

Councillor Phil Wheeler

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Dear Councillor Wheeler

ITEMS FROM MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thank you for your recent email dated 10 June 2010 regarding the above.

The Task Force Manager has investigated the concerns raised regarding the street cleaning in the Roseburn area. I can advise that areas such as Roseburn and Murrayfield that are continually parked along, do not receive regular attention from the street cleaning vehicle. So far as possible, once the main routes and daily 'hot spots' are attended to, such areas will be inspected and will receive attention as required.

During large events, i.e. Murrayfield stadium events, parking restrictions are put in place in the surrounding residential streets and this allows the Task Force squads and Gully Cleaning squads to carryout any street cleaning and gully cleaning requirements.

Whilst I am aware that during the spring and autumn there can be a build of blossom and leaves, the Task Force squads attempt to clear as many locations across the West area to keep the standards of street cleaning at a high level, which is evident from the consistently high CIMS scores, (Cleanliness Index Monitoring System) where surveys are undertaken quarterly and are supervised independently by Keep Scotland Beautiful.

With regard to the concerns overhanging foliage from private property, if specific locations have been noted, this information can be passed to the Roads Officer who will inspect the location under The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, section 91. If the foliage is observed to be causing an obstruction, then contact will be made with the owner/occupier to have the offending foliage cut back. If the required work is not subsequently cut back, a statutory notice will be issued instructing that the required work be carried out in a specific time-frame or legal action will be taken.

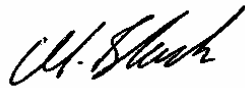
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During the annual walkabout inspections the Roads Officers make contact with owner/occupiers in areas where overhanging foliage is observed, in order to avoid issuing statutory notices and assist in educating residents of their responsibilities.

If there are specific locations that have been observed by the community, this information can be passed to the West Neighbourhood Team by emailing westteam@edinburgh.gov.uk or by phoning Clarence on free-phone 0800 23 23 23.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you require any further information please contact me on 469 5232.

Yours sincerely



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