

63620 Trams to Newhaven

Reports, emails, memos or other records regarding the original objectives of the sidings/stabling facilities which were planned for Newhaven as part of the trams to Newhaven project.

The Trams to Newhaven project was completed in June 2023, including the construction of the headshunt area for two trams to be stored temporarily without interrupting service and operational rest facilities at Newhaven, and has been operating as intended.

There is insufficient space to provide full stabling facilities at Newhaven within the limits of deviation as defined under the Tram Acts 2006, noting that the area would need to be secure and protected from the elements to enable maintenance work to be done at height on the trams. It is essential that trams have access to operational maintenance facilities and resources available at the depot, rather than stabling, to maintain the safe and continuous running of services.

There is space for a further three trams, meaning in total five trams can be 'stored' at any given time at Newhaven but no facilities to carry out the necessary pre-operational maintenance / checks. Given the residential nature of the area a full depot would not be appropriate.

Data showing the number of nights trams have been stored overnight at Newhaven.

There is no such data held by The City of Edinburgh Council. This part of your request should be directed to Edinburgh Trams at foisa@edinburghtrams.com.

If routine stabling is not undertaken at Newhaven, a summary of reasons why this is not done.

There is not sufficient space to efficiently carry out pre-operational safety checks, maintenance and cleaning.

Reports, emails, memos or other records relating to current plans or discussions regarding construction/enhancement of stabling facilities at Newhaven following the major disruption to the tram network caused by a small section of line being out of use, including how this would be funded.

Once the immediate response and recovery operation has concluded, we will work with Edinburgh Trams to undertake a full review of the operational arrangements and consider what lessons can be learned. This will include considering tram stabling, access to essential maintenance facilities and how we can provide greater flexibility in the way the network operates during periods of disruption.

The Council Leader has tabled a motion for full Council on 27 August 2026 regarding strengthening Edinburgh's Transport and City Resilience. This can be viewed on the Council's website at:

[https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s102133/Item 8.1 - By Councillor Meagher - Strengthening Edinburghs Transport and City Resilience Following.pdf](https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s102133/Item%208.1%20-%20By%20Councillor%20Meagher%20-%20Strengthening%20Edinburghs%20Transport%20and%20City%20Resilience%20Following.pdf)