

63435 Prevention of Public Access to Area of Land

Please explain why the public are prevented from accessing the area of land between the railway line to the north, the esplanade to the south, the Mound to the East and the Well House Tower area to the west?

Due to serious concerns regarding the safety to members of the public, parts of the Castle Hill are closed due to the risk of rockfall from the Castle Rock. These areas were closed due to an incident when a member of the public was injured due to a falling rock. Control measures have now been put in place to allow parts of this area to be reopened.

And please explain what plans there are to reopen this area to the public?

The Council will be working with Historic Environment Scotland who are responsible for the area to investigate what further control measures could be used in areas which remain closed. However, it is anticipated that some paths which run directly under the rock face will need to remain permanently closed, as there is no opportunity to put any control or mitigation in place to reduce the risk from falling debris. Currently, there is no timescale for this work being completed.