
From: Fraser Sinclair [Fraser.Sinclair@edinburgh.gov.uk] on behalf of Jim Davidson [Jim.Davidson@edinburgh.gov.uk]
Sent: 27 November 2012 08:10
To: Lesley Hinds
Cc: Clare Brennan; Jim Davidson; Colin Smith
Subject: RE: Crossing (temporary) for rugby Internationals

Morning Councillor Hinds,

I have just spoken to Jim and he has informed he that he has spoken to Colin, and they have decided to cancel their Comms Control meeting on Thursday 29th November to accommodate a "walk about" with yourself.

I hope that your diary will be able to accommodate this. It would be from 3pm onwards. If you could let myself/Jim/Colin know as soon as possible it would be much appreciated.

Meeting point and exact time still be confirmed - but will let you know if you are able to attend.

Many thanks

Fraser

From: Lesley Hinds
Sent: 26 November 2012 16:46
To: Jim Davidson
Subject: FW: Crossing (temporary) for rugby Internationals

Lets have a walkabout with Colin this week?
Lesley

From: James Gow [mailto:gowjim@redacted]
Sent: 22 November 2012 12:26
To: Lesley Hinds
Subject: Re: Crossing (temporary) for rugby Internationals

Dear councillor Hinds,
Thanks, once again, for taking this up. The cynic within me would suggest a very obvious reason for placing crossing where they have - if they brought it back down the road to where I believe it should be, they couldnt park as many of their cars on site.
I do hope that the suggestion of councillor Mowat, of a walkaround of officials and stakeholders, will take place as soon as possible. We have asked for this for a long time now.
If you have followed the recent spate of emails, you will know that the mood and frustration of the business' in the West End is reaching boiling point. Most of us are near financial ruin (despite one good day), and we are fed up with the meetings that give us an endless supply of bad news, no news, procrastination, false promises and total failure to engage the contractors in implementing anything that will allow us to trade adequately, while the necessary takes place.
Lets all hope for better news soon, things are desperate,
regards,
Jim Gow

-----Original Message-----

From: Lesley Hinds <Lesley.Hinds@edinburgh.gov.uk>
To: gowjim <gowjim@redacted>
Sent: Wed, 21 Nov 2012 22:42
Subject: Re: Crossing (temporary) for rugby Internationals

I have spoken to Jim and I will also speak to Colin Smith.
Lesley

Sent from my iPad

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On 20 Nov 2012, at 12:17, "gowjim@██████████" <gowjim@██████████> wrote:

> Cant believe my eyes this morning, as workmen are deploying a prefabricated bridge crossing - something Alastair Sim told us would be impossible to solve our problem - a further 20 yards away! There is something malicious and antisocial about this.

> It is clear that the crossing would have to move to accomodate work in progress, common sense would suggest it should be in a more central and versatile position, at least a little closer to the business' down our end. We now have a bridge crossing and the one at Frasers almost within spitting distance of each other, then nothing til Palmerston. This can only be deliberate.

> Please raise this issue, its another hammer blow,

> thanks,

> Jim Gow

> Sent from my Nokia phone

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lesley Hinds

> Sent: 18/11/2012, 11:20 PM

> To: James Gow

> Subject: Re: Crossing (temporary) for rugby Internationals

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> Thanks for the e-mail. I hope the weekend went well.

> Lesley

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> Sent from my iPad

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> On 16 Nov 2012, at 10:03, "James Gow" <gowjim@██████████> wrote:

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>> Dear Councillor Hinds,

>> Thank you for your efforts and for your positive words regarding arrangements for this weekend. Unfortunately, Jim Davidson told me in a telephone conversation yesterday afternoon that almost exactly the same shackles will be employed for the match this Saturday. The contractors are seemingly unwilling to budge and determined to allow only the minimum of access via a crossing. I find it quite depressing that they have adopted this attitude, and not grabbing a small propaganda coup by being helpful for once. As I have reported at previous meetings, every weekend recently there have been people (usually students, stag-party goers and the like) that have crossed the site close to our pub by pushing over or climbing over the fences. Clearly the integrity of the site has been damaged and there is an safety issue. I would suggest that leaving a crossing in place over the entire weekend, while no work was taking place, would help the contractor by keeping the site secure. They are only increasing manpower costs by sending men to open the crossing, leaving a couple of old guys as security guards whose biggest job is to keep warm, and then getting someone to close it again. Absolute bonkers!!

>> Ah well, as Jim has said, we will be a bit better off than we would have been had there been no crossing at all. We must be grateful, as we are for your efforts and influence. Thank you.

>> regards,

>> Jim Gow FBII

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