

November 2013

Dear Partner

Meadow Place Road/Broomhouse Road - Road and Footway Improvements

I write to provide an update for the ongoing road and footway improvement works on Meadow Place Road/Broomhouse Road.

Following extensive site investigation and assessments, carried out by Urban Movement (an independent Road Safety consultant) in December 2012, in consultation with the West Neighbourhood Roads Team, designs have been drawn up detailing proposed improvements along this important distributor link in the West of Edinburgh, and highlighting the significant link to Forrester's and St Augustine's High Schools from the surrounding communities.

As you may be aware this has been identified as a proposed improvement project following the removal of the pedestrian barriers during footway resurfacing improvements in the Summer of 2012. During these works it was observed that the extent of the barriers could be reviewed in line with the proposal to review pedestrian guardrails city-wide following a report presented to the June 2012 Transport and Environment Committee, which outlines a city-wide approach to review individual locations across the City where pedestrian guardrails could be removed.

In addition to the designs being drawn up, an independent Road Users Safety Audit (RUSA) has been commissioned to assess road safety requirements at this location, to ensure that the detailed designs have taken into consideration all road safety aspects at this location.

The rationale of the proposed new layout is primarily focussed on improving road safety for all road users; pedestrians and cyclists and as such supports the Councils focus on sustainable transport providing a cycling network that joins into existing links in the area. Additionally observations have been made with regard to traffic speeds close to the schools therefore the new layout is expected to make drivers more aware of pedestrians along this stretch of road, promote clearer sight lines at junctions, and provide 8 more designated crossing facilities.

A key stakeholder's consultation meeting was held on Tuesday 10 October, at St Augustine's RC High School and was attended by local elected members and Corstorphine Community Council representatives. This allowed for the proposed design to be discussed and wider community views that had been reported to the

elected members and community representatives to be heard and considered by the project team.

As part of the Council's commitment to consult on developments within our communities, I can now offer the proposed road footway improvements on Meadow Place Road for public consultation.

I appreciate this has been a lengthy process, however I have enclosed in this consultation pack plans which detail the proposed improvements along this route and I would like to offer these for consultation with you, in order for you to review the proposed improvements and offer your comments to these proposals.

The public consultation period will end on Friday 06 December 2013.

The consultation information will be available to view on the West Neighbourhood webpage www.edinburgh.gov.uk/west

Hard copies will be available in the Drum Brae Library and Corstorphine Library.

Hard copies will also be provided to St Augustine's RC High School and Forrester High School for input from the Student and Parent Councils.

Questions and comments in relation to the proposed road footway improvements on Meadow Place Road can be made in writing to:

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Kind regards



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