

Temporary traffic order – Riverside Drive – access road at train station



From the City Council :

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

THE DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL AS TRAFFIC AUTHORITY being satisfied that traffic on the road should be prohibited by Gas meter relocation works being carried out HEREBY PROHIBIT the driving of any vehicle in Riverside Drive (drop off / pick up access road at train station), Dundee.

This notice comes into effect on Monday 7 December 2020 for 5 working days.

Pedestrian thoroughfare will be maintained.

No alternative routes for vehicles are available.

For further information contact 433082.

Executive Director of City Development – Dundee City Council

Dundee Green Flag and Beach Awards!



**Green
Flag
Award**

Dundee has again been well represented in the national Green Flag Awards and Scotland's Beach Awards, with the city receiving eight awards in total.

The Green Flag Award project is run by Keep Scotland Beautiful and aims to recognise and reward well managed parks and green spaces.

Dundee has improved on its total number from last year, with [Riverside Nature Park](#) winning in its first year of entry.

Chair of Friends of Riverside Nature Park, Ian Ford, said: "All of the Friends of Riverside Nature Park are delighted to gain a Green Flag Award at our first attempt and with high marks.

"The Friends have contributed greatly to enhancing the biodiversity here and we work in partnership with Dundee City Council.

"Greater Yellow Rattle flowered for the first time and Skylark numbers increased again to 16 singing males, up 40% from last year.

"The wildflower meadows have now all been mown using the Cut & Lift regime recommended by Plantlife and that should increase wildlife more each year."

This is great news and you can see more about winners across the country using this helpful tool [here](#).

[Improvements at West End Tennis Club](#) **[#dundeewestend](#)**

Many thanks to West End Tennis Club for this fabulous update :

"Our Courts at the West End Tennis Club are now all re-surfaced, pristine and smooth; and we have our new accessible pathway in place. It looks amazing.

The timing could not have been more fitting, as the courts were available very shortly after the release of Lockdown in July, and have seen non-stop action ever since. Fortunately, tennis is a sport people have been able to enjoy despite Covid, and with appropriate measures in place, the Club has never been busier.

We are delighted to have continued our links with Abertay University, and to have established new ones with Dundee University and Harris Academy, whereby students use the courts for tennis practice.

Because of Covid however, we have not been able to have a Grand Opening, as first planned. We do hope that 2021 will allow a delayed event.

Our main sponsor is the Fife Environment Trust.”





Lochee Road update #dundeewestend



I have welcomed a commitment by Dundee City Council to ensure a redesign of the Lochee Road junctions at Polepark Road and Dudhope Terrace is undertaken, something I have long called for. This would help to make improvements in air quality in an area of significant air quality concern.

As residents know, I have long campaigned on air quality issues, particularly in relation to Lochee Road, where, as recently as January 2020, I again highlighted my deep concern that, yet again, Friends of the Earth had highlighted air quality concerns in Lochee Road in its Scotland's most polluted streets survey with Seagate in the city also highlighted in the January national air quality survey.

At the council's Community Safety and Community Protection Committee in September, I again called for the council to look again at the design of the junctions of Lochee Road at Polepark Road and Dudhope Terrace because more efficient vehicle movements will stop the tailbacks that have plagued the area over many years, and so help reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality.

I am very pleased to have been recently advised by the council that it is now to look at redesigning the junctions here.

Although there has obviously been a reduction in vehicles using Lochee Road during the COVID-19 health emergency and a resulting improvement in air quality measurements, it is vital that, as we hopefully see the health emergency end in the not too distant future, we don't see a return to large tailbacks of vehicles at rush hour at Lochee Road, Dudhope Terrace, Polepark Road and Rankine Street, resulting in the air quality gains in 2020 being lost.

I am therefore pleased the council has taken on board my request to tackle the roads issues at this busy location.

The council's Head of Sustainable Transport & Roads advised councillors :

"The Dudhope Terrace and Polepark Road junctions are constrained in their efficiency by junction configuration and road space, which combined govern the junction capacity. To achieve increased capacity, reduce congestion, and

improve air quality, it is considered a junction redesign is required which can also accommodate improved bus priority and active travel provision. Enhanced capacity and traffic flow through the junctions will improve air quality through reduction of vehicle queuing and associated waiting times.

Investment in junction improvements on this principal route corridor will redress displacement of traffic on adjoining roads seeking to deviate from the route at points of congestion. In addition to road safety and place making considerations, enhancing the favourability of the Lochee Road corridor arterial route over adjoining roads will benefit the overall network traffic flow and resultant neighbourhood air quality.

Due to the urban constraints of the site, upgrade of the junctions would require significant engineering works and a preliminary road layout improvement proposal is being prepared which will be reported to the City Development Committee in mid-2021. The progression of an improvement project would be subject to the Council securing sufficient funding to develop a proposal.”

Additionally, an earlier commitment to look at the functioning of the nearby Cleghorn Street/Lochee Road junction following vehicle accidents is also welcome.

Redesigning these junctions is not the only way the air quality issue can be helped – the proposed low emission zone in the city centre should also assist streets like Lochee Road adjacent to it.

We all agree it is vital there is a proactive approach to tackling the air quality issue. A significant number of constituents live in the tenement flats on the south side of Lochee Road near to the junction where nitrogen dioxide are unacceptably high.

It is therefore important that the council has a clear strategy for improving air quality here and the commitment to redesign junction and improve traffic management on a road that usually sees thousands of vehicles using it every day is to be greatly welcomed.

Bus changes proposed for the West End – and across the city



There is currently formal consultation period being undertaken by Xplore Dundee. The company recently announced a major review of its commercial network which will see changes in the number of routes served and frequency of services.

The changes to the bus network are detailed [here](#).

The changes would come in effect on 24th January and the affected routes include the 4, 5, 9/10, 17 and 28/29.

I recently had an on-line meeting with the Managing Director of Xplore Dundee and one of her colleagues about the proposed changes. The most significant aspects affecting the West End are :

- Service 4 – Xplore Dundee does not intend to bring back Service 4 at this stage which has a real impact for the Scott Street/Logie area and also for Windsor Street/Magdalen Yard Road/Roseangle.
- Service 17 – Xplore Dundee intends to re-route the 17 away from Tullideph Road and Ancrum Road.

The situation for the 4 and the 17 concern me a lot and already numerous constituents have been in touch with me about these. Xplore Dundee advises me that it will discuss with the council possible “infill” services to cover gaps like these but whether or not this proves possible will depend on the council supporting such services and, as we know only too well from the axing of Service 204 in 2019, funding for this is limited.

Please note the consultation formally ends on Thursday 10th December – do please give Xplore Dundee your views.