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## Planned closures of Leith Street

Dear neighbour,

We are writing to inform you about the temporary planned closure of Leith Street, between the junction of Princes Street (Waterloo Place) and the turning into Calton Road. We would firstly like to say sorry that this was reported in the media before you heard the news from us. We would have liked to inform you directly first, but we were not able to share the news at that stage as the dates had not been confirmed.

We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience that this additional closure may cause. Leith Street will need to close temporarily to allow the installation of one of the largest mobile cranes in the UK adjacent to John Lewis. There will then need to be a second shorter period of closure, during which time a smaller crane will be in position to continue the works. It is necessary for us to close the road to allow us to use these large pieces of machinery, which will be placed on the street.

The works will take place in two phases, with the road reopening in between:

### **PHASE ONE**

**Start date:** 5 May 2019-19.00

**End date:** 25 May 2019 -0700

### **PHASE TWO**

**Start date:** 6 June 2019-19.00

**End date:** 11 June 2019-0700

Pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained throughout the closures, although it will be necessary to dismount between Greenside Row and Calton Road whilst passing the designated crane zone. Access will remain for emergency service vehicles. The work will be carried out by contractor Laing O'Rourke.

We would like to thank you for your continued patience during this programme of works. Should you have any questions about the works, please do not hesitate to contact Irene Gibb, Laing O'Rourke's Community Liaison Officer, on 07823362404 or at [esjcommunity@laingorourke.com](mailto:esjcommunity@laingorourke.com).

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