

QUESTION NO 23

**By Councillor Cowdy for answer by
the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 16 March 2023**

Question **(1)** On 16th January CityFibre cut a trench in Shandon Bridge on Ashley Terrace to lay fibre optic cables that resulted in the bridge being damaged and closed, and remained closed on 7th Feb. Were these works authorised by City of Edinburgh Council?

Answer **(1)**

Question **(2)** Local residents and businesses have complained about frequent changes to diversions and street closures along with a lack of communication causing traffic chaos and frustration. What can the Convener do to improve communication with local residents and businesses when disruptive unplanned works arise?

Answer **(2)**

Question **(3)** Given the above, along with the high level of fines imposed on CityFibre and the number of complaints from residents across the city about poor management of works from the Utility Company, and of the quality of the roads and pavements left behind, what is the Convener doing to improve the City Council's oversight of CityFibre's works?

Answer **(3)**