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Dear Councillors,

I hope that this email finds you all well. I am just getting in touch to provide an update on this scheme, in particular the northern section which is currently closed.

As you will be aware the section of Silverknowes Road between Marine Drive and Silverknowes Parkway is currently closed to all traffic to allow for resurfacing of the carriageway.

Unfortunately, following the removal of the carriageway surface and inspection of the formation of the road layers below, it has become clear that there are more material defects in the structure of the road than we previously realised.

This stretch of road is quite distinct as it is an historic road formed of stone blocks, above which asphalt layers have been laid. This type of road structure is uncommon but not unique in Edinburgh. However it does present specific challenges as the stone block layer is very difficult to repair without disrupting surrounding areas, making it extremely difficult to repair in patches.

Where we have worked on similar roads elsewhere in the city we have also often encountered issues with the ground below the stone blocks requiring sometimes very deep excavations to get down to suitably hard ground on which to reconstruct the road.

Due to the issues we have encountered we are now negotiating with the contractor with the aim of appointing them for a much more comprehensive reconstruction of the road to address these issues. However, this is likely to represent a significant cost which could affect the timescales for the work as relevant budgets for the current financial year are already largely allocated.

We will soon publish a TTRO to establish this closure moving forward. This TTRO will run from 17 November 2025 until May 2027. This does not necessarily reflect the time expected for the works to be complete, but at present it is not possible to determine this, so we have applied the maximum TTRO period of 18 months. We will provide you with a further update on timescales as soon as we can, as we recognise this understanding of timescales is very important to you and local communities.

We are continuing to work to resolve this issue and will keep you informed moving forward.

Regards,

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