

## 58118 Charlotte Square Improvement

I would like to request the following information regarding the development or what is referred to as 'improvements' of Charlotte Square in Edinburgh.

Where the costs have not been made, please provide the current estimates that the City of Edinburgh Council expect to pay.

### **Phase 1:**

What are all the costs associated with the completion of Phase 1 which was finished in late March 2024. These costs should be broken down to their constituent parts and should include, but not limited to:

- a) Reducing the from 4 to 3 the number of traffic lanes on Charlotte Street and other road works including the costs of monitoring.
- b) Segregation of kerb units to reduce kerb space.
- c) Removing the two traffic islands on Charlotte Street
- d) Resurfacing work
- e) The removal of parking bays and all associated costs
- f) The introduction of lane defender units
- g) The costs of council workers time on this Phase 1 of the project
- h) Any other costs associated with work undertaken in Phase 1 of the project (not outlined above).

Costs should also include all external consultancy and third-party fees (e.g. design work, planning, public consultation) as well as any other costs.

### [a\) to e\). Phase 1 - Capital Roads Renewal Work](#)

[Carriageway resurfacing works - £595,915.85.](#)

[All other items including traffic signal ducting, traffic signs and road markings - £160,515.66](#)

[Total construction costs - £756,431.51](#)

[Itemised labour and material costs cannot be provided as we consider this information to be commercially sensitive.](#)

[f\). All Segregated Cycling Defender units were taken from existing stock held in storage depots.](#)

[g\). Council staff time has not been separated into phases as all phases are inter-related.](#)

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## **Phase 2:**

What are all the costs associated with the completion of Phase 2 which was finished in late 2024. These costs should be broken down to their constituent parts and should include, but not limited to:

- a) The refurbishment of signals at Charlotte Street and George Street junction (for the pedestrian and cycle crossings)
- b) The new cycle track on the west side of Charlotte Street
- c) The costs of council workers time on this Phase 2 of the project
- d) Any other costs associated with work undertaken in Phase 2 of the project (not outlined above).

Costs should also include all external consultancy and third-party fees (e.g. design work, planning, public consultation) as well as any other costs.

### **Phase 2 - Interim works**

Contractor costs - £96,000.

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Signalling equipment - £11,400.80

- a) and b). These were largely part of the Phase 1 costs.
- c). Council staff time has not been separated into phases as all phases are inter-related.

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## **Phase 3:**

What are all the costs currently associated with Phase 3. These costs should include money already spent and estimates for work that has either started but not completed or work yet to be started. These costs should be broken down to their constituent parts. Costs should also include all external consultancy and third-party fees (e.g. design work, planning, public consultation) as well as all any other costs.

Additional external consultants' fees (covering Phase 3 / the permanent scheme):

- Financial Year 2024/25 - £151,806.92
- Financial Year 2025/26 - £214,558.50

Additional staff time costs:

- Financial Year 2024/25 - £34,175.87

- Financial Year 2025/26 - £33,533.27

The interim construction cost estimate for the permanent scheme is currently estimated at £6,441,607.11.

Note: This interim estimate is to be updated at the end of RIBA Stage 3 Preliminary Design and RIBA Stage 4 Technical Design, and final costs will be based on construction tender returns.

Overall costs include risk allowance, project design team costs, project management team costs, site supervision, health and safety, monitoring and evaluation.

It appears that there are also other developments associated with the Charlotte Square development which have either not been referenced in Phase1-3 or are temporary structures (such as the ramp for wheelchair users). Please detail any such building work or development with all associated costs.

As above: Phase 2 - Interim works

Contractor costs - £96,000, including temporary structures.

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