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Subject: Complaint re. road scheme
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Hello,

I'd like to know to whom I can address a complaint about road the re-closure of the following:

NORTH CHARLOTTE STREET

Location: City Centre At St Colme Street (Queen Street)

Details: CEC tram project

Return of City centre routes to pre-tram layout.

No left turn into St Colme Street. For access to A90 from Lothian Road, recommended route is West Approach Road - Haymarket - West Maitland Street - Manor Place - Melville Street.

Start : 30-Oct-2013 16:00

The web site states that it is to return 'city centre routes to pre-tram layout'. However, a major element of this route (Lothian Road to Queensferry Street/ Road) has been removed by the new bus gate at Shandwick Place/ Queensferry Street and removal of ability to cross Shandwick Place, so this is *not* a return to pre-tram layout.

I am a supporter of the tram project, and look forward to the introduction of trams, but the proposed 'recommended route' is a serious degradation for those of us living just in Dean Bridge (or farther up Queensferry Road) area needing to access Lothian Road and the Meadows by car. It sends cars through Haymarket unnecessarily, which is already overloaded in its own new traffic flows. The 'recommended alternative' doubles the direct car journey from Lothian Rd/Western Approach Junction to Dean Bridge from around 0.7 miles to 1.5 miles. Multiplied by the number of vehicles making this journey, this is also a very poor effect on the environment. I fear that by removing a key communication line entirely from the car user (even occasional car user like me) that you play in to the hands of critics of the tram.

The left turn from Charlotte Square into St. Colme Street was a decent compromise for those of living close to Queensferry Street, and I'd urge that it be re-considered - it seems ridiculous that cars now have a route from Queensferry Street/ Road to Lothian Road (via Hope Street and Charlotte Square) going Southbound, but that Northbound there is no alternative.

Please let me know to whom I might complain, or pass on my email appropriately,

Regards,

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