
From: Jim McEwan
Sent: 28 October 2008 15:00
To: Graeme Barclay; Christie Graham
Subject: FW: [LW&CSTA] Tie riding rough-shod over their Traffic Management Plan

Graeme

Can we discuss tomorrow.

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From: Willie Gallagher
Sent: 22 October 2008 19:43
To: Jim McEwan; Graeme Barclay; Gordon Christie; Susan Clark
Cc: Steven Bell
Subject: FW: [LW&CSTA] Tie riding rough-shod over their Traffic Management Plan

Guys,

As you can see from below, Susan is getting it in the neck again about short-notice commencement of new works whilst old holes remain open. I am afraid that this is becoming a huge credibility exposure for the Project.

Q – Do we know where all the holes in Leith are, who is responsible for actioning them, and when will they be closed.

Q – Where is the new work scheduled to commence and are the necessary pre-planning arrangements in place.

I would like a state of the nation on the above topics. Can I suggest that you all walk the job from top to bottom with Carillion and come prepared to provide with answers and a close-out plan which I can monitor on a weekly basis.

Susan – could you arrange the time of the meeting with Julie, end of next week or week after next.

Willie

From: alan@leithtraders.com [mailto:alan@leithtraders.com]
Sent: 22 October 2008 15:50
To: Susan Clark
Cc: gary.turner@edinburgh.gov.uk; Steven Bell; Willie Gallagher; jenny.dawe@edinburgh.gov.uk; Gordon Burgess; tom.buchanan@edinburgh.gov.uk
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Susan

the fact that the Traffic Management Plan is an internal **tie** document is irrelevant - the 4-week notification period is a matter of record. It is my opinion that the 4-week notification period ought to be a minimum standard, rather than a maximum.

What makes these works 'critical'?

If it is a desire to get works completed before any potential embargo, then would the time and manpower not be better spent in completing existing works and closing sites, rather than starting new works?

If it is because there is a potential for Infracore works to 'catch-up' on MUDFA works, then why should the businesses and residents be penalized for the late-running of the MUDFA works which ought to have been completed almost four months ago?

Although some of the works are scheduled to be completed by end-November others continue into December and January: it is disingenuous to suggest that you are looking to complete these works prior to any embargo. Willie Gallagher has previously stated that if an embargo is granted, the timing would be reached as a compromise in discussion with the Association. A hole in the ground makes for a brute, but very compelling bargaining tool and one which makes compromise nigh on impossible.

I await your further response.

Rgds

Alan
LW&CSTA

On Wed , Susan Clark Susan.Clark@tie.ltd.uk sent:

Dear Alan

The traffic management plan which is an internal **tie** document does identify a 4 week notification timescale to businesses and residents. As Gordon Christie and I explained at the Leith Walk & Constitution Street Traders' Association meeting you refer to, this is what we try to achieve. However, we are aiming to complete a number of critical items of work in Leith Walk in advance of the anticipated embargo and this means that in this case a 4 week notification was not possible.

Kind Regards

Susan

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Subject: RE: [LW&CSTA] Tie riding rough-shod over their Traffic Management Plan

Alan,

Thanks for this. I will investigate this morning and come back later today with outcome.

Regards,

Willie

From: Alan D Rudland [mailto:alan@leithtraders.com]

Sent: 22 October 2008 07:03

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Dear Ms Dawe

I wrote to you recently concerning the Traffic Management Review Group mooted in your October report and would like to bring to your attention an example of the cavalier manner in which Traffic Management is being implemented on Leith Walk.

I have attached a copy of a letter to be issued by **tie** to businesses and residents concerning ongoing utility diversion works between Steads Place and Middlefield. The letter is dated 22 October and sets out Traffic Management plans to be implemented from 29 October involving three street access closures and restriction of the carriageway to provide two-way single lane traffic.

The Traffic Management Plan published by **tie** specifies a four-week notification for stakeholders before implementation of works: this commitment was re-iterated to representatives of the Leith Walk & Constitution Street Traders' Association by Susan Clark, Deputy Tram Project Director at **tie**.

This letter makes a mockery of the due process and does not allow traders adequate time to make arrangements for deliveries/parking/loading etc..

I would ask that you make representations to **tie** in the strongest possible terms requiring them to suspend these works until the requisite period of notice has been given and that they adhere to the process set out in their Traffic Management Plan now and in the future.

I look forward to your response.

Regards

Alan D Rudland
Vice-Chairman
Leith Walk & Constitution Street Traders' Association

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