

Queensferry High Street Town Centre Improvement Project Update No.1 - December 2019

Progress so far:

Since the last consultation project update in June 2019 a detailed package of construction drawings has been prepared to take forward the £2million project.

Following detailed design discussions with the project Steering Group the scope of the works will include the following:

- New high-quality granite footway and carriageway surfacing with whinstone kerbs and reclaimed cobbles, all laid on a high strength concrete base.
- Retained two-way traffic – the road will be narrowed to 4.5m wide in line with Edinburgh Designing Streets Guidance.
- Installation of a three-way signalised junction at the foot of the Loan to improve road safety and deliver a pedestrian crossing.
- Promotion of an Environmental Order to restrict heavy vehicles passing through the High Street (not heavier than 7.5 tonnes), allowing limited HGV service access between 6am and Midday.
- The same number of car parking spaces retained on the High Street.

The project will focus on resurfacing the main High Street, narrowing Newhalls Road leading up to the Hawes Car Park to create additional parking spaces and the construction of a new turning circle at the West end of the Hawes Car Park.

The project is now in the Tender phase and we expect the contract to be awarded in March 2020 with construction due to start in April 2020. When the contract is awarded, we will hold community update meetings with residents and businesses, so the contractor can meet stakeholders in the Town Centre and discuss programming and access requirements.

When the work starts, we will continue to hold quarterly community meetings and we will issue regular updates regarding works programming, access arrangements and construction progress from the contractor.



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Construction

At this stage we don't know how the contractor will phase and undertake the work, however, due to the restricted nature of the site we anticipate the High Street will need to be physically closed for almost a year. Works shut-down periods have been written into the contract for the Ferry Fair and the Christmas 2020 trading period to allow the Town Centre to function. Details relating to the programme and phasing of the works will be made public when a contractor has been appointed next year.

Community and Business Forum

We will be creating a package of measures to support the needs of local business and residents in advance of work starting. It is our intention to establishing a Community and Business Forum to develop proposals for business support and ensure good channels of communication between the Council, the Contractor, and the Community. The Queensferry & District Community Council continue to provide invaluable support in taking the project forward.

A meeting was held with business representatives in September 2019 to discuss the planned road layout, access requirements during the construction phase, likely phasing of the works and ideas for an Open for Business campaign. The project team will be supporting Stakeholder Liaison and Communications for the project in 2020 until completion.

More information

If you need any more information about the project at this stage please contact me on the following email david.sinclair@edinburgh.gov.uk

We will be arranging for project updates to be posted on the Queensferry and District Community Council Facebook page and Website as well as community noticeboards in the Town.

In advance of the works start date we will arrange meetings for local residents and businesses to meet the project team and contractor. In the New Year we will set-up drawings and plans in a venue on the High Street (to be agreed) so you can see the plans in more detail.

If you wish to be either included or removed from the mailing list, or to have your data amended please contact gillian.smith@ironsidefarrar.com

Data Protection

Any information shared with the project team will be used to inform the development of this project and may be shared with contracted organisations if deemed necessary and appropriate. At the end of the project all personal data will be permanently removed.

