LOCAL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME APPLICATION FORM

(Please note that the LTI Project Criteria Form is completed by Officers and is included for information or reference purposes only)

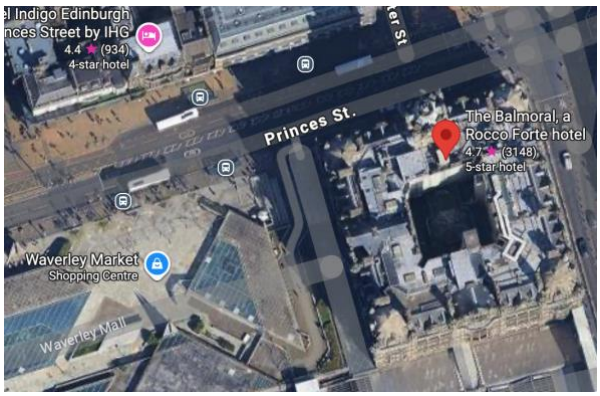
Project Location	Princes Street		
Applicant or Project Sponsor	New Town and Broughton Community Council		
New Application	✓	**Resubmitted Application**	☐
Date Submitted	23/01/2026	**Resubmission from previous LTI Year?**	Choose an item.

Background to Application **(***Please give some details of the potential project or timeline of issues / concerns over a period of time)*

During the pandemic the Council collected views using the Commonplace tool about where there should be changes made to improve pedestrian safety. One of the areas that was identified was the section of the south side of Princes Street from North Bridge to Waverley Station. This an extremely busy section of pavement due to its proximity to the St James Quarter and Waverley Station. Due to its narrowness pedestrians are frequently observed using the carriageway to get past other pedestrians and those accessing the Balmoral Hotel and Waverley Station. A recent accident was caused by a bus striking a pedestrian in this area.

Issues & Opportunities **(***Please detail the issues experienced and what improvements the community hope may be delivered, e.g. what hazards or barriers to travel that you would like to have addressed)*

The pavement should be built out on the west of the area marked for taxis thus providing more space for pedestrians and more clearly delineating the waiting area outside the Balmoral Hotel and the bus stop at Waverley Station. This pavement build-out should include the area immediately adjacent to Waverley Steps which would reduce congestion in this area of the pavement. Increasing footway space in this area will have a positive effect on road safety and prioritise space for pedestrians. There are two litter bins adjacent to the kerb in this section of road and a pole with a loading only sign further reducing the available space for pedestrians. This clutter should be removed or relocated away from the kerb side. Due to the reduction in the number of buses serving this bus stop there is an opportunity to reduce the length of the bus stop to allow the pavement build out to proceed.

Supporting Plan or Images	Issues	Opportunities
Click or tap here to enter text.  	Very congested pedestrian area resulting in people walking in the road	Improved and safer experience for pedestrians

Who will benefit? *(Please give some information on would benefit from the proposed project – note the criteria form can offer examples)*

All pedestrians but especially those wheeling, with young children or trying to access/egress the station with large suitcases.

Delivering Council Policies *(Please indicate which policies might be met from the proposed project – note the criteria form can offer examples)*

This project would help deliver the City Mobility Plan, improve the pavement in line with the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance and contribute to the Road Safety Action Plan

Thank you for your project submission. This will be assessed against the project criteria to establish a priority score and rating within the budget available.

An update will be issued once the project submission window has closed, but further information or assistance can be provided by contacting the team on localtrafficimprovement@edinburgh.gov.uk.