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Sometimes you just come to the end of the road. I can assure you that the acquisitions from Gordon on insensitvity & couldn't care less are well far of the mark. I don't intend to respond, the Tram Project Board will discuss and agree the embargo on Wednesday. The only permanent solution here is to get the works complete and then move on.

Regards,

Willie

From: Gordon Burgess [[mailto:gordon@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:gordon@[REDACTED])]
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Dear Mr Gallagher

In an article on page 10 of the Edinburgh Evening News on 16th October, under the headline 'Leith Walk in line for break in tramworks,' you were quoted as saying that you 'would listen to traders and agree a compromise.' The next paragraph quite clearly states, 'it will be for a five-week period to cover the January sales.' I'm a bit confused with this last statement, the astonishing lack of compromise therein and with the final paragraph where it says that the proposals would be discussed at a Board meeting next week. What's the point in holding a meeting when the decision's already been taken?

You will recall an emai I sent you on 11th October outlining my reasons for a complete cessation of works for eight weeks, that being the timescale Leith should have enjoyed between MUDFA nearing completion and INFRACO beginning. Alas, not only is MUDFA six months behind schedule but we now have the double whammy of INFRACO having started as well. Just to add insult to injury, as if things aren't bad enough, we are now informed that the likelihood is that Manderston Street (due to be re-opened on about three different occasions) is expected to remain closed until early next year and even that is only an estimation!

So when I read articles, such as the one I refer to in my first paragraph, it once again clearly shows not only an insensitivity towards the Leith situation, but a couldn't-care-less attitude as well.

I suppose I should be thankful for five weeks and the fact that Leith is even part of TIEs agenda but I'm afraid I'm not.

Gordon Burgess
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