
From: Jenny Dawe
Sent: 21 October 2008 13:59
To: Richard Wood
Cc: Mike Connelly; Marshall Poulton; Jenny Dawe; Phil Wheeler; Ewan Horne
Subject: RE: Edinburgh Trams:emergency meeting 6th October

Mr Wood

Cllr Dawe is very grateful for your email dated 7 October and she apologises for the delay in replying. Cllr Dawe notes the points you have made. The traffic management issues, and other interventions, which you refer to are essential to ensure that the tram system is delivered as quickly and as efficiently as possible. This as you will appreciate aware cannot be achieved without levels of disruption. The Council and **tie** are committed to ensuring that all disruption us kept to the absolute minimum and Cllr Dawe is satisfied that this is the case the vast majority most of the time.

Cllr Dawe has taken the liberty of copying your email, and her reply, to **tie** and to the Council's Head of Transport in order that they can consider your views and comments in the wider context of this, one of the city's biggest construction projects, for many years.

Many thanks for taking the time to write.

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From: Richard Wood [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 15 October 2008 19:22
To: Jenny Dawe
Subject: Fwd: Edinburgh Trams:emergency meeting 6th October

Dear Ms Dawe

I am disappointed that I have not had a reply to the attached e mail. I appreciate you must receive a huge number of e mails but there is really little point in inviting people to e mail you if you or your staff ignore them.

Yours sincerely

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Richard Wood [REDACTED]
Date: 7 October 2008 11:21:15 BST
To: jenny.dawe@edinburgh.gov.uk
Subject: Edinburgh Trams:emergency meeting 6th October

Dear Ms Dawe

Congratulations on the success of yesterday's meeting.

However, I would like to make two observations on your quote in the press release:

- 1) You state that "We have agreed yet more improvements to ensure we remain a pleasant city to travel to and visit." That is commendable but, please also consider the residents of the city centre. The revised traffic flows are causing serious congestion throughout the day and if these become long term arrangements will seriously damage the roads and buildings within the World Heritage site.
- 2)) The Shandwick Place closures have not run smoothly for residents in the West End. The traffic flows through the residential areas of Drumsheugh Gardens and along the route to Queen Street have increased significantly and continue to cause congestion.

The trams may bring benefits to Edinburgh but their introduction cannot be allowed to proceed without consideration of the impact upon residents in the city centre. Concerns expressed at the recent TIE meetings were dismissed, I quote:

"It is not TIE's responsibility to worry about the impact of increased traffic flow upon residential areas."
This, if true, is completely unsatisfactory and we need a more constructive dialogue.

Can you please tell me what you can do to ensure the concerns I have outlined are addressed?

Yours sincerely
Richard Wood