

MAKE EDINBURGH A WORLD-CLASS PLACE FOR WALKING

Living Streets wants a healthier, cleaner and less congested Edinburgh, where walking is safe and enjoyable for people of all ages and abilities.

WHY?

Leaders around the world are beginning to realise that by designing streets for walking they will have **healthier, happier citizens and attract businesses and investment**. Companies more than ever are looking to locate in cities that provide liveable, healthy and safe places for their employees and customers.

Walking is essential to increasing physical activity across Edinburgh because it is a universal activity with very little difference by gender, income or ethnicity, and because it's the easiest way for most people to stay active every day. Lessons from around the world show you can make streets for people easily and cheaply and these changes can be popular.

Progressive cities are looking to improve streets for both walking and cycling by adopting a more inclusive 'liveable' or 'healthy' streets approach. We want the next leader of Edinburgh council to take bold and visionary decisions to make the city a world-class place for walking.

HOW?

Here are four things the next Leader of Edinburgh Council should commit to do:

1. Transformed street management

We need to change the way our streets are managed on a day-to-day basis, with a joined-up and transparent responsibility for looking after our streets, spotting faults and ensuring that they are fixed quickly.



