

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Transport Report
for Council Meeting on Monday 27 January 2014

Highlights from the Transport Sub-Committee over the past month are listed below

1. **Traffic Management and Parking Study** – A summary of the report from CH2M Hill (Halcrow) which was commissioned by CEC is now available. Some of the report content was modified as a result of feedback provided against drafts circulated in September. It is hoped that a working group can be formed to take forward some of the key recommendations identified in the study
2. **Forth Replacement Crossing** – On Monday 27 November, along with Keith, I attended the South Community Forum. Progress on bridge pillars and approach roads will become much more visible over the next few months, in particular at the new roundabout on Echline Corner and associated resurfacing of Builyeon Rd. The majority of Society Road has now been widened but a final section of footpath east of the bridge over Linn Mill Burn will only be built after the haul road crossing is removed in 2016. During December, Transport Scotland attended to overgrown grass and bushes on the A90 at Dalmeny Village, an area which has been the subject of various complaints and ownership transfers for several years
3. **Winter Weather Preparation** – Following correspondence with Alastair, CEC's list of 'snow streets' has now been updated to include both Scotstoun Avenue and Bo'ness Road. The possibility of short notice parking restrictions applies until 30 April 2014
4. **Agilent Site** – A meeting with CALA and CEC on 5 December gave little encouragement that nearby residents or commuters can expect the current station parking situation to improve significantly. While provision for resident and business parking in the new development may help commuters, it might also lead to familiar disputes if new residents mistakenly believe they have exclusive use of labelled parking spaces. The development's through route from Station Rd was confirmed as being 5.5 metres wide, similar to Burgess Rd. Access to the new houses will only be via Station Rd, Scotstoun Av and Dark Entry (pedestrian/cycle only) as plans for pedestrian access to Dundas Park and Queensferry High School have been dropped. National Cycle Route 1 will be preserved off road by including a 3 metre wide footpath next to the east end of Scotstoun Avenue
5. **Traffic and Parking** – Some correspondence has been received regarding parked vehicles on Echline Drive and Springfield Park. Additionally, a resident has claimed cars are increasingly being driven in the wrong direction on Queen Margaret Drive. In each case the information has been passed to CEC and/or the police. The behaviours are apparently quite legal but are sometimes perceived as being anti-social
6. **Trains and Buses** – A project to replace Dalmeny junction started at the turn of the year and will continue into February. Standingstone Road is closed for several weeks while work is carried out on the bridge above. Some noise can be expected overnight and disruption to train services at weekends. Stagecoach has registered two bus services through Queensferry starting on 3 March, numbered 55A and 40. Detailed publicity is under preparation but these run from Sommerville Gardens to Dunfermline bus depot and Edinburgh Bus Station respectively

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