrating Radar survey works starting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Ocean Way between Constitution Place and Tower Street and Ocean Drive at the roundabout to the south end of Ocean Terminal. These works will take place between 7pm and 7am. This will not involve any

heavy or noisy plant and therefore minimal disruption is expected.

### **Newhaven Temporary Footpaths**

At Lindsay Road we have installed temporary crossing points so that works can be undertaken within the footpaths and maintain access / egress to properties. These changes are expected to last approximately 2 weeks.

### **Newhaven Utilities**

Utility diversion works at Newhaven will commence July 2020 until September 2020. A letter has been issued to residents in the area that may be affected by these works.



## **Covid -19 Measures**

Following the outbreak of COVID19 we have implemented strict measures to ensure that optimum safety is achieved for our staff and the general public. We have uploaded a [short video](#) to share our new controls. All works must now be carried out in compliance

with Scottish Government guidance. We have implemented the following protocols

- All staff and operatives have now been re-inducted to communicate the projects COVID 19 measures. These are followed up with regular briefings to ensure the message is continually communicated and to reiterate the importance of good hygiene and physical distancing requirements.
- Work will be carried out in compliance with Scottish Government guidance however workers will also be provided with additional Personal Protective Equipment when required
- Temperature testing is now mandatory on the project and all staff, visitors and operatives are subject to a daily temperature check when presenting at site.
- All sites will have infection control station, shown in the photo above. These stations are available to our operatives whilst out on site to promote good hygiene practice.
- The project site office has been remodelled to include measures for physical distancing and optimum hygiene measures. Anyone entering the project office is re-inducted and advised of the above measures in order to prevent spread of COVID19. Those who can work from home are required to continue to do so.

In order to allow for physical distancing, pedestrian footways across the route will be widened where it is safe to do so. There are several sections of the footway where this will not be possible due to open excavations and/or uneven surfacing. To address this, we are installing suggested one-way systems on several sections and introducing passing places where possible. We are continuing

to review our working areas and liaising with council colleagues to ensure that we implement best practice but in the meantime in areas where space is restricted, as in other parts of the city, we would ask that people consider other pedestrians and give them space, stay alert especially if you are using your phone or wearing headphones, and keep left if possible and pass on the right.



## Logistics Hubs

The [logistics hubs](#) on Mitchell Street, Foot of the Walk, Dalmeny Street, Albert Street and Montgomery Street are now operational. Logistic officers are working within the physical distancing guidelines outlined by the Scottish Government. The logistic hubs are there to help businesses with deliveries and dispatches but any resident on the construction route that is expecting a bulky delivery should contact the logistic hub who will be able to assist.

We have received positive feedback about our Logistic Officer's practice and would encourage anyone who requires support to make contact with them.



## Archaeology

Excavations have started on the medieval graveyard on Constitution Street following the dismantling of the historic graveyard wall. The first step has been completed under the supervision of GUARD Archaeology Ltd, the subcontractor for Morrison Utility Services Ltd, which included the removal of the public footpath and the cleaning up of the underlying surface of the graveyard. Immediately this revealed earlier disturbed human remains.

The image above shows disarticulated remains within the graveyard soil disturbed by 20th century electrical services.



## Meet the Team:

**Peter Gillies**

**Assistant Cost**

**Manager**

**Turner & Townsend**

Born: Aberdeen, Scotland

Previous City: Aberdeen, Scotland

Current City: Edinburgh, Scotland

Favourite Team: Club Universidad de Chile

**Tell us a little about yourself...**

I was born and brought up in Aberdeen but after relocating to Edinburgh to study in 2018 I decided to remain here and haven't looked back since. Away from work, I play rugby for the mighty Heriots Blues and 'bag' Munros.

**Tell us about your career history...**

After leaving school aged 17, I completed an apprenticeship as an electrician before moving internally to train as an estimator. Following this experience I decided on a career change and moved to Edinburgh to complete a Masters degree in Commercial Management and Quantity Surveying at Heriot Watt University. I then joined Turner & Townsend's Graduate Development Programme.

**What parts of your job do you enjoy the most?**

Being involved in a wide variety of projects and to now have the opportunity to work in a big project team on Trams to Newhaven project.



## What is your role on the project?

Within the commercial team my main focus is the change management process which includes recording and allocating all project changes against the relevant budgets and thereafter reporting on these changes.

## Find out more and get in touch




For further information on the project please visit our website where you can find a range of FAQs. Alternatively, you can contact us via email or by telephone on 0131 322 1122. We're available from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week.

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