Economy Minister confirms Invest NI review panel members

Economy Minister Gordon Lyons today confirmed the appointment of two panel members to the Independent Review of Invest Northern Ireland.

<u>Oxford Street/Elliot Road/Cambridge</u> Street/Eton Street #dundeewestend



Residents highlighted to me at the weekend that, following Storm Arwen before Christmas, two felled and cut up Cypress trees are sitting at the grass playing field area at Oxford Street/Elliot Road/Cambridge Street/Eton Street, awaiting uplift.

I raised this with the council's Senior Forestry and Arboricultural Officer who has helpfully responded as follows :

"I can confirm that the two Cypress trees extracted to the playing fields

<u>Weekly Road Report - West End Ward</u> #dundeewestend



DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL - WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD - WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2022

Perth Road between Glamis Road and Seymour Street — rolling 2 way temporary traffic lights for one week for City Fibre works.

Perth Road (at Millbay Gardens) — off-peak temporary traffic lights from Tuesday 22 February for 3 weeks for footway works.

Forthcoming Roadworks

Riverside Drive (near Wright Avenue) — temporary traffic lights from Monday 28 February for 2 days for Energy Assets gas service connection.

West Grove Avenue — road closure between Perth Road and Blackness Road for 6 days starting Monday 28 February for City Fibre works.

Shaftesbury Road — road closure between Perth Road and Seymour Street for 8 days starting Monday 28 February for City Fibre works.

Wright Avenue — closed from 7.30pm on Friday 11 March to 7.30am on Saturday 12 March for Scottish Water ironwork repair.

Strawberrybank (Magdalen Yard Road and Perth Road) — closed from Monday 14 March for 6 days for City Fibre works.

Osborne Place (Magdalen Yard Road and Perth Road) — closed from Monday 21 March for 6 days for City Fibre works.

Magdalen Yard Road — 2 way temporary traffic lights from Monday 21 March for

3 days for City Fibre works.

Shepherd's Loan (Magdalen Yard Road and Perth Road) — closed from Monday 28 March for 6 days for City Fibre works.

Five for Fiveways!

As Vice Chair of Dundee Age Concern's Board, I am delighted to see this latest great initiative to support the Fiveways Centre, a superb service for many of the city's older people :



Dundee Age Concern (DAC) is a small local independent charity, supporting vulnerable and socially isolated older people over the age of 55 living in Dundee and Broughty Ferry through Fiveways Day Centre. We support people to make friends, get active, gain confidence and get busy living life whilst reconnecting with their city and the places they love.

This February we are running our 5 for Fiveways campaign to raise funds to support vulnerable and socially isolated older people. The concept is simple complete 5 activities of your choosing based on the themes of fun, family, food, fitness and favours. Then donate a £5 to Dundee Age Concern then nominate 5 people to do the same.

"Having lost my wife, I've been lonely & isolated.

Fiveways is giving me friendship, connection & fun. I
love it. It's changing my life already." Ian - DAC Client

Complete 5 activities Donate £5 Invite 5 friends to do it too!



Do Something Fun - This could be anything you enjoy doing; read 5 books, binge watch 5 series, visit 5 museums or something sillier, 5 days in fancy dress, tell 5 jokes, or do 5 roly-polies down a hill. Anything you will enjoy and make you smile

Do Something with your Family - Get together with your friends or family. This could be a work family or any other friendship group doing something together that connects people. A day out, a hobby, a board game or litter pick

Family

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Fitness

Do Something that gets you moving - Within your limits this can involve any physical activity, whether 5 press ups or 5 miles on a bike or something more adventurous.

Do Something Involving Food -- Food and nutrition are important in older age and can provide lots of opportunities for activities, baking 5 cakes, cooking for five friends, or trying 5 new fruits.





Do Something for someone else - This can be anything to help someone out, -helping a friend, picking up some groceries or volunteering in a more formal capacity.

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DUNDEE We would love to see what you get up to so sign up now and share your exploits on social media with the #5forFiveways

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<u>Getting things done - Riverside Drive</u> #dundeewestend



A number of residents have mentioned to me that it would be good to have a public access path right along the river front on Riverside Drive from Discovery Point to the Invergowrie boundary.

Currently, the Green Circular walking/cycling route has to veer north, away from the river, immediately west of the Bridgeview Station Restaurant as the path along the front comes to an end just west of there (see photo). This is because of the airport site to the west where there is no path access through at the south end of the airport next to the river.

I contacted the airport manager who advises :

'The airport has never considered including a path as that area is out with the airport boundary and I believe it sits with the council.

In principle we would consider this provided that there is a security plan included within that.

I think the bigger concern would be the safety when in this area and it would need some hefty protective measures.

I know the council engineers who were dealing with the flood protection works were looking at the area to the west and north of the airport.'

I thereafter contacted the council's Outdoor Access Officer with this feedback and he responded as follows:

"I have exchanged emails with City Development colleagues. Dundee City Council Engineers have carried out some initial investigation of where a path could go and what would be required to be engineered.

Flood defence work may be required here in the future and it is hoped that this will give an opportunity for funding and provide an area for any path to be constructed. No further design or investigation work is underway at the moment."

I have asked the council to engage with the airport on this as I would hope that a properly secured access could be built in to future flood defence works to improve the public access along this stretch of the riverline along Riverside Drive.