

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for June 2019

- 1. Traffic Survey** – No further information about Arup's traffic study has been received this month. Although a report was drafted, this isn't available for public distribution yet. The interactive dashboard showing vehicle routes through multiple monitor points hasn't been released for public use yet either. This would allow everyone to see origin and destination of traffic through Queensferry and Kirkliston during the survey period on demand, which is often quoted in congestion debates.
- 2. SGN and High School Roadworks** – We've been informed by Morrison Construction that Ashburnham Road will need to be closed at the entrance to the High School for a couple of weeks during the school holidays for utility installation. This would overlap with Ferry Fair week in August. SGN have started to investigate prospects with CEC for major gas works around Queensferry, which are likely to involve the High Street, Station Road and The Loan areas. This is still at the planning stage but probably better to get this done prior to High Street refurbishment, likely over the next couple of years.
- 3. High Street Resurfacing** – A steering group meeting was held on 5 June, at which Ironside Farrer and CEC presented their preferred plan for resurfacing of the High Street. Taking account of all feedback and considering the budget/time tradeoffs and constraints, the proposal is to limit the project to £2m with a requirement that spend is committed (ie contracts let) by April 2020. The plan is to maintain 2-way traffic, with minimal changes to stopping/loading restrictions, partly because the appeal process timescale would jeopardise the budget window but also due to comments received during the consultation sessions. Access restrictions would still be promoted on vehicle types, along with a pedestrian crossing facility at the bottom of The Loan. Prospects for extending the paved surface of the High Street into Hopetoun Road (towards the Priory Church) will be investigated, and there will be fewer changes in the Hawes area than some of the previous higher budget plans had suggested. A more detailed design review is scheduled for later this week.
- 4. West Edinburgh Development Meeting** – Keith attended a meeting with neighbouring community councils and CEC Transport Convenor. Research into the possibility of introducing bus lanes along the A90 suggests this would not be an advantage. However further bus priority at traffic signals (for example at Blackhall) is to be pursued and existing SCOOT circuits beneath the road will be repaired or upgraded. The full report is linked [here](#).
- 5. Public Transport** – Lothian Buses are publicising their intention to modify the 43 and X43 timetable with effect from 14 July. Some early morning and evening journeys will be withdrawn and the weekday evening peak timetable revised. A new night service will be introduced, leaving the city centre just after midnight. This is something that residents have claimed would be well-used, and we reflected this in discussions with reps from Lothian. We haven't heard anything about the 63 contract, although prospects for extension to Balerno at the Riccarton end are being considered. However the 63 doesn't feature in Lothian's network review for July.

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