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8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Neighbour,

**Notification of the removal of the Leith Street pedestrian bridge weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

We are writing to inform you that the pedestrian bridge over Leith Street which connected Q-Park with the old shopping centre will be removed over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The bridge removal has been agreed with the City of Edinburgh Council and all other relevant authorities, including the police who will be in attendance.

Although the Leith Street road closure will already be in place for vehicles, the street is still a busy route for pedestrians and cyclists. Safety of the public, as well as construction workers, is of the upmost priority and it would be unsafe to allow pedestrian and cyclists to pass under the bridge during the removal process. Removing the bridge during the night and early hours enables the safe undertaking of the activity and allows Leith Street to re-open to pedestrians and cyclists for usual daytime activities.

**What is the estimated timeline for the Leith Street pedestrian bridge removal activities?**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

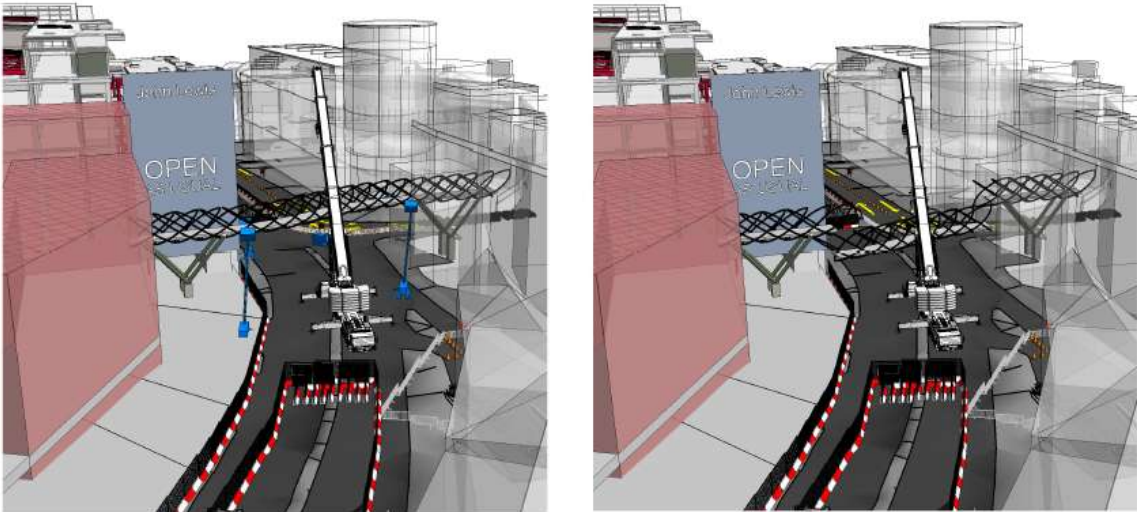
- 0700 – 1900** Normal site working hours
- 1900 – 0000** Continued crane set up and bridge removal preparations

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- 0001- 0800** Section of Leith Street fully closed to pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles
- 0800** Section of Leith Street reopens to pedestrians and cyclists (remaining closed to vehicles)

**How will the bridge be removed?**

A crane will hold the middle section of the pedestrian footbridge while it is cut. The crane will then lift the section into the site boundary. The removal of the bridge structure will be a sequence of lifts. The crane in the image below is indicative of the size of the lifting equipment required.

