



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Works Update

Leith Walk

Site investigation, excavation works and surface water drainage installation is continuing from London Road to Crown Street.

Running lane closure

A section of the Leith Walk running lane (Foot of the Walk to Pilrig Street) is closed from Monday 21 September until Monday 28 September between the hours of 7pm and 5am to accommodate utility diversion works. Excavation works will halt at midnight with non-intrusive works from midnight to 5am. Localised diversions will be in place.

McDonald Road

McDonald Road/Leith Walk junction has been shut to accommodate utility diversions as part of the construction programme. These planned works were based on documents given to the project that detailed the locations of utilities in the area. Following excavations of the road we have identified the need for additional electrical utility works to take place.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times and Pilrig Street will remain open to help traffic flow in the area. Vehicle access to McDonald Road will remain via Bonnington Road and Broughton Road.

Jane Street

We have been carrying out site investigation works on the carriage way at Jane Street. To facilitate these works we will have temporarily closed a section of Jane Street and restricted parking.

Access to businesses and residential properties will be maintained at all times. Works commenced on Tuesday 15 September and have been extended for a week to Tuesday 29 September to accommodate further Scottish Gas Network works.



Leith Walk



Ocean Drive



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Trade Waste

Trade waste bins must be collected from side streets. Please continue to liaise with your contractor to discuss a suitable location and prevent placing any trade waste within the bi-directional cycle lane.



Stevedore Place Trees

We are aware of concerns raised by residents regarding the trees on Stevedore Place and the team is looking into this. Landscaping designs will be finalised in the coming weeks and we're looking to retain as many of the established trees as possible. For any trees that can't be accommodated within the final designs we'll be planting two semi-mature trees for every one as part of this project.

Further Updates



Manderston Street

We will be carrying out site investigation works on the carriage way at Manderston Street. To facilitate these works Manderston Street has been closed at its junction with Leith Walk. Access will be maintained via Easter Road. The logistics hub is available should you require any assistance with deliveries. Works commenced on Tuesday 15 September and have been extended for a week to Tuesday 29 September to accommodate further Scottish Gas Network works.

Foot of the Walk (FOTW) to Laurie Street

The footpath on the east side of Constitution Street between FOTW and Laurie Street remains closed. This is due to the discovery of a Scottish Water manhole which extended around half a meter under the footpath. We are working with Scottish Water to arrange for the removal of this manhole and further updates will be issued in due course.

We have been unable to extend the width of the footpath on the West side and would ask that in areas where space is restricted, as in other parts of the city that people consider other pedestrians and give them space.

Ocean Drive

We will be carrying out site investigation works on Victoria Dock Bridge and Tower Bridge on Ocean Drive from Monday 28th September for approximately 3 days. Traffic flows will be maintained with manually controlled traffic management in place and in order to minimise any localised disruption this will be carried out during off-peak times (9.30 - 15.30).

Queen Charlotte Street

We installed 3-way lights at the junction of Queen Charlotte Street and Constitution Street on Monday 14 September to facilitate works in the area. These 3-way lights are scheduled to be removed by Monday 28 September. Queen Charlotte Street to Mitchell Street

We have been carrying out gas works on the footpath between Queen Charlotte Street and Mitchell Street.

Pedestrian diversions will be in place and access to properties will be maintained at all times. Anyone directly affected by an interruption will be notified separately.

More Work Updates



Ocean Terminal

The main tram infrastructure works are ongoing and progressing well within this area. Enabling works to install a new temporary junction have now been completed and traffic management plans are being finalised. Further details will follow once this new junction has been established.

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.

Maritime Lane Closure

We will be closing vehicle access to Maritime Lane from Mitchell Street to facilitate Vodafone future proofing works and manhole installations. Works will commence on Saturday 26 September 2020 for approximately 2 weeks.

Advanced warning signage will be erected on Mitchell Street prior to the works and parking will be restricted in order to facilitate local deliveries throughout the closure.

Deliveries to local businesses and residents will be maintained via the Mitchell Street Logistics hub and their team of operatives. A Traffic Management crew will be on hand to assist delivery vehicles exiting the area.

Additional Working Hours

We are working additional hours between the Baltic/Bernard Street junction and Queen Charlotte Street junction from Saturday 19 September to Sunday 11 October. These additional hours will be 1pm to 5pm on Saturday and 9am – 5pm on Sunday.

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

The Traffic Regulation Order was issued to statutory consultees on 28 July for a period of 28 days and is available to view on the website.

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.

Following the conclusion of the statutory consultee period we have taken on board comments received and we are in the process of updating the plans. Once this exercise is complete the drawings will be made available to the public for comment via the City of Edinburgh Council's Hub and the link to this will be provided on the Trams to Newhaven website shortly. We will be advertising the publication of this through our social media accounts and our website.

Itison Vouchers Constitution Street



Further £10 for £5 Itison vouchers now available for businesses on Constitution Street. Get them on the Itison website, but be quick to ensure you don't miss them!

If you have bought itison vouchers for Leith Walk please support the participating businesses by using them as soon as possible.



Archaeology Update

Tune into this week's Trams to Newhaven archaeology Vlog where John Lawson, the City of Edinburgh Councils Resident Archaeologist walks us through the site with the majority of it being exposed, something we rarely get to record!

We were also lucky that BBC's Digging for Britain were on site with us recording for the programme. We hope the project will be featured on the show sometime next year. For more weekly archaeology content, be sure to subscribe to the project's YouTube channel, Trams to Newhaven.



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