

Council has plans for the Kirkgate Centre



Leith's Kirkgate is to be transformed as part of a plan to improve the area for the public.

Changes will see the addition of trees, uplighting and new seating arrangements, as well as the removal of the tusk feature outside the Kirkgate shopping centre.

Aimed at creating a safer and more attractive space at the bottom of Leith Walk, the proposals have been approved by the [Leith Neighbourhood Partnership](#) following feedback from local residents.

More than 1000 people responded online and in person to a survey that sought their views on the proposed changes.

Councillor Lesley Hinds, Transport Convener, said: "By listening to the views of local people we hope to create a safer, more attractive atmosphere for all those visiting or passing through the area.

"This work will complement the ongoing programme to improve Leith Walk, which has already received lots of positive feedback from the public."



The Kirkgate improvements will come alongside ongoing work to upgrade the bottom of Leith Walk, as part of the [Leith Programme](#), in addition to internal development to Kirkgate shopping centre.

As well as enhancing the appearance of the area, the new design aims to create a safe, welcoming space for locals,

retaining the Queen Victoria statue at the foot of Leith Walk and making the entrance to the shopping centre more open and accessible.

Find out more about the Leith Programme works [on the Council website](#).