

63598 Road Safety Improvements - Craigleith Drive

Further to request 63025 I have the following supplementary questions arising from your response, particularly given the duration / road closure extended from 3 weeks to some 3 months:

Does your answer to Q2 include costs for “consultations, surveys, design”?

Application for this project was made to the Local Traffic Improvement programme. The existing traffic count was considered in the design process, and the design was carried out internally by engineers in the Local Traffic Improvement Team. All available data within City of Edinburgh Council was utilised and no additional surveys were required to be carried out for this project.

Why did works commence when critical materials were not available, what were the connection issues and why were these not anticipated in the design?

Design and manufacture of hardware was commissioned in mid-2025. Delivery lead time was provided by a third-party provider. Project of works was registered in line with legislation and lead in times for hardware. It was anticipated the new sign units would communicate through a wireless link; however, it was established a permanent wired link would be more appropriate in this situation.

What were the road safety issues and accident statistics for the road that led to a project costing some £150k being prioritised over roads maintenance, i.e. pothole repairs and gulley cleaning.

Funding for this project has been allocated from the Local Traffic Improvement Capital budget which is separate from the Road Maintenance budgets.