

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for July 2016

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

- 1. Signage Strategy** – On Monday 27 June I attended a meeting with QA to support and contribute towards a National Lottery application relating to the orientation and interpretation signage strategy which has been available for the past couple of years. For those unfamiliar with it, the proposal extends the existing interpretation board coverage which were located around South Queensferry some time ago. The new plan would fill some of the original gaps and embrace a wider area including North Queensferry, other new developments, new tourist attractions and emerging arrival points. The full document can be downloaded [here](#).
- 2. Forth Bridges Forum** – The publicity leaflets distributed by Historic Scotland at the Forth Bridges Forum public meeting in June (reported last month) are now available in the QDCC office. Just help yourself.
- 3. SESplan** – A reminder that SESplan published their proposed Strategic Development Plan recently which will be available for comment for a six week period around September. This is expected to shape CEC's next LDP and requires yet more of Edinburgh's expanding workforce to be housed within the CEC boundary. At first glance Queensferry is unaffected by the spatial strategy but it is sandwiched between areas of Edinburgh, Fife and West Lothian which are targeted for quite rapid growth. This partly arises through exploiting recent investments in transport infrastructure around our area. The document is on SESplan's [website](#).
- 4. 20mph Speed Limits** – Another reminder that the new 20mph speed limits become applicable from 31 July. More information is on CEC's [website](#).
- 5. Public Transport – Buses.** We've heard nothing back yet from Stagecoach regarding their proposed changes to the 40/A, X/55/A and X51 services. Revisions are not showing on VOSA's website, so perhaps the idea has been dropped or postponed beyond 15 August, when many of the other Fife network changes take place. This has been queried with CEC, who should receive notification of changes affecting their area. The non-functional Bustracker display on Station Road has been reported to Edinburgh Council. Reports of overgrown bushes affecting visibility from the bus shelter on the A90 at Dalmeny Primary School have been passed to Amey. **Trains.** On strike days, reduced services run from Dalmeny roughly hourly between about 8.30am and 6pm. Overtime reluctance continues to affect services especially on Sundays, leading to further crew shortages. There was an enquiry from Eleanor regarding the possibility of the Heritage Trust siting a new notice board near Dalmeny Station and we heard back from ScotRail that Neil is now the new gardening contractor for floral arrangements within the station boundaries.

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