

Leith Links Gala Day - 10 June 2023

Responses collected at the Leith Links and Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council stand at the Gala Day about the Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN), though some responses touch on the CPZ and other changes in the city.

FOR

1. Love it guys! Keep pedestrians walking!!
2. I live near Coburg Street and now I can get to the Shore safely.
3. We are aiming for 20% less cars - it's going to be a bit disruptive but needs to be drastic.
4. Adopt a planter scheme for better maintenance?
5. I feel a lot safer on the Shore when there are fewer cars around. Much quicker too!
6. Drivers always shout louder than anyone else. But safe, clean streets are essential.
7. Wonderful! Can't wait for double yellows on Restalrig Road.
8. Great if Leith Links becomes safer for kids from school and park users when crossing roads.
9. Bridge at Shore closure improves commute for pedestrians and transition from cycle path (Water of Leith)
10. More cycling in Easter Road, better cycling on Leith Walk and around Leith Links - support LTN
11. Local people, not cars + public transport
12. Ignore the well-funded motor lobby
13. Important for climate change, air pollution and safety!!!
14. A really good thing! Let it go further. Close Links Gardens to cars again. Good for business and people.
15. All for less space for cars and more space for people on foot/wheels.
16. It's safer for kids and pets. Quiet communities make healthier people - physically and mentally.
17. Protect pavements from inconsiderate drivers preventing movement for mobility challenged people.
18. Great, seeing a difference already. Great for walking and cycling, clean air.
19. Climate change, air pollution, safer streets
20. Just returned to Leith Links - what a difference. Great!
21. Best thing to happen for Leith and climate change
22. Less pollution, safer streets, more public areas
23. Yay - Bikes +++ Cars - - -
24. Safer streets so kids can play and walk home!
25. Give streets back to people not to cars!
26. Really pleased at the chance to change Leith for the better.
27. Loving it! Quiet streets are safer to walk and cycle.
28. FANTASTIC! Coburg Street and Sandport Bridge is great for cyclists/pedestrians. More please!
29. It's great. Expand it! Pedestrianise the Shore, north and south.

30. I don't like cars driving through.

YES, BUT...

1. Great idea but I live on Great Junction Street and am worried that traffic and pollution by my flat will increase.
2. Great idea IF it reduces traffic in leith, but currently creating lots of additional traffic and pollution, making it difficult/dangerous as a pedestrian. Also disrupting buses again after 5 years of trams!
3. Love safe cycle paths but don't close all streets around. Not all black and white.
4. Less traffic on school streets. Good LTN on the Shore. Improve crossing on Easter Road with Dalmeny Street, unsafe for pedestrians.
5. I love the principle but Salamander Place is not designed for the traffic it now takes, and the junction at the Links is very difficult.
6. Would only work for cyclists if there were good cycle paths - but only cobbled streets.
7. Queen Charlotte Street/ Tolbooth Wynd is dangerous for cyclists - very bad road surface and oncoming traffic. Also Water Street now.
8. Now dangerous, especially with two schools nearby. Close Links Gardens again.

AGAINST

1. Salamander Street is not fit for all the traffic that is going to be going down! It's a cobbled street!
2. Permit parking is a joke - council scandalous money-making scheme!
3. More attention to the needs of Edinburgh citizens NOT tourists
4. Left turn at Easter Road now getting put back after all the trouble of taking it away.
5. Having only one main route (Commercial Street) is causing more congestion and pollution, reopen Sandport.
6. I don't agree with how things have been rolled out. Residents have been ignored.
7. Parking issues for residents. Yellow lines OTT!!!
8. St John's "pocket park" is stupid. Should have spent the money on doing up the bowling green.
9. Why close St John's? Why put this right next to huge park?
10. No left turn off Leith Walk a nightmare. But buses slashed too, will we get 12 or 26 back??
11. Bus service disrupted since trams
12. Yellow lines outside Doctor surgery = problem with parking for patients (Mill Lane)
13. Edinburgh Council's transport plans stink
14. As a business owner, it has created a lot of issues for travel in/out, parking and deliveries. Needs urgently reviewed.
15. Close the Shore to traffic, it is a beautiful place for pedestrians
16. Close the Shore to all traffic

17. Fix the cobbles at Tower Street (Constitution Street corner), Camber? Is now off and drains blocked causing flooding
18. Not thought through
19. Bottom of Leith Walk is a car park
20. Almost impossible to cross Leith Walk - just went too far
21. Open Coburg Street and Academy Street, Duke Street now too congested, most polluted
22. Need to turn left on Leith Walk
23. Traffic and pollution just get displaced
24. Why close Sandport Street? Close the Shore where people sit by the water in cafes and pubs
25. Residents need better communication about decision process, rationale and time frames
26. Over the top! E.g. closing the Sandport Bridge getting to Aldi
27. The most poorly thought out, half-witted project yet. Polluting key areas, causing maximum congestion, making it unsafe to cross main roads. Hell mend you!
28. Only makes sense if you close The Shore.
29. Close the Shore! And some other streets.
30. Stupid beyond belief. Okay in principle but should have been better thought through.
31. Pedestrianise the Shore and increase commercial space for outdoor seating.
32. Elderly can't get to St James' Church
33. Close The Shore! We love the idea of coffees/drinks in the sun outside!
34. It is ridiculous to make Easter Road into resident parking without telling the residents it is going to happen.
35. To get to Western General from the Links now requires adding to congestion on Salamander Street and Great Junction Street
36. Why not close The Shore? Any other city would make the most of it!
37. How are the emergency services able to get places quickly with the road closures?
38. This will increase pollution on Salamander Place!
39. Absolutely crazy!
40. Causing congestion on main roads
41. Stop developing industrial and commercial areas into residential
42. What plans do you have for looking after the planters!!!
43. Poorly communicated! Changes before anyone knows about it
44. It is ridiculous to create an area right beside Leith Links where there is already plenty of leisure space. Save John's Place!
45. As a community nurse it has made getting to home visits and parking for home visits more challenging.
46. Unfair on disabled drivers. Just look at Coburg Street.
47. Have destroyed my street - Salamander Place - all the traffic pushed down one cobbled street to be most congested place now!
48. Moronic
49. Permit - money for council that residents need to cover, outrageous
50. Road closures a DISASTER. Traveling from other side of Leith Walk to Easter Road is awful.
51. Why close Sandport and not the Shore?

52. Why close Sandport Street where there was no congestion. Close the Shore.
53. Accident waiting to happen, bikes incoming to oncoming traffic over cobbled roads!
54. Lots of so-called consultations - but did you listen and change anything - no!
55. Causes congestion, more pollution, poor public transport
56. What if you CAN'T walk or cycle? Disabled and elderly people are penalised.
57. Not enough consideration for vulnerable people - access including carers and visitors not great
58. Lived here for 50 years, this is terrible
59. The double yellow lines around Chapel Lane are preventing my daughter and other carers from visiting their dependents.
60. No joined up thinking about various traffic initiatives -CPZ, LTN, LEZ, Trams, etc.
61. I spend about 10 mins extra per day in my car idling at low speeds. It doesn't work.
62. Leith cut in two halves. Traffic congestion. Stupid, stupid.
63. Traffic on main streets!! Pollution, noise from cobbles.
64. This (+ the rerouted bus) has turned Salamander Place into a busy main road which it's not fit for.
65. It's not actually fit for cycling, as the roads are all cobbled and/or need resurfacing.
66. Salamander Street and Baltic Street are now very congested - adds 20 minutes to journeys along there (but no other routes possible) - vehicles idling and causing emissions.