

Getting things done – Hillside Terrace #dundeewestend

Following a complaint from residents about the extent of weeds growth at the road edges in Hillside Terrace (see below), I have asked the council's Neighbourhood Services to attend to these :



I have also asked for an update on the road weeds treatment programme this summer across the West End.

Weekly Road Report – West End Ward

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DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2017

Lochee Road (at Cleghorn Street) – temporary traffic lights on Sunday 6 August for Scottish Water manhole repair.

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2017

Riverside Esplanade/Riverside Drive (Tay Road Bridge off ramp to 75m along Riverside Drive) – westbound nearside lane closure for 18 weeks to facilitate V&A construction works.

SSE Glenagnes Cable Renewal – Lochee Road lane restrictions and closures on Blinshall Street, Fleuchar Street and Scott Street for 3 weeks.

A85 Riverside Drive – prohibition of right turn from westbound lane of Riverside Drive into Riverside approach and prohibition of right turn from Riverside Approach into Riverside Drive for 18 weeks for works to the sea wall. Prohibitions will only be in place when required.

Perth Road (Hawkhill to Roseangle) – closed for 2 weeks for carriageway resurfacing.

[New future sought for West End Technopole site #dundeewestend](#)

I have called on Dundee City Council to consider additional or alternative uses for the Technopole site in the West End (see photo below) that has sat largely empty for more than the previous decade.



The site runs to the east of Annfield Road from Blackness Road in the north to Hawkhill to the south. Funded originally to establish biotechnology, creative industries and digital media operations, there is some business use of the site but much of it has not been developed and sits empty and, in parts, overgrown.

Following constituent concerns about the lack of progress in getting the remainder of the site filled with new businesses and it sitting largely empty, I contacted the council's City Development Director earlier in the spring about it – to be advised :

"I can confirm that DCD Ltd only own one building within the Technopole which is the Incubator II building in James Lindsay Place. The remaining buildings and land is in City Council ownership.

The Technopole infrastructure was part funded through ERDF and uses for the site are currently restricted to biotechnology, creative industries and digital media operations. Scottish Government approval to alter these restrictions would be required. Notwithstanding this, consideration is being given to alternative uses of the site which would be subject to Scottish Government approval and planning consent."

(For info – DCD Ltd – Dundee City Development Limited – was established by the City Council some years ago to assist capital growth so the whole site is in essentially in public ownership).

I have now written again to senior council officers asking for a progress report on alternative uses for the currently unused parts of the site. I

have also suggested that part of the unused part at the northern end nearest Blackness Road could be converted into some parking provision even short-term to assist residents and businesses in the eastern part of Blackness Road, where parking is difficult.

It is vital that proposals come forward to make better use of the currently unused parts of the Technopole site. It has been under-used for years and this situation cannot continue. Some short to medium term parking provision would be a boon whilst a longer-term strategy is being developed.

Stewart Carmichael exhibition – talk and tour

From the Curator of Museum Services at the University of Dundee :



On Saturday 5th August at 2pm, I will be giving an illustrated talk and guided tour to accompany the exhibition [Stewart Carmichael: Celtic Visions](#) in the Lamb Gallery at the University of Dundee.

The exhibition marks 150 years since the birth of one of Dundee's most significant artists, Stewart Carmichael (1867-1950). For six decades, he was one of the leading figures of Dundee's cultural scene, a constant champion for the role of art and culture in society.

The talk will take place in the D'Arcy Thompson Lecture Theatre on the ground floor of the University Tower Building, and will be followed by an informal tour of the exhibition.

Attendance is free and there is no need to book.

The event has been organised in collaboration with the Scottish Society for Art History.

Sunday's Band Concert – Magdalen Green #dundeewestend



This Sunday's band concert on Magdalen Green features the Forfar Instrumental Band. It starts at 2pm on Sunday 6th August at the bandstand.

Details available [here](#).