

NTBCC Transport and Environment Committee Update – February 2025

Matters discussed at Transport and Environment Committee Meeting on 30 January 2025

- **CCWEL to George Street Active Travel Connections.** We submitted a deputation raising concerns about the work that had been completed on Charlotte Square and that planned for Hill/Young/Thistle Streets, Queen Street and Rose Street. Our deputation was well discussed at the meeting, and it received some media attention before the meeting. The report was approved but with some provisos regarding what work should progress
- **Annual Air Quality Report.** The report to Committee was largely positive about the trends across the City in terms of reduced levels of Nitrogen Dioxide but on further examination it was apparent that within our area that the majority of detectors had seen an increase in these levels. Through our local Councillors we were able to raise some questions at the TEC but the responses were not very helpful. The view was that these increases were not significant even though in some cases they are over several years. There was a commitment though to provide a list of the new monitoring sites to be located on the periphery of the LEZ. Of particular concern is that the detailed air quality report dated October 2024 was only posted on the Council website after the TEC agenda had been published leaving very little time for proper consideration. I will be issuing a FOI request to confirm the date it was posted.
- **Tables and Chairs.** This report was once again delayed - this time until the March 2025 meeting. I have highlighted these delays to the local Councillors including Jule Bandel who raised the issues to be covered by the report.

Trams to Newhaven Project Update

Following the CCTT deputation to the December TEC, we had a meeting with Gareth Barwell and other Council staff concerning the issues raised in our deputation. This was a productive meeting at which it was agreed that a single list of all outstanding issues would be compiled and sent to local Councillors and Community Councils along the Trams to Newhaven route. This has been promised before the end of this month. Responses to other deputation questions were posted on the Trams to Newhaven project website. CCTT have already sought further clarification of several matters. There was also a meeting of CCTT members on 4 February at which it was agreed that we should reconvene the regular meetings with the remaining TTN project staff.

Broughton Corridor ETRO

Following the walk through arranged after the last NTBCC meeting, I have drafted an objection to the ETRO for the Spaces for People measures along Canonmills to Broughton Street corridor. This will be submitted this week and uploaded to our website.

East London Street

Local residents are continuing to push for restrictions to the use of this street at night by buses and other heavy goods vehicles. We await to see how the Council responds to the latest moves.

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