

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Transport Report
for Council Meeting on Monday 26 August 2013

- 1. Agilent Site** – On Wednesday 31 July, I attended a meeting with Agilent, CALA, David Wilson Homes and representatives from CEC to discuss some of the detailed plans for the housing development on the former Agilent factory and feedback from the public event held at QHS towards the end of June. We heard that a pedestrian access near Dundas Park was no longer considered viable due to a large height difference, which greatly degrades connectivity. CEC showed plans to introduce around 15 new parking spaces near Dalmeny Station through two initiatives. Firstly by blocking off current accesses to the car park and secondly by allowing limited on-street parking between the Station Road roundabout and the Agilent gates as part of a traffic calming scheme (previously there was to be no parking on this road).
- 2. Parking at Dalmeny Station** – The QDCC survey which ran throughout July is now closed. A total number of 260 responses were received, 113 from residents and 147 from passengers. The groups best represented were residents of Station View, Station Road, Roshill Terrace and Ashburnham Loan. Cyclists and car drivers were also represented very well. A much lower proportion of pedestrians thought to use the station or people dropped off in cars seemed to respond to the survey. A draft report which collects all the comments together and summarises the results has been prepared and will be distributed shortly.
- 3. Local Transport Strategy** – On 22 August, the City of Edinburgh Council issued a draft of their LTS document which is intended to set out their policy for the five years from 2014. QDCC replied to their Issues for Review consultation earlier in 2013 and attended workshops on selected topics to present opinions from the Queensferry community. It appears that comments from Queensferry and Kirkliston have influenced the document wording in a number of places, if not the policies themselves. A few new initiatives include extending 20 mph speed limit areas, trialling the proposal of closing streets near schools where practical and requested by Parent Councils and developing a travel planning service in cooperation with Edinburgh's employers.
- 4. Subsidised Buses** – On Monday 26 August, along with a representative from Kirkliston Community Council, I will be meeting a senior professional officer from CEC to discuss ideas for specifying tenders for council bus services. Effectively this means a replacement for the 63 to cover the next few years, including opening of the tram line. CEC are looking to increase subsidy levels to support unprofitable routes such as these but also wish to establish statutory quality partnerships with bus operators to reflect council investments. Previously, quality improvements have been at the discretion of the operator.

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