

33507 Trams to Newhaven Project

Regarding the Trams to Newhaven Project:

Who is responsible for approving site plans for the tram works? Do they subsequently visit areas once established to see that what appears on paper is what is happening in practice? or to see if it is effective?

Traffic management arrangements have been approved jointly with members of the city's Traffic Management Review Panel (TMRP), including Lothian Buses and the emergency services. The arrangements are then monitored by the contractor and Class One. The original plan approved by the TMRP and the subsequent two-way which did not require further approval by the TMRP, as it did not affect emergency access, are attached.

What regulations allow for a site to be established that does not conform to the original plans approved? Please provide this regulatory information.

The one-way was approved by the Traffic Management Review Panel. The two-way did not need to go to the Traffic Management Review Panel as this did not affect how emergency services accessed the area.

If the actual site established does not conform to the original plans, who subsequently approves them? Or should this revert to the original plan? Please provide proof that the altered plan was approved or not.

The original plan was approved by the Traffic Management Review Panel. Following complaints received, an agreement was made to have two-way traffic. However, on further review, Turner & Townsend agreed to leave it as it was, as the set-up facilitated the works. The attached e-mail from Turner & Townsend advises the contractor to leave the set-up as is.

For the site established outside Tradewinds over the past week, has this altered plan been approved by the ambulance and fire services? If not, why not? The roadway has been reduced and additional lights put in place. Please provide proof that this has been approved by both services.

The reduction of the roadway had already been approved by the Traffic Management Review Panel, as advised above.

Why are residents not being consulted about changes to agreed / published plans as these can have a marked impact on their quality of life for months at a time.

A letter and the Traffic Management plan had been issued to the residents in the week commencing 5th July.

Regarding the lights put in place around Tradewinds / Tower St / Ocean Way / Tower Place, what measures are being taken to stop drivers going through red lights? This is a frequent occurrence and also includes construction traffic.

This is monitored by the contractor and Class One.