



West End Community Council Update

from West End Ward councillor

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- **Road Safety** : Back in the February Update to the Community Council, I mentioned that a West End constituent had contacted me regarding his concerns about safety in respect of vehicles coming down Riverside Approach onto Riverside Drive then using the slip lane to cross the carriageway to head west along Riverside Drive.

Having since had further constituent concerns about the operation of this area of roadway, I wrote to the City Council's Head of Transportation about the matter and he has now advised:

"The vicinity does not stand out within the incidents reported through Police and insurance records that informs the Accident Investigation Process that in turn assists us prioritise the road safety revenue budget interventions. Therefore I do not foresee that this will be highlighted as a priority vicinity for Financial Year 2013/14.

I will however ask that the traffic engineers look at the layout following the 40 mph speed limit being introduced, as this may have changed traffic characteristics. I will come back to you later in June / early July to allow the engineers an opportunity to view the traffic and consider if any changes are necessary and if so what resources will be required."

- **Seating at Sinderins** : Some weeks ago, I asked Community Payback if the rather dilapidated seating at the Sinderins junction could be restored.

The four benches have now been well-restored - see right - and I'm most grateful to Community Payback for taking on this project.



- **West End Christmas Fortnight 2013** : Just prior to the Blackness Library decant taking place, I had the pleasure of chairing the first 2013 meeting of the West End Christmas Fortnight committee at the library. Although it may seem a long way until Christmas, as the West End Christmas Fortnight takes a lot of organising, the committee starts its planning work many months in advance.



We had a good discussion about events to be run during West End Christmas Fortnight 2013.

After the meeting, Rob Carstairs and I had a site visit to Seabraes. Many of you will know that Rob is our excellent pyrotechnician, who has put on an excellent community fireworks display each year at the West End Christmas lights switch on.

The issue at Seabraes this year will be that the site from which the fireworks display has been launched each year is now being built on - the new District 10 facilities for creative industries companies is being constructed on the site - see below:



However, having held our site visit, Rob and I are confident that, on a new site, the fireworks display can still take place and we will be discussing this further with site owners Scottish Enterprise and with Dundee City on-site later this week.