



West End Community Council Update

from West End Ward councillor

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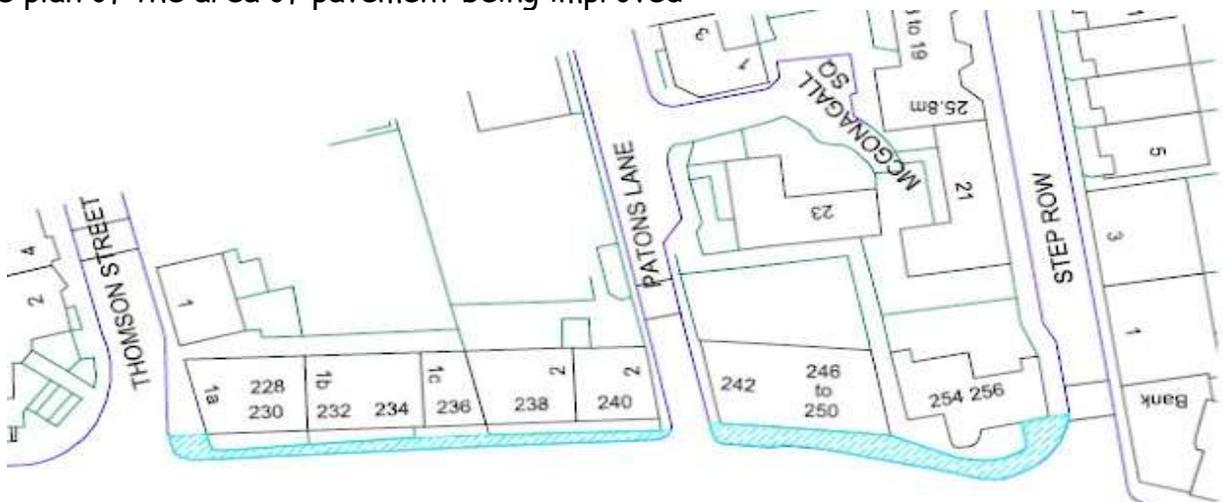
Perth Road - south footway : I have, on behalf of local residents, over many months asked the City Council's Roads Maintenance Partnership for improvements to the pavements in Perth Road. I was pleased that the south footway west of Step Row was resurfaced back in January but I have also long highlighted the footway east of Step Row.

I was therefore pleased to be updated recently from the City Council as follows:

"Resurfacing of the south footway in Perth Road, between Thomson Street and Step Row, is programmed to commence on Tuesday 12th June for approximately 2 weeks.

All frontagers have been notified in writing, and the works discussed with the two businesses that front this section of footway. We are taking the opportunity to address a parking issue at the same time by raising the kerb upstand outside No 224."

See plan of the area of pavement being improved:



Perth Road - south footway continued : It is also good to know that the kerbing issues outside the flats at 224 Perth Road are also being addressed.

I have been assisting the residents at 224 over many months regarding the noise problems caused by cars parking right up on the pavement - often late at night. Although their landlord Home Scotland has assisted with signage, the kerbing improvements the City Council agreed to at my request following a site visit last autumn will make a real difference to the quality of life for the tenants here.

Riverside Drive road condition : A West End constituent recently spoke with me expressing concern about the road condition on Riverside Drive just east of the junction with Riverside Approach, where the road appears to be suffering from a degree of subsidence.

I contacted the City Engineer about this and he has responded as follows:

"The northbound section of Riverside Drive from the railway bridge to the Tesco roundabout has been identified for surfacing works for the last two years. However, it has not been incorporated within the programme due to the proposed development of the Homebase site and servicing and access works which will impact on this section of carriageway.

As identified by your constituent, there is subsidence on this section of road mainly due to historical public utility works and associated reinstatement. There are also some minor signs of subsidence in areas that have had no utility works and this is common for this section of carriageway and the volume of traffic that uses it.

The section of road is still formally inspected and any actionable defects or significant subsidence would be addressed appropriately."

Clearly, with the development work at the former Homebase site now underway, we will hopefully see the road here fully improved in the future. What is important is that this major route into the City Centre is in good condition, particularly given that it will be a key route to the V&A at Dundee when it opens.



Recycling Issues : I recently had a meeting with the City Council's Environment Director about recycling in the West End, and I raised the need to offer plastics recycling at Tesco Riverside and aluminium cans recycling at the Roseangle Car Park recycling facility - and was promised that this would be considered.



I have now had a very positive response from the department as follows:

"The site at Roseangle now has provision for both alu-cans & plastics (the alu-can container had been under repair).

We have also spoken to Tesco and they have agreed to placing two containers for plastics. We have however had to reduce the number of glass containers, however we've adjusted the collection frequency to compensate.

We'll keep an eye on the site over the next few weeks."

This is a really good outcome as it improves the recycling opportunities in this part of the West End and I am hoping we will see further improvements in the months to come.