

Project Newsletter

September 2024

Welcome to the newsletter for the Roseburn to Union Canal active travel project with information and updates on project activity and planned work.

Construction update

We have been working to complete drainage, earthworks, lighting, kerbing and paving. Work is also continuing on stairways and ramps which will provide better access to this new walking, wheeling and cycling route and green corridor. Take a look at our video showing the changes over the past few months. We expect the project to finish late autumn 2024. [View video of project progress.](#)

New Bridge

A new bridge over the Mid Calder railway line was lifted into position in an overnight operation on 10 and 11 August.

The bridge will provide a key link between Sauchiebank Gardens and the Duff Street woodland area, creating a safe, traffic free connection. Steps are in place alongside the ramp leading up from Russell Road and protective glass panelling has been installed to complete the work. [View video of bridge lift.](#)



Pedestrian crossing

A cycle and pedestrian crossing (Toucan crossing) will be in place across the West Approach Road connecting Dalry Community Park and the Telfer path to Dundee Street. To reduce disruption on this busy road, we are doing this work while the road is partially closed for bridge maintenance.

Dalry Community Park

Construction is well underway on a new and improved park.

We have changed the layout and added lighting and seating to create a welcoming space where people can enjoy the outdoors. The play equipment is designed for a mix of ages and includes musical stepping stones, climbing frames and a bouldering wall. The park connects to the Dalry Road Bridge which is being resurfaced along with the sports pitch.



Dalry Community Park



Path surfacing underway over Dalry Road Bridge

Telfer underpass – temporary closure

To support our work and improve safety, we closed the underpass for three nights at the start of September. We will close it again overnight on the following dates: 30 September, 1 and 2 October, 7.30pm to 6am.

Pedestrians and cyclists can follow the alternative route shown on the map. There will be no access to bus stops on the West Approach Road at these times. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience and disruption this may cause.



Tree planting

Tree planting has started around the Dalry Park area. We will plant around 5000 woodland and semi-mature trees along the route. These will combine with areas of native wildflower meadows to increase the area's biodiversity.

Next steps

- Carry out soft landscaping
- Install perforated steel cover over the Dalry Road bridge
- Complete the crossing over the West Approach Road

Community engagement

As part of the project, we are keen to work with the community to develop art and history projects for everyone in the area to enjoy and learn from.

Balfour Beatty is working with the Edinburgh Collective to gather the views of the local community. Residents have suggested the following themes:

- Healthy and green living
- Community and family

They also expressed an interest in the history of the Dalry Road train station, factories and breweries that used to exist in the area and would like to see them featured in the art pieces.

A community drop-in session is planned at the end of October to share ideas and vision for future use of the new green space corridor.

Keeping you informed

We issue regular project updates to everyone along the route and notify those directly affected by specific construction stages.

You can also keep up to date with progress on our website www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roseburntounioncanal

We are working with local schools, community organisations and businesses to look at ideas and options for activities in the area to support active travel.

We are gathering details of community groups who may be interested in working with us for the remainder of the construction project and beyond.

Get in touch

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