Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project

Penicuik High Street Improvements

This flyer gives a brief description of the improvements planned for the High Street as is part of the Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project.

Background

The Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project is a partnership between Midlothian Council, The Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, the Penicuik Development Trust and Penicuik First. The project focuses on the historic core of Penicuik and will run for 5 years, beginning in 2018 and ending in 2023. It will involve improvements to the historic buildings, shop fronts and the public realm, and a series of training, education and engagement activities.

New Granite Setts to form parking bays.

Note: Indicative colours & sizes only

New Sandstone Paving on footpaths

Proposed Improvements to Penicuik High Street

As part of the development phase of the scheme (March 2017-April 2018) a series of consultation events took place and the Government’s Place Making toolkit was used in group sessions to identify possible ways to improve the High Street. As a result of the workshop sessions, a design for the High Street was drawn up with the aim of making the street safer and more comfortable for pedestrians. The proposals also enhance the character and appearance of the street by using high quality paving materials and street furniture.

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The works will comprise:

- Widening the footpaths on the south side of the street and repaving in natural sandstone paving slabs
- Installing granite setts in car parking and loading areas
- Narrowing the carriageway at the pedestrian crossing point
- Taking away unattractive pedestrian guardrails and the other pieces of redundant street furniture
- Widening the pavements at the top end of the Square and laying in sandstone paving slabs
- Resurfacing the carriageway

The works have gone out to competitive tender and a contractor has now been appointed, Noel Regan & Sons Building and Civil Engineering Contractors UK Ltd.

It is anticipated that works will start on site in Autumn 2018 and be complete in Spring 2019.

Extent of works will be subject to availability of funding. Traffic management measures will be put in place. This will be advertised in detail in due course.

Some Details of the Scheme

In order to enhance the character of the conservation area natural paving materials will be used in the scheme, i.e. sandstone paving slabs and granite setts.

The improvements will also extend to improving pedestrian accessibility to the Town Hall and enhance the visual appearance of this key building.

This introduces higher quality materials into the High Street and reduces the visual impact of the road carriageway.