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The study commissioned under the auspices of the Dundee Partnership into public realm works required to support the creation of a Cultural Quarter in Dundee centred on South Tay Street/West Port and was completed early this year. The study has confirmed the dislocation effect between the DCA and the Rep Theatre caused by the large traffic flows in the area at certain times of the day. The final study report proposed a series of streetscape and signage improvements in South Tay Street and the Nethergate, to address this and strengthen the link for pedestrians between the two venues.

In April 2003 surfacing works were carried out by a specialist contractor aimed at strengthening the links between the DCA and the Rep Theatre. These works were not completed due to concerns about the quality of workmanship and the finished product which were not considered to be of a satisfactory standard. The material used was a thin coat surfacing and offered the benefit of minimising disruption to traffic during construction.

Following several meetings with the specialist contractor, it has become clear that this material will require to be removed and replaced with a more traditional form of construction. The abortive costs associated with this work will be borne by the contractor. It is now proposed that the existing carriageway construction across the junction will be excavated and rebuilt using block construction highlighting both the difference in colour and texture of the junction from adjoining roads. These works will commence in January 2004 and will last for approximately 4 weeks.

The cost of these works are estimated at £46,000, inclusive of professional fees. This will be met from the Planning and Transportation Department's Capital Budget for 2003/04.