

# **Blenheim Place – Planned Closure**

As part of the proposed road changes to accommodate the trams, the Council intend to close the right hand turn from London Road to Blenheim Place. Although Blenheim Place is not on the tram route, the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the Tram Project has redesigned the junction to take out this vital turn. The Royal, Regent & Carlton Terraces Steering Group (RRCTSG - also known as the 'Keep Blenheim Place Open Group') objects to this closure on the grounds of inadequate access to an area with over 300 dwellings. This impacts on safety with very poor access for emergency vehicles, restricts service traffic for businesses and residents and isolates us from the local community. It also leaves the Terraces with an extremely dangerous five road junction as its main point of access.

The RRCTSG continues with its campaign to keep the right hand turn open at this junction. The Steering Group has met with our local politicians, who have been sympathetic and supportive of the Group's aims. We have also met with Council officials and tie Ltd. (the company employed by the Council and responsible for organising the Tram Project). Our aim is to get the Blenheim Place/London Road junction redesigned during the TRO review procedure. We have retained the services of a qualified traffic engineer who is writing a report in support of our cause.

In the summer of 2009, we organised a petition which had an extremely favourable response with over 220 residents signing. 87% of the residents of the Terraces were in favour of keeping the right hand junction into Blenheim Place open. Greenside Parish Church has also campaigned strongly for the turn to remain as the church community would be isolated and compromised by its closure. You may have seen the Reverend Andrew Anderson's letter that was published in the Evening News on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February outlining his objections to the proposed plans. Many of the businesses, including the Royal Terrace Hotel and a Michelin-starred restaurant, have lent their support.

**The TRO was presented for public review on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. We strongly urge people to send letters of objection during the consultation period which ends on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please write, with details of the grounds of objection, quoting reference TRO/09/60A, to**

**The City of Edinburgh Council,  
c/o Dundas and Wilson,  
Saltire Court,  
20 Castle Terrace,  
Edinburgh, EH1 2EN.**

**Please send individual letters rather than one from each household as numbers count.**

If you would like to be updated by e-mail or require any further information, please contact us at carol\_nimmo@hotmail or 0131 557 5739.

**The Royal, Regent & Carlton Terraces Steering Group**  
(also known as the Keep Blenheim Place Open Group)