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Subject: FW: Local Petition from Rothesay Terrace UPDATE
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Proposed response for approval to be sent to City Centre Councillors / MSP / MP

I am aware that you have recently been in receipt of a petition regarding residents concerns about the speed and volume of traffic in Rothesay Terrace, Rothesay Place and Drumsheugh Gardens.

While we are aware of the disruption due to the Tram works and the impact that this has had on the residents, there is little that can be done to address the complaints expressed in the petition.

It is not possible to enforce a speed restriction by Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO). That can only be done via a **permanent** Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The TRO process can take up to a year to introduce and may be subject to a hearing if there is sufficient opposition. The current speed restriction can therefore only be advisory.

With regard to the diversion arrangements, these were agreed by the Traffic Management Review Panel (TMRP) comprising Tram traffic engineers, contractor traffic management engineers, representatives of the CEC Road Network team, Lothian Buses and the Police. These stakeholders are all technical experts with an overview and understanding of the issues associated with safe traffic management.

As with all diversions we monitor their operation and amendments can be made where appropriate to effect improvements. This has been the case with the current west end diversions. We will continue to monitor the diversions and make adjustments as and when necessary.

May I reassure you that these arrangements are designed to ensure that traffic operates with the minimum disruption and delay and to ensure safety for pedestrians. However, I think we must acknowledge that there will be a degree of disruption during the current work. Notwithstanding this, and recognising the need to progress the works to a conclusion, we are determined to ensure that a dialogue is maintained with residents, business and other organisations to ensure that, where possible, the arrangements can be reviewed and modified to reflect local requirements and suggestions.

I hope that this information will allow you to respond appropriately to your constituents. If you need any more information then please contact me directly.

If residents had particular concerns of specific issues that they wish to raise about the works or the the traffic then please encourage them to contact my Tram Enquiries Team via trams@edinburgh.gov.uk and we will seek to resolve their complaint as quickly as possible.

Regards

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Further to my last email (and contact with a few of you) I can confirm that I have posted a hard copy of the full petition (now around 300 signatures) to Joanna Mowat at the City Council. I am sure she will share it with fellow elected members as required.

Meanwhile our community remains deeply unhappy at the impact of the level and size of traffic routed through Rothesay Terrace. The noise, smog and danger levels are largely unabated. The 20 mile an hour sign (for which we are grateful) has diminishing impact as regular drivers now ignore it - there is no penalty or repercussion of course. Those less familiar with the diversion slam their brakes on for the bend in the road at which it is sited anyway. So either way this sign does not reduce the speeding at our part of the road.

Traffic at night and early morning remains heavy and particularly fast - so noisier - and there is still an assumption that the street has been made one way. My wife was faced with a queue of cars on the wrong side of the road as she turned into Drumsheugh Gardens last week and was treated to a tirade of abuse from those in it, unaware that it was their error. Pedestrians too are caught out by these two streams of oncoming traffic. As I have witnessed pushchairs and the elderly are particularly vulnerable in this situation - it is downright dangerous.

So I would be grateful for an update on the progress you have made individually or collectively to reduce and manage the traffic, not least regarding further police intervention. Please would let me know what you are planning in order to address this continuing and unacceptable impact on our quality of life? Those on the petition are also anxious to know, not least as this represents a real test of local democracy in action, and a chance to prove the efficacy and responsiveness of elected members.

I am working in USA for a couple of weeks but my wife is keeping an eye on emails and I have added by work email address onto this email trail to keep abreast of your responses.

Derek McVay
Rothesay Terrace

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