

# **Project Newsletter | 30 July 2020**



Trams are timetabled in Leith and Newhaven in Spring 2023.









**Construction Update** 



# Leith Walk

The establishment of the construction site from London Road to Crown Place is complete. The city bound lane is operational. Please visit our project website for further information on the traffic management arrangements.

Site investigation and excavation works are continuing from London Road to Crown Street.

The junction of McDonald Road with Leith Walk remains closed to allow utility works in the area.

# Cycle Way on Leith Walk

We have installed 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.

As part of the final design a segregated cycle way will run the length of Leith Walk.

## **Additional Working Hours**

We have been working additional hours each Saturday between London Road and Annandale Street junctions. Works will take place from 1pm to 7pm. The works will consist of bulk excavation and traffic movements from access gates onto London Road from Leith Walk.

Normal construction Saturday hours are from 8am to 1pm.

# **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. Short-term waiting areas have been provided at three locations during the works to facilitate access to businesses and local properties. These waiting areas will be short stay only and will be located in the vicinity of Crown Street, Pilrig Street and Elm Row. Please be aware the 60 minute waiting time will be enforceable from Monday 3 August.

### **Baltic Street**

Traffic has been reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights at the junction of Baltic Street and Bernard Street to accommodate utility works.

### **Wellington Place**

Wellington Place remains closed at the section leading from Links Lane in order to

undertake utility works. These works commenced on Tuesday 28 July and will take approximately five days.

### **Queen Charlotte Street and Constitution Street Junction**

There are temporary traffic lights at Queen Charlotte Street and Constitution Street junction to accommodate utility works.

# **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Notification**

The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been issued to statutory consultees for a period of 28 days and is available to view on the <a href="website">website</a>. Statutory consultees include Edinburgh Trams, Living Streets, Lothian Buses and Emergency Services. Please note these show traffic and waiting orders and include parking areas, banned turns and one ways. The detailed final design is being developed.

Following the statutory consultee period they will then be formally published to the public for review and comment end of September 2020.

# **Newhaven Tram Stop Design**

Following previous consultations, the position of the tram stop at Newhaven has moved further east of the previously approved position and will include a stabling area. This has been submitted to City of Edinburgh Council Planning for approval. View the <a href="https://www.updated.com/design.plans">updated.com/design.plans</a>.

# **Community Engagement Boards**



We have installed community engagement boards on the route which contain useful information on the project. We've installed two of these boards. The first at Dalmeny Street Logistics Hub and the second outside the project office at 165 Leith Walk, with another three due to go in place over the next few weeks.

# **Archaeology Vlog**

Watch our second vlog with John Lawson, City of Edinburgh Council's resident Archaeology Officer, about the human remains and cannonball (possibly from the 1559 Siege of Leith) found underneath the wall at South Leith Parish Church.



# **Tables and Chairs Permits**

In order to ensure compliance with Scottish Government physical distancing guidance, all businesses on the route will be required to have a permit for tables and chairs. Guidelines require a desired minimum of 3 metres for pedestrians.

Applications will be administered by the City of Edinburgh Council's Licensing Team.

Once an application is submitted by a business it is passed to Street and Environmental Enforcement Team for assessment. The final assessment and recommendation is then referred back to Licensing who will advise the applicant of the outcome. Please be aware licensing deal with correspondence resulting from policies and decisions

**Eat Out to Help Out Scheme** 

From 3 to 31 August, get a 50% discount when you eat in at restaurants that are registered with the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme.

Click here for a list of all participating Leith restaurants and bars

# **Meet the Team**



Name: Clare Shelley

Company: GUARD Archaeology Ltd subcontractor of

Morrison Utility Services Ltd. **Job Title:** Archaeologist

Born: Liverpool

Previous City: Kirkwall

Current City: Edinburgh

Favourite Team: Liverpool

# Tell us a little bit about yourself:

I have dog called Lily who is a Working Cocker Spaniel. I love travelling, some of my favourite places I have visited are Orkney (great for archaeology), Portugal, Australia and Iceland. I've always been interested in history and I love the outdoors so going into archaeology was a no brainer.

# Tell us about your career history:

I started in the travel and tourism industry as a tour guide. I then studied for my Masters up in Orkney and worked at Skaill House. I graduated in 2019 and I have been working for GUARD since last July.

# What part of your job do you enjoy the most?

I enjoy interacting with the public, and showing them what we have found. Getting to share the past with others in a way that they wouldn't normally get to see is a big plus to the job.

# What is your role in the project?

As an archaeologist I am taking part in the excavation of human remains at South Leith Parish Church on Constitution Street. This is key for understanding the past lives of Leith and for the preservation of local heritage during a project of this scale.

# 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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