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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 September 2025 11:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Junction safety in St Clair area during Albion rd closure

Hi [REDACTED],

The introduction of Temporary lights at the junction of Easter Rd/Dalmeny St/St Clair St would make St Clair St a more desirable route for traffic. This in turn increase traffic volume through this area.

As there is the potential for a large number of right turning vehicles from Easter Rd into St Clair St, the temp lights would need to operate as a 4 way/4 phase. This would increase queuing on Easter Road and delays to buses.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 September 2025 10:28
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Junction safety in St Clair area during Albion rd closure

[REDACTED]

Please see below request from [REDACTED] for temporary provision of 4-way TTL set up on Easter Road whilst Albion Road remains closed to traffic.

I have just discussed this with [REDACTED] and we are all in agreement that the [REDACTED] request would cause more problems than solutions. [REDACTED] has asked me to contact you to get the best wording for how from a traffic signal perspective the provision of a temporary 4-way TTL on the Easter Road/St Clair St/Dalmeny St junction wouldn't be a good idea.

Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 September 2025 16:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Junction safety in St Clair area during Albion rd closure

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for sharing your experience and positive proposals regarding the junction of St Clair Road and St Clair Street, as well as at Easter Road.

I have copied in various departments for questions I'll outline below.

1. St Clair Road / Street corner: lineage

I'll start by outlining that the Council are currently monitoring this area east of Easter Road as part of Phase 2 of the Controlled Parking Zone. They're measuring various areas in the city to see the impact that Phase 1 (in our case, Dalmeny Street, Albert Street etc. in N7) is having on border areas, so the Transport and Environment committee can make a decision whether to make St Clair controlled parking.

The good news is if that if the Council opts to go ahead with a Controlled Parking Zone at St Clair and the area east of Easter Road, it will mean new layouts, markings and potential traffic controls.

The bad news is that while the area is in it's current "limbo" before that decision, the Council will are not making Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), with a few exceptions (such as the new painted bus stop markers on St Clair Street and the Double Yellows/EV charging on St Clair Road). However one Road Safety intervention is currently being progressed through the TRO process at the other end of the street (where it goes into St Clair Avenue) and I've attached the plans for 24-hour parking restrictions there. While I've engaged with Council officers on many locations, including the tight bend on St Clair Street itself, but mostly had to wait until a decision is made on a wider TRO for controlled parking, I'm not clear why this location is going ahead but it's likely because concerns were raised earlier than the other locations or Emergency Services have flagged a more immediate concern. Perhaps [REDACTED] can clarify.

However an update will come to the Transport and Environment committee on 13th November, so I will try and keep folk in the loop with what happens next.

As you note the junction got Double Yellow Lines around 2023/2024, I would be grateful if [REDACTED] can confirm that this is a patrolled route for attendants in the meantime?

2. St Clair Road / Street corner: ideas of closure and build-out

[REDACTED] will be able to consider if this could be part of the rolling works programme, however due to tight budgets over the last 10 years, they usually prioritise interventions where accidents have been reported. If it's not currently an accident hotspot, something like that may be an opportunity to consider at next year's round of funding via the Local Transport Improvement programme.

Every year, the Transport and Environment committee select around 10 small projects across the city to pursue who wouldn't normally meet the above criteria. This year, one of my proposals in Bonnington was successful for extended pavements at Pitt Street, and as it's so similar to your proposal, I've attached it for reference. Should this location not go onto Road Safety's list, I'm happy to work with yourself and Leith Central Community Council to put a proposal in next year?

3. Traffic lights at Easter Road

I'll start by requesting [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respond to the request for temporary lights at the St Clair/Easter Road junction while Albion Road remains closed by Scottish Water.

For the past two years, I have been campaigning for permanent traffic lights at this junction. For the last two Local Transport Improvement funding cycles, I've submitted proposals for works to this junction (this year's proposal attached as "LTI – Dalmeny Street"). Unfortunately, both years it's been one point off meeting the threshold as a priority and will likely be revising and resubmitting again this year.

