

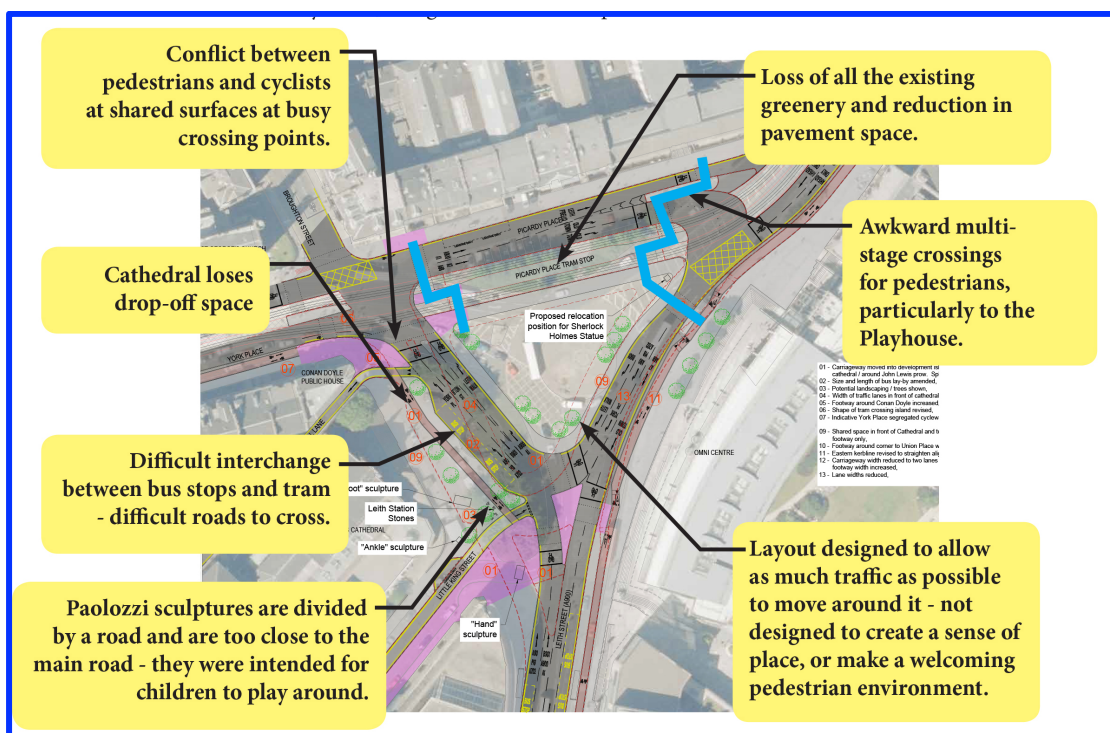
Picardy Place City Of Edinburgh Council's Proposals

Make Sure Your Views Are Heard!

Edinburgh City Council has developed proposals to make major changes to the layout of Picardy Place. This is a result of the planned extension of the Tram to Newhaven and the development of Edinburgh St James.

Many, many local people are very unhappy with the proposals. **If you are one of them, it is essential that you make your views known.**

The only design put forward by the City Council is to put a very large 'gyratory' traffic management system in the middle of Picardy Place, along with the tram stop relocated from York Place. This plan eats significantly into the public space around Picardy Place and replaces it with a central island area, and turns what is the 'gateway to the New Town' into a 'motorway in the City'.



Local residents and organisations have started a campaign to oppose the 'gyratory' design. We believe there are other legitimate designs that need full and proper consideration. There are better ways to meet the needs of people who live in and work in the area. The 'take it, or leave it' approach by the Council is not acceptable.

Given the very high level of opposition, the Picardy Campaign Group is asking that you make your views known to the Council via <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/picardy-place/>; or e-mail to Councillor Lesley Macinnes, Transport Committee Convener, Lesley.Macinnes@edinburgh.gov.uk; or write to Councillor Macinnes (c/o Picardy Place Consultation, City Chambers, 253 High St, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ)

Please note that the closing date for all responses is 15th December.

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Below are some of the main arguments that people locally are putting up forward. Please feel free to use them, plus any others that you have, in your submission. **The more voices there are, the greater the chance of success.** The Campaign Group would ask that, whatever your specific concerns, **please object directly to the 'gyratory' because it is the source of so many problems.**

Why You Should Oppose the 'Gyratory'

Reduction Of Useable Public Space

Removal of public space in front St Mary's Cathedral and around Picardy Place, and replacement with triangle area in the middle of traffic which is unlikely to be used very much – even if it is not built on.

Failure To Explore Other Options

The only design is based on a 'gyratory' model that is well known to be out of date, and which gives a dominant position to vehicles over pedestrians, cyclists and for those for whom this this is their neighbourhood. Other options must be considered.

Inconvenience For Pedestrians (And Cyclists Too)

To accommodate the new road layout, there will have to be more pedestrian crossings to encounter, while the crossing in front of the Playhouse is to go encouraging people to 'cut across' a cycle-way, three traffic lanes and two tram tracks to save time.

Rushed Decision Making By Council

There has been no attempt to link the proposal to other policies and requirements, including improving City Centre transportation, plans to reduce vehicular traffic and impact on near-by parts of the City.

What is Really Needed

- ☞ Creating a public plaza outside St. Mary's Cathedral
- ☞ Making Picardy Place safe and convenient for pedestrians and cyclists.
- ☞ Easy access to public transport.
- ☞ Reducing traffic through this area in line with Council Policy.
- ☞ Avoiding displacement of traffic onto other streets.
- ☞ Turning Broughton Street into a proper High Street, not a traffic corridor.
- ☞ Cannot simply remove access to parking for all residents and local businesses.
- ☞ A suitable location for the Paolozzi sculptures.
- ☞ **Above all, time to consider properly other options that reflect a balance of needs – not just traffic flow – and address local people's concerns which the current consultation fails to do. **Delay is better Than Disaster!****