NTBCC Transport and Environment Committee Update – July 2026

1. **St Andrew Square Project**
   We attended a briefing regarding plans to further develop the public realm and roads around St Andrew Square. These changes appear to be largely positive, but we await further details about the design. One issue that did not appear to have been fully considered was the impact on the many tour buses that pass through the Square and stop on the north side.

2. **St Mark's Path**
   We were advised that the bridge used by the St Marks's Path to cross the Water of Leith at Powderhall has been closed following an inspection which found serious structural faults. We have requested further information about the inspection, the potential repairs and the diversion while the bridge is closed. We have been promised an update.

3. **Communal Bin Review Phase 6 Update**
   Despite a reminder, we have yet to hear from the office of Gavin Brown regarding the promised meeting to discuss our concerns about the process being used to decide on the final location of the remaining communal bin hubs in the New Town. We have been advised that work to formalise the latest proposed locations under a TRO has not yet commenced.

   We had a further positive meeting regarding the roll-out of the enhanced gull proof sack service. Based on the latest information about the delivery of the sacks it now looks likely that they will not be issued to affected residents until November. The Council are planning to issue a formal notification in September once they have taken delivery of the new sacks.

4. **Meadows to George Street TRO**
   We have submitted a FOI request to obtain information referenced in the Council's Statement of Reasons prepared for the now abandoned hearing by the Reporter to consider the many objections to this TRO. We have yet to receive a response, but one is expected shortly.

5. **Graffiti and Weeds**
   Following our representations to local Councillors, the Transport and Environment Committee at their meeting in June decided to request a report on the incidence of graffiti and the actions being taken by the Council. No deadline was set for the issue of this report. Another amendment called for the clearing of weeds to be included in future reports on Street Cleansing.

6. **Coach Parking Regent Road**
   The Council have published an ETRO which covers a number of proposed changes including plans to amend the bus parking provision on Regent Road. This is separate from the plans to add coach parking on the north side of Regent Road to which we objected in a written deputation to the April TEC meeting. There are a number of concerns raised by the ETRO and therefore it is proposed that we submit a formal objection and encourage residents living near Regent Road to also object.