

## Getting things done – Riverside Drive #dundeewestend



Following concerns recently from residents about flooding on the rail bridge south of the Botanic Garden/Vernonholme on Riverside Drive, I raised the matter with the City Council and have received the following feedback from the environment supervisor in Neighbourhood Services :

**“I checked the bridge ... the drains are currently running clear and the road leading down to the bridge is also clear of any build up of detritus apart from half a dozen pine cones.**

**The bridge itself and the road leading down to Riverside does have a severe build up of detritus. This is due to the bridge having a 3.2 tonne weight limit. We are unable to cross over it with our sweeper which is a 5 tonne vehicle.”**

However, the Roads Maintenance Partnership has promised to monitor during rain and for build-up of debris.

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## EU Settlement Scheme



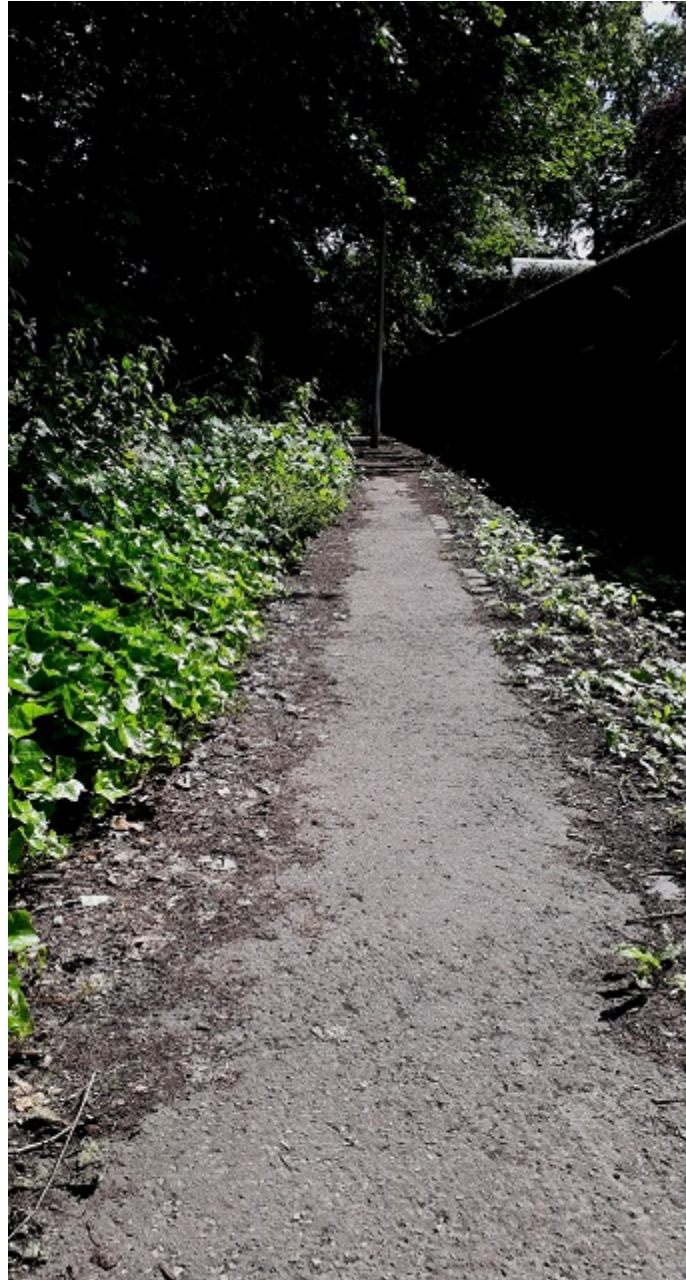
Dundee City Council has produced a handout which includes information about the EU Settlement Scheme, useful web links and telephone numbers.

For more information and to request copies, please click [here](#).

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## Getting things done – Hazel Drive #dundeewestend

Residents recently drew to my attention the overgrowth encroaching on to the footpath of Hazel Drive at its south end – see photo below :



My thanks go to the council's Neighbourhood Services who promptly responded to my request to attend to this.

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# Weekly Road Report – West End Ward

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**DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT**

### **REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 8 JULY 2019**

Nethergate (West Marketgait to Park Place) – closed until Wednesday 10 July for City Fibre duct installation and pedestrian crossing refurbishment.

Lochee Road and Logie Street (City Road to Tullideph Road) – closed from Monday 8 July for 2 weeks for carriageway resurfacing.

#### **Forthcoming Roadworks**

Perth Road (West Wynd to Seafield Road) – closed on Sunday 28 July for manhole repairs.

Kirsty Semple Way – closed on Saturday 17 August for crane lifting operations.

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## Save the 204 bus!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jeanetta Black for her letter in Thursday's "Evening Telegraph" regarding the council's axing of the 204 bus :

# Rethink cancelled bus route

I WISH to thank the Evening Telegraph, reporter Jon Brady and also Councillor Fraser Macpherson for helping us to state our case in trying to save the 204 bus service route.

It is indeed a lifeline for us to be able to attend appointments at Ninewells or Royal Victoria Hospital.

First and foremost is the need to be able to maintain independence. Without the bus we cannot get up the braes.

We will become virtual prisoners in our own homes.

The Blether Bus does not allow access to disabled people.

If an elderly person needs accompanied to appointments, the person accompanying would need to be over 60 to use the bus.

I urge the councillors to think again.

One day you too will be in our position.

**JEANETTA BLACK.**

The campaign to save the 204 is far from being over and, like Jeanetta, I share the concern that the so-called Blether Bus "alternative" service the

council is suggesting is simply not fit for purpose. The "service" utilises council mini-buses that many older folk and people with mobility difficulties will not be able to access.

I have now queried the legal position with Dundee City Council's Head of Democratic and Legal Services. Local authorities had a responsibility in Part 5 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 that required all land-based transport vehicles to be accessible to disabled people including those who need to remain in wheelchairs. These responsibilities transferred to the 2010 Equality Act and there is now also a public sector equality duty in Scotland.

Meantime, the petition to save the 204 bus has gathered momentum with over 260 local residents signing it. It can be signed at [www.tinyurl.com/savethe204](http://www.tinyurl.com/savethe204).