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Subject: FW: LBA - DEMANDS ACTION

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From: LBA [<mailto:gordon@leith.org.uk>]
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LEITH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION - DEMANDS ACTION

Work started on the Tram project in Leith around June of 2007, approximately three and a half years ago. We were told, at that time, that we could expect to see trams running down Leith Walk in 2010. As I type this letter it is Tuesday 30th November 2010 and not only are there no trams but there are no tram tracks either. What there has been is an upgrade of utilities which will hopefully make life easier for any future utility works.

Due to the lack of accurate plans, the utility works took far longer than was anticipated or communicated to the businesses on the route, thus having a horrendous effect on trade whilst the works were ongoing, the legacy of which is still being suffered today (by those who actually survived!)

As it looks like there is no end in sight, even although we have been given assurances from TIE on several occasions that a decision would be made as to when and where the tram will be running, the LBA now demands the following:

1. Road and pavement surfaces to be re-instated to the standard they were in before the project began.
2. Re-instatement of all of the trees removed from Leith Walk (on both sides and on the central islands).
3. Re-instatement of the permanent crossings and central islands as existed before the project began.
4. Assurances that TRO1 will be amended to exclude all roads which might be affected if the decision is made to terminate the project short of Leith Walk.
5. That no pavement narrowing / road widening be carried out until such time as tram tracks are actually being installed on Leith Walk.
6. A new comprehensive financial support package is set up for traders, irrespective of their size / rateable value.

I look forward to your response.

Regards

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Chair
LBA