Summary

While there are no immediate answers I can give you presently, I hope it shows you that the Council are monitoring the area and I have been (and will continue to) push for both traffic lights at Easter Road, and adequate intervention within St Clair itself.

Additionally, hopefully the following departments can clarify some immediate questions:

- [redacted] : whether St Clair extended pavements can be considered for future rolling works?
- [redacted] : whether Scottish Water could put up temporary traffic lights at Easter Road/St Clair while Albion Road is closed?
- [redacted] : confirm if attendants are still patrolling St Clair Road?
- [redacted] : why DYs at St Clair Ave are progressing via TRO whereas other nearby considerations paused?

Best regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 September 2025 18:41
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Junction safety in St Clair area during Albion rd closure

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Hi [redacted]

I forgot to attach the two sketches, here they are!!

On 7 Sep 2025, at 18:38, [redacted] wrote:

Hi [redacted]

I am writing to raise my concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians and cyclists at the junctions of St Clair Street/Easter Road/Dalmeny Street and St Clair St/St Clair Road. [redacted], and we cycle and walk these routes daily with our [redacted]. Over the past few weeks, with the ongoing closure of Albion Road, traffic has dramatically increased, resulting in an unsafe environment, particularly at the junctions mentioned above.

Current Issues:

1. Junction of St Clair Street and St Clair Road:

- This junction presents serious visibility issues for cyclists and pedestrians due to poor sight lines for road users and pedestrians coming from St Clair Road.
- Although recent yellow line markings have helped somewhat, it is still very difficult to see approaching traffic from St Clair Street, making it dangerous for cyclists to navigate this junction.
- With the closure of Albion Road, the volume of traffic has surged, and I have witnessed multiple incidents of frustrated drivers using the wrong side of the road to avoid the traffic queue at Easter rd, which results in them driving at speed and cutting the corner of the junction as they turn onto St Clair Road. This creates a significant risk of accidents, especially when I am trying to cycle with my children from St Clair rd into st Clair st (see attached sketch with traffic queue in blue, road markings in white and the route taken by frustrated drivers in red)

2. Junction of St Clair Street, Dalmeny Street, and Easter Road:

- This has long been a dangerous junction, and with the increased traffic due to the Albion Road closure, it has become even more hazardous.
- I have personally witnessed at least one crash here in the past few weeks. As both a cyclist and a pedestrian, I have to rely on drivers using their indicators, but unfortunately, this is not always the case, creating unpredictable and dangerous situations.

Proposed Solutions:

1. Temporary Closure of St Clair Road at St Clair Street Junction:

- To mitigate the increased traffic, dangerous driver behaviour and prevent rat running along st Clair road, I propose a temporary closure of St Clair Road at the junction with St Clair Street, for the duration of the Albion Road closure.
- A permanent closure could also be considered, as the junction serves little purpose other than as a shortcut to avoid queues on st Clair st to enter Easter rd. A quieter, safer St Clair Road would benefit the residents, especially those living in the flats on St Clair Road and St Clair Avenue.

2. Footway/Junction Buildout at St Clair Road and St Clair Street:

- Buildout at the junction to improve sightlines, especially for cyclists and pedestrians emerging from St Clair Road. This could be achieved using temporary materials if needed?
- I have attached a sketch to illustrate this idea (the sketch with purple lines representing the proposed buildout). Could temporary or emergency measures be implemented during the Albion Road closure?

3. Traffic Lights at Easter Road Junction:

- Given the high traffic levels and safety concerns at the Easter Road junction, I believe installing temporary traffic lights would improve safety during the Albion Road closure. Ideally, these could be made permanent, as the current give-way system is insufficient for the increased traffic volume and poses significant risks for pedestrians and cyclists.

These issues have become even more concerning for me and my family with the current closure of Albion rd. I'm sure many other residents in the area share similar concerns. We would greatly appreciate if you could explore any of the proposed safety measures, at least on a temporary basis, but ideally with permanent solutions where possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and any steps that can be taken to improve safety in our neighbourhood.

Regards,

