



QDCC Bulletin

Forming of new footpath from Queensferry Crossing South Abutment Access through Springfield land to the Clufflat and Springfield homes locality

Background

At the Parliamentary Bill stage for the Queensferry Crossing (FRC) representations were made by South Queensferry Local Interest Groups led by BRIGS on behalf of the community. It was requested that a path should be built from the access road and footpath to the sustainable urban drainage ponds (SUDs) across the Springfield land for future development to the Springfield/Clufflats homes. This footpath was considered desirable to improve pedestrian connectivity. Transport Scotland advise that it is “in their gift” to build the path.

Present Situation

Throughout the FRC project, QDCC asked Transport Scotland (TS) about the delivery process for this path. In the last few months TS advised that QDCC would have to gain permissions for the footpath to be built across the open space where highlighted in pink on the attached drawing. QDCC sought the support of City of Edinburgh Council, who conducted a land search to establish ownership of the open space land between Clufflat Brae and Springfield Lea. It transpires that the land is held on account under the Deed of Conditions by Persimmon for homes built at Clufflat. The land is part of the common parts to the properties, and was sold by the former SSHA to Persimmon Homes. The footpath area was included in the sale.

Proposal

The purpose of this bulletin is to consult and inform the owner occupiers about the intention to have the path built under “permitted development works” for the Queensferry Crossing where shown on the attached drawing. The entire length of the footpath, green and pink, will be structurally maintained by TS from where it ties into the existing Clufflat footpath. However TS will not maintain any elements outside the footprint of the path such as grass cutting.

If you have any questions or concerns then please get in touch using the Contact Us tab on QDCC’s website queensferrycommunitycouncil.co.uk, through facebook.com/queensferry or call our Secretary, Mr Terry Airlie on 07763 123870