

Seafield

For the first time in many months, the Seafield Steering Group met via MS teams on 13 March.

Iain McFarlane, leading for the City of Edinburgh Council, explained that Council officers are attempting to reach agreement with SEPA on a method of proceeding to a second public consultation on Seafield, possibly as early as next month but to follow receipt of the report on City Plan 2030. SEPA has stated that to firm up its conclusions on sea level rise, it will require to obtain a wave action study, a major and expensive piece of work.

The coastal change adaptation plan will also be required but it is recognised that this will not be available in the short term.

So, Council officers are trying to find a way to bring the master planning exercise to a conclusion but need SEPA, as statutory consultees, on board.

Community representatives expressed reservations about proceeding with a public consultation in the absence of essential data and without working properly through major issues.

The next sounding board has been set for Friday 22 March which I will be unable to attend.

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