

Cllr JASON RUST

ROADS SPEED REDUCTION FROM 40MPH TO 30MPH

The Council proposes reducing the speed limit on 21 roads in the city from 40mph to 30mph. These include roads in our ward such as Lanark Road, Comiston Road and Biggar Road as well as others such as the West Approach Road.

Councillor Rust will keep residents advised when this will go to public consultation so

local views can be included. If approved it will take the council between a year and 18 months to make the changes, with signage and road markings put in place.

It is understood that the cost of new signs and road markings is estimated to cost the council £50,000, with the total cost of the project hitting just under £75,000.



SNP/LABOUR INCREASE COUNCIL TAX BY 4.79%

Edinburgh residents' Council Tax Bills will increase by 4.79% for 2020/2021. The SNP/Labour Budget broke their own commitment to cap council tax increases at 3%.

Councillor Jason Rust said, "Two years ago the Administration rejected the Conservative plan to ring-fence a 2% Council Tax increase to fund the next phase of school rebuilding and last year it made the straight choice to fund trams rather than schools.

"There is a lack of strategic planning and a failure to deliver frontline services, which of course is not helped by Edinburgh having per head the lowest block grant of Scotland's local authorities."

This equates to the following changes per band:

Tax Band	New Rate (2020/21)	Previous Rate (2019/20)
Band A	£892.39	£851.60
Band B	£1,041.12	£993.53
Band C	£1,189.86	£1,135.47
Band D	£1,338.59	£1,277.40
Band E	£1,758.75	£1,678.36
Band F	£2,175.21	£2,075.78
Band G	£2,621.40	£2,501.58
Band H	£3,279.54	£3,129.63

WEBLINKS

Gritting priorities and grit bin provision:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/gritting-grit-bins>

Street lighting issues:

https://webforms.edinburgh.gov.uk/site/portal/request/street_light

BRIDGE CLOSURE IN COLINTON DELL

Jason Rust has been in contact with council departments in relation to Colinton Dell Rustic Footbridge and Katesmill Pipeline Bridge which are maintained by the Parks, Greenspaces and Cemeteries (PGC) Department.

Structures and Flood Prevention (SFP) undertake bi-annual inspections of these structures and advise of

any maintenance works required to allow the bridges to remain open to the public.

However, last year their condition had deteriorated to the extent that SFP advised PGC to close the bridges. Katesmill Pipeline Bridge has since been demolished. PGC is currently seeking additional funds to rebuild these structures.”

WHAT ELSE HAS OUR COUNCILLOR BEEN DOING?

- ✓ Raising questions at Full Council regarding the burning of memorial benches by the City Council.
- ✓ Highlighting concerns about parking at Bonaly Brae.
- ✓ Meeting with the Education Convener regarding nursery schools and the implementation of Scottish Government targets.
- ✓ Conducting Citizenship Ceremonies as a Bailie of the City.
- ✓ Attending Bonaly Primary School Parent Council, Colinton Amenity Association and Colinton Cottage Homes Board meetings.

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SURGERIES - no appointment necessary
Firrst Monday of month at Oxgangs Library at 6.30pm and Colinton Library at 7.30pm - Home visits available for elderly and infirm.



The Colinton Tunnel mural continues apace. Councillor Jason Rust said: “It is such an exciting and extensive art project incorporating a rich visual history, but with strong contemporary buy-in from local schools and residents.

“I would urge anyone interested to visit the website <http://www.colintontunnel.org.uk/> and offer support where they can.”

BICYCLE RACKS

Councillor Rust along with CAA has been pursuing the installation of bicycle racks with the Council’s active travel team given that there is not one bicycle rack in Colinton Village. Approximately three years on these are now due to fitted by the end of the current financial year.

WORKPLACE PARKING LEVY

The SNP/Labour administration on Edinburgh City Council has confirmed that it will push ahead with plans to tax those who work in Edinburgh for parking at their work.

The Car Park Tax could see employees charged over £500 a year just for parking at their workplace, regardless of how much they earn

or whether they have viable public transport options available to them.

A number of professional bodies such as the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS), Scottish Police Federation and Scottish Retail Consortium have raised concerns about the potential impact of the tax.