65346 Network Rail land underneath Crawford Bridge

Where are ECC with their purchase of the dormant Network Rail Land underneath the Crawford Bridge EH7 5EU area?

An update on progress was provided in response to a Council Question at the meeting of The City of Edinburgh Council on 19th March 2026 (refer to Question 3). This is available on our website at:

https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=150&MId=7604

Select 'Questions and Answers' then refer to Question 3.

Further updates will be provided to the Transport and Environment Committee on 12 November 2026, as part of the Business Bulletin (https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s105997/Item 6.1 - Business Bulletin.pdf - refer to item Former Powderhall Railway Line – update) and within the 'City Mobility Plan - Capital Investment Programme Annual Update' available at:

https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=8123

Refer to Item 7.8 – Paragraph 4.27.

In addition, what are their plans for this land?

The City of Edinburgh Council is currently in the early stages of developing a project to convert the former Powderhall railway line into an off-road, active travel path connecting Piershill in the east to St Mark's Path in the north-east and beyond to the North Edinburgh Path Network (NEPN). Delivery of the project is subject to concluding a legal agreement with Network Rail to acquire the land along the route and funding availability.

Will they eventually connect up Lawrie Reilly Place with Sunnsyside as has been promised for years but with no action?

There are no current plans to provide a link between Lawrie Reilly Place and Sunnyside. However, should the Powderhall railway line project proceed, the potential to provide local connections at appropriate locations along the route will be investigated.