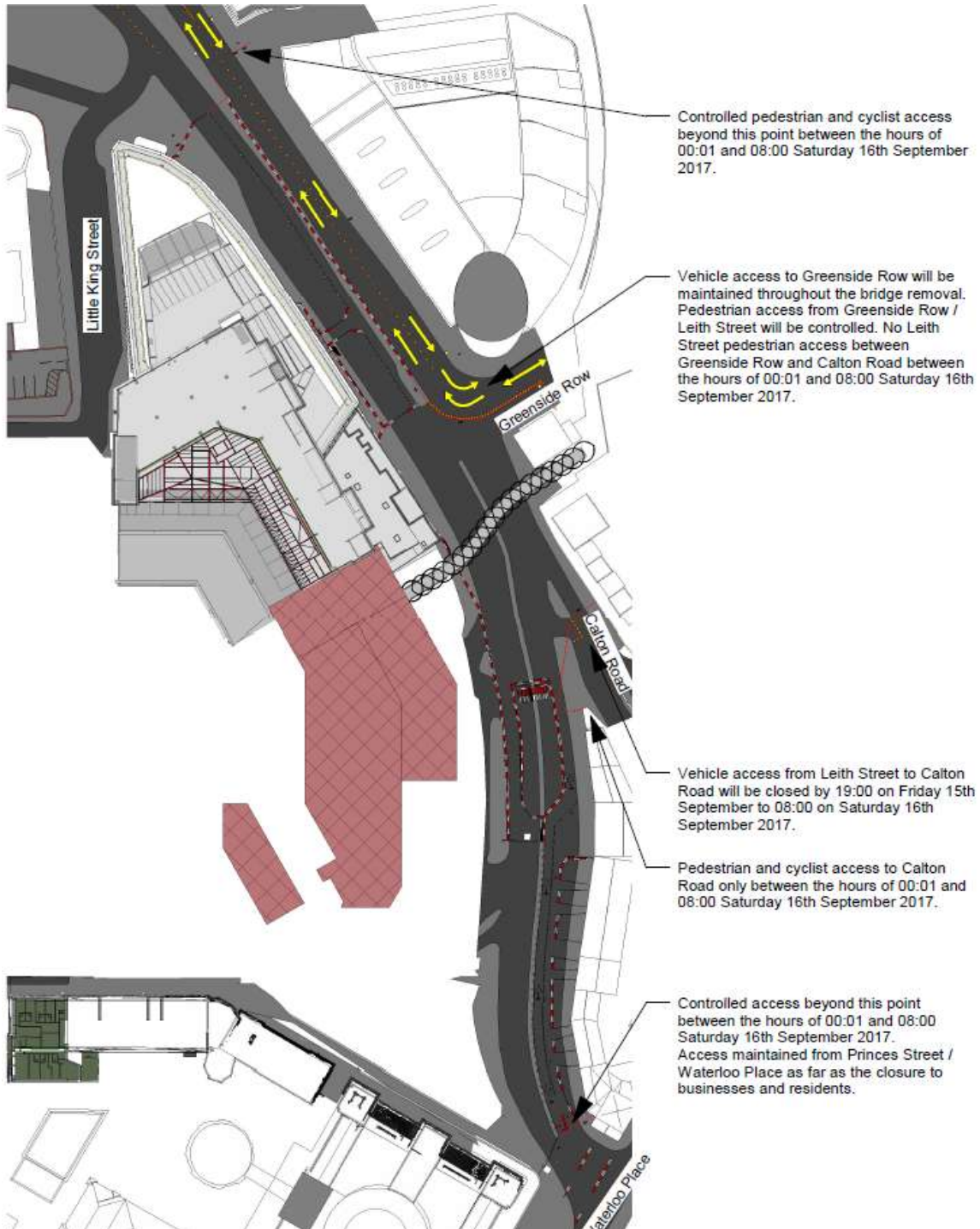


### Contingency Plans

The crane cannot safely operate above certain wind levels, so while it is planned to remove the bridge over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> September, this is weather dependant. If the activity is not able to be carried out as scheduled, agreement is also in place with the City of Edinburgh Council to repeat the road closure on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and/or Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, or the following weekend, at the same times as indicated in this letter.

### Which section of Leith Street will be fully closed to pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles during the bridge removal operation?

The section of Leith Street that will be fully closed during the bridge removal is from Calton Road to Waterloo Place / Princes Street.



**What are the suggested pedestrian diversion routes?**

via St Andrew's Square and York Place



via Greenside Row and Calton Hill



**What is the sign-posted vehicle diversion route?**



**Who should I contact if I have questions?**

Laing O'Rourke community liaison via the contact details below. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause you and appreciate your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,  
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