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**Evidence**

**Questions about you: In order for the evidence to be analysed and taken forward by the Inquiry we will need some further information about you and / or your organisation. Please note that all evidence submitted to the Inquiry may be published at any point during the Inquiry or when the Inquiry Report is issued. If you are responding as an organisation your full details will be published. If you are responding as an individual your name will be published, but your address will only be published if the Inquiry considers this to be relevant to the evidence submitted.**

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**Are you responding as an organisation or an individual?**

Organisation

**Does your evidence relate to a particular period of time?**

No

**If yes, what period?:**

**Does your evidence relate to a particular event or activity?**

Yes

**If yes, please explain what the event / activity was.:**

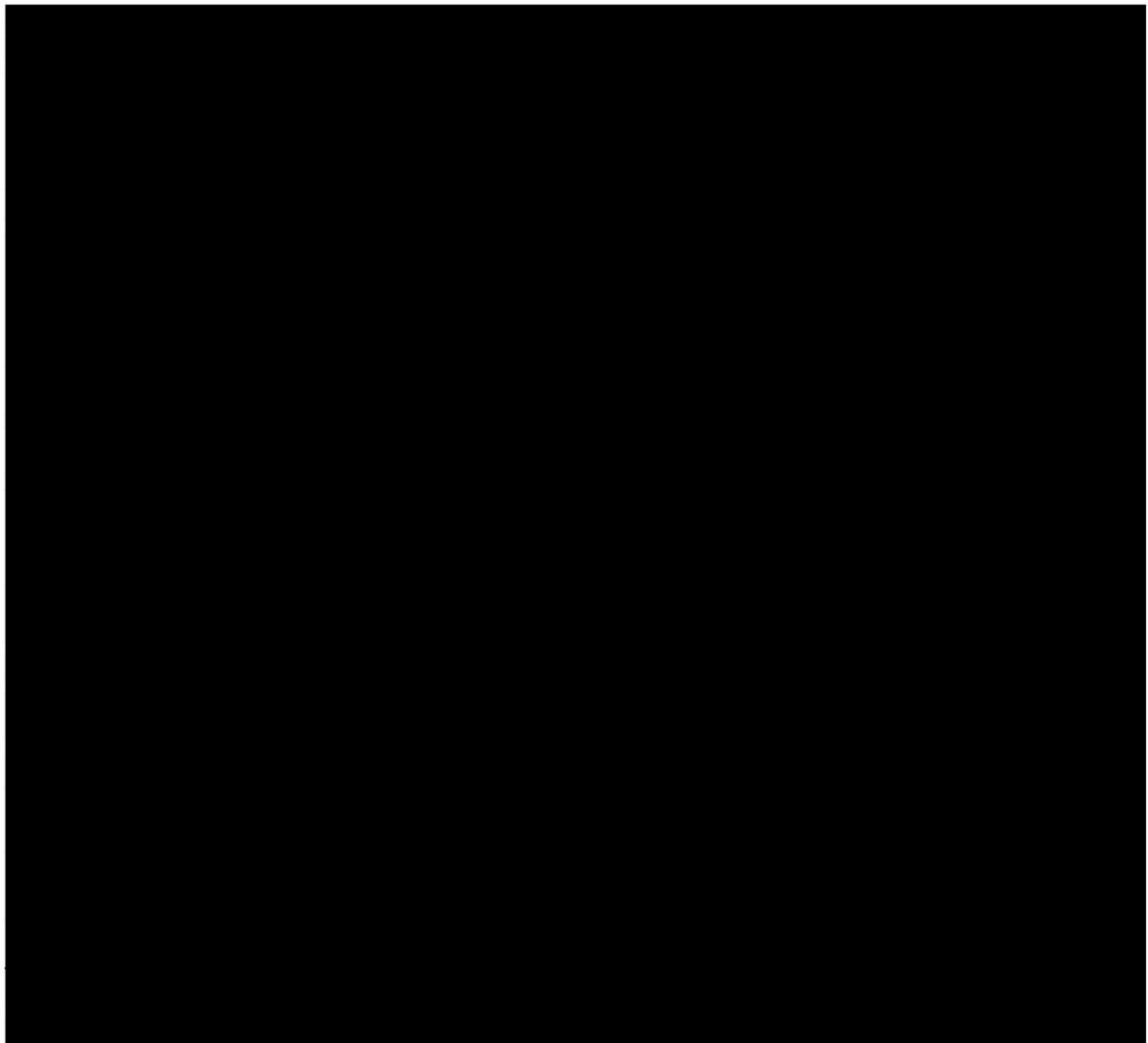
As a director of an medium sized accountancy practice, dealing with some 2000 businesses I have been staggered by the behaviour of Edinburgh Councillors in

the conduct of this whole fiasco and in particular the negative effect on small and medium sized businesses both throughout the construction process and since.

In the areas most badly affected Haymarket and Leith Walk I have spoken to up to 20 business owners whose accounts show clearly the negative impact on

them. As well as tangible evidence in the form of accounting data there is the future loss of business felt by the likes of hairdressers, flower shops, pubs and

restaurants.



**We are particularly interested in:• How you found out about what was happening, and how informed you were throughout the project• What**

**did you think would happen• What actually happened• What were the effects if any, on you (or your organisation) at the time of the project•**

**What if any, were the on-going or longer-term effects on you (or your organisation). Please write your evidence here.**

**We are particularly interested in:**

I found out about the project like many other people some years before it actually commenced and the information on the arguments for and against were I feel

well considered and reported by the Edinburgh Evening news who I believe were rightly against it for a number of reasons.

I thought right from the outset that it was a very bad idea for two main reasons :

The original cost projected and the fact that Edinburgh already had an award winning bus service that fully served all areas of the city and also the airport.

**Do you have any documents which you think it would be useful for the Inquiry to see?**

Yes

**Details of documents:**

Clients documents to do with business intereuption which as of today I have not had time to gather together

**Upload documents:**

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**Are you content for the Edinburgh Tram Inquiry team to contact you again in relation to this evidence?\***

Yes