

38896 Response

Communication received by Edinburgh Council regarding road re-surfacing Ashley Drive and Ashley Gardens, including communication advising council that some vehicles parked on these streets do not belong to residents and are likely to obstruct re-surfacing.

Please find attached communications received in connection with the surface treatment works on Ashley Drive and Ashley Gardens. In an attempt to address the known commuter parking issues at these locations the work was programmed to be carried out at the weekend. In addition, a variable message sign was erected in advance on-site to advise of the dates of the proposed road closures and the council's parking contractor was engaged to remove any illegally parked vehicles. Unfortunately, when the time came they were unable to supply a lorry to uplift these cars due to a lack of staff brought about by covid. In the event, however, the number of illegally parked vehicles was such that it would not have been possible to relocate them all in the time available.

The cost of scheduling re-surfacing work that does not go ahead as some vehicles have not removed.

The Council have not incurred any costs associated with the rescheduling of works on Ashley Drive and Ashley Gardens.

How many times the council intend to repeat this exercise, or intention to pay any attention to information provided by residents of these streets.

At the outset of the contract there was no intention to reschedule any works. Rescheduling only occurs when factors outwith the control of the contractor are encountered, such as severe weather, machinery breakdown or excessive parking.