I would like copies of the risk / fire safety assessments carried out for the houses in Stevedore Place that face onto the tram works for the period of 7 weeks commencing 10th June 2021.

We are unable to provide you with this information as no risk assessments are held by the City of Edinburgh Council for this. This topic was discussed as part of projects approvals process, including in line with CoCP section 5.11 (stated below), and it was deemed that all consideration was given in line with the project's emergency access procedure and traffic management contingency plan.

5.11 Access for Emergency Vehicles

Routes for emergency service vehicles and personnel to gain access to work sites, the construction corridor and neighbouring sites along the route shall be agreed with the emergency services and The City of Edinburgh Council prior to the start of construction.

The works are planned in collaboration with an extensive review with the Traffic Management Review Panel which includes representatives from the emergency services. The meetings are chaired by CEC.

Access through the site is always maintained for emergency services. All emergency services have the option of blocking the road should it be required; there are contingencies in place for local diversions for short term issues and we can convene emergency TMRP teams calls for any long-term situations.

We have on call / out of hour details and maintenance squads that is contactable 24/7 in the instance where there is an emergency. In the instance where there is emergency assistance required, and following assessments, we would close off the road fully to allow them to deal with the incident and diversions would be put in place to ease traffic congestion through class 1. Class One and SFN will then assess the incident taking direction from the senior officer in charge and then inform CEC. If the incident is likely to be rectified quickly then Class One will maintain a local diversion. For major incidents SFN, Class 1 and the TMRP group will convene an emergency meeting to agree any other measures required.

Emergency services have access to the site, the project and the fire service have measures in place to allow access through the site gates. The project is in contact with the emergency services on a fortnightly basis and they are provided updates on progress. In the event the site is excavated police and ambulance can use the cycleway/footway to access any property. The fire service can stage their height appliances from the current set-up to reach properties on this side.

Additionally, the fence lines in this area were not double clipped, this was to alleviate concerns raised by residents of egress from their properties. Should there have been an incident then property owners would have been able to make their way out of the building. Also, it is worth noting, that there was still egress available via the front of their properties.

Information about emergency access can be found on the project website: Building the line – Trams to Newhaven (edinburgh.gov.uk)

As this information is not held, the Council is therefore relying on the exception under regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Please note that this letter constitutes a formal notice under regulation 13 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

What is CEC's policy on putting profits before people, or allowing contractors to do that on publicly funded projects (e.g. Trams to Newhaven)?

We are unable to provide you with this information as there is no such policy held by the City of Edinburgh Council.

The Council is therefore relying on the exception under regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Please note that this letter constitutes a formal notice under regulation 13 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Does CEC have a policy about fire safety in / around construction projects? and can this also please be supplied.

We are unable to provide you with this information as the City of Edinburgh Council does not have a Fire Policy regarding construction projects. However, any work undertaken by CEC or on behalf of CEC, must ensure that the scheme proposal accords with the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2015 and the Health and Safety Executive.

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