## Broughty Ferry to Monifieth Active Travel Project, March 21 Update (Title on Website Page – categorised under news item)

Many thanks to Project Manager Gerry Conway for providing us with this information.

- Mill Street stopping up order approved to be published 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- Dundee City Council City Development Officers have considered the points raised by residents and stakeholders and the relationship between Castle Gardens and the wider project.
- The additional gate at Castle Terrace Gardens will provide access to persons of all abilities at a convenient location next to the pedestrian crossing. The proposed new access will highlight Castle Terrace Gardens as an accessible public outdoor space which can provide sheltered seating areas for people that require rest when out and about.
- It also offers convenient access for the disabled to utilise the toilet provision at Windmill car park including the Changing Places facility. A 'beach wheelchairs' group have expressed interest in this development.
- In consultation with residents a survey will be carried out to review the condition of the boundaries. As part of the scheme weaknesses identified will be improved to provide continuity and ensure appropriate separation of public and private space.
- Having considered the feedback, it is considered that the proposed new entrance is an appropriate and important part of the overall proposals and should be installed as proposed in the approved planning application.
- Officers will continue to work with residents of Castle Terrace Gardens and other organisations and groups to implement appropriate measures that address concerns raised.
- Careful consideration has been given to the new access and the internal path connection, including the removal of two trees. The growth of these trees had been significantly affected by the large Cedar tree beside them. Their removal will be compensated by planting other suitable specimens in appropriate locations within the gardens. Management is keen to engage further with residents in conjunction with the environmental department to agree appropriate locations.
- The design of the entrance is considered to be key. The style of the gates will require careful design to ensure there is clear distinction from the access lane. In line with concerns raised the type of opening and closing arrangement discouraging cycles and other modes of

transport fast access, may be addressed through the installation of a self-closing gate. Input on this as a design would be welcomed.

• Simple signage offering the public the history of the gardens and why such are provided may also be worth considering.