

Cllr Lindsay Paterson –August – QDCC

Some recent updates include:

Airport consultation

Edinburgh Airport is currently running a [consultation](#) seeking views on the potential impact of altering flight paths above Edinburgh and the surrounding areas to “allow for maximum operational benefits and to minimise community impact”. The existing airspace was designed in the 1970s.

Regulations that cover modernising airspace mean the airport are obliged to engage in an [Airspace Change Programme \(ACP\)](#). This ACP involves a two stage consultation process; firstly, 14 weeks up to **12 September** where they will aim to gather views from the public. The results of this initial consultation will help guide the design and development of potential future flight path options which will be presented in a second consultation stage which is scheduled to commence in December.

Service 40 timetable changes

QDCC has expressed concern about the lack of information available regarding the changes in August to the service 40. The timetable is now [available online](#) however concerns were raised that passengers would not be aware of the changes ahead of the scheduled new timetable and bus stops and the bus station are not displaying the correct information. I contacted the public transport team in the council to make enquiries about how this could be addressed and was told that “within Edinburgh, Bus stop information updates are the responsibility of the individual bus operators and not the Council.” Stagecoach have advised that it is “currently updating its information for the affected Service 40/40A bus stop displays so that they reflect the most recent service changes and this process should be completed soon.”

Ferry Fair

2016 saw the 80th anniversary of The Ferry Fair in its current form: there are some [fantastic photos](#) from the week available to view on the official [Ferry Fair website](#). Congratulations to the Ferry Fair 2016 Committee and all those who took part and helped make the festivities a success.

LDP2 and Craighall proposals

I remain concerned about LDP2 as outlined in previous reports to QDCC, for reasons including the lack of infrastructure and joined up thinking; impact on the character of Queensferry and general overburdening of the system amongst other concerns.

In July, I attended a further meeting with community representatives from QDCC; Cramond and Barnton and Kirkliston along with Rick Finc Associates regarding the Craighall proposals. Craighall was not included in the sites listed in LDP2 as suitable for development. Community Councils are run by volunteers who have limited time to spend considering individual planning applications, particularly when not included in LDP2. I am fully supportive of local community representatives and their outline position regarding future engagement.

Advice surgery

My next surgery at Echline Primary will take place on Monday 26 September.