



Project Newsletter



Construction Update

Newhaven to Melrose Drive including Lindsay Road
Drainage and ducting works are continuing along this section with our contractor Morrisons Utility Services (MUS) also diverting utilities. Both main infrastructure works and works on the retaining wall are progressing well.

Ocean Terminal

The main infrastructure works are progressing well with the sequence of track works continuing. Works are progressing with both inbound and outbound track installation.



McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

The phase of works between Ocean Terminal and Rennie's Isle started on 2 January 2021 with traffic management arrangements in place from Monday 4 January 2021. Site investigation works have commenced which will be followed with excavation of the road and clearance of any utility services and archaeological finds.

We are aware of illegal road manoeuvres being executed in this area. To ensure optimum safety, we have taken steps to stop such manoeuvres taking place, but we have reported the matter to Police Scotland. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Main infrastructure works are continuing which will be followed by track installation.

Coatfield Lane to Laurie Street

Works are continuing with ducting excavations and construction of a temporary footpath to accommodate the works. Further foundation works will be required at the graveyard wall in February which will involve minor piling. Information will be provided nearer the time via the project's fortnightly newsletter and Twitter.

Laurie Street to Foot of the Walk

Drainage and ducting works are continuing in this area. To accommodate these works we have made some temporary changes to footpaths in this area. Pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained at all times.

Return to Site

Following the First Minister's announcement on 4 January 2021 regarding extra lockdown measures being put in place to curb the spread of COVID 19, the Scottish Government advised that construction sites do not currently need to shut down. As a result, construction on the Trams to Newhaven project recommenced on 5 January 2021 as previously planned.

Contact Centre Hours

Our new opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 2pm for phone calls through the 0131 322 1122 number.

We are available on email (Newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk) and Twitter Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

In the event of an emergency please call our number on 0131 322 1122. Out with the hours listed above your call will be diverted to our out of hours contact.

More Updates



Constitution Place to Baltic Street

The main infrastructure works are progressing well in this area. Works to date include drainage, ducting and track installation on Tower Street/Ocean Way. These will be followed with surfacing and landscaping. In order to facilitate a new phase of works at Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle, the Tower Street junction was re-opened early January 2021.

As a result of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions we have noted a decrease in traffic. As with all traffic managements arrangements we have reviewed this newly implemented diversion route and have temporarily switched off the traffic signals at the junction of the Shore. Parking restrictions on Tower Street have also been reviewed and have been temporarily lifted in this area. The temporary lights at the Tower Street/Constitution Street junction remain operational in order to manage pedestrian and traffic flows. The project will continue to monitor and assess in line with the ongoing restrictions as advised by the Scottish Government and any further changes will be communicated via the project's fortnightly newsletter and Twitter.

Leith Walk

SFN and MUS are working on Leith Walk. MUS are undertaking excavations and diverting utility services. SFN are undertaking the main infrastructure works.

Crown Street to Dalmeny Street

We are continuing with the diversion of a 500mm diameter gas main at Jane Street. This a complex diversion due to the constrained space and working carefully around a number of other utilities. The duration of these works has been extended and is now due to be complete mid-March 2021

Dalmeny to Pilrig Street

The main infrastructure works are progressing well with sequence of track works continuing. We continue to progress with track installation works.

Pilrig to McDonald Road

Excavation works are continuing in this section which is a complex area due to the railway bridge and old tram infrastructure.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

The main infrastructure works are progressing well in this area with the continuation of drainage, ducting and track laying preparation works. The first of the rails for this section were delivered mid-week, as part of the ongoing track works.

Annandale Street to London Road

Main infrastructure works have commenced in this section.

Amended Logistics Hub Opening Hours



In light of ongoing restrictions there will be minor changes made to the operating times of our Logistic Hubs across the route.

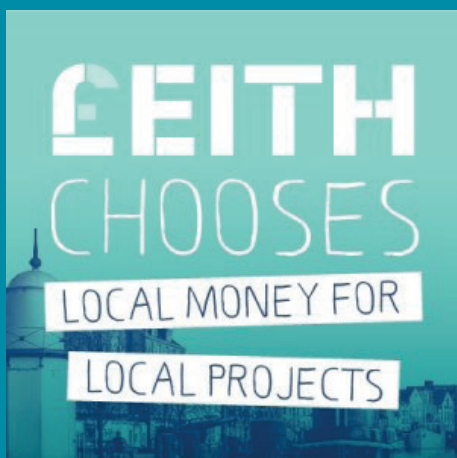
New hours will be as follows:

Monday to Friday - 9am to 4.30pm
Saturday - 8am to 1.30pm
Sunday - closed



Community Benefits

The project is delighted to be involved in £eith Chooses this year. We will be promoting details on how people can get involved and have also donated a sum of money to this year's event.



Stevodore Place



Site investigation works in this area are now complete. The project will begin the main works on the area outside Stevodore Place on 18 January 2021. The programme is as follows:

- January 2021 – Summer 2021: area outside Stevodore Place – clearance of utilities and laying of track, ducting and drainage;
- Summer 2021 – Autumn 2021: existing roadway – clearance of utilities and laying of track, ducting and drainage; and
- Autumn 2021 – Winter 2021/22: Roadway from the roundabout to the casino and port area – completion of new roadway

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. The full construction programme can be viewed on the project website.

The project has held discussions with representatives from the area regarding the landscaping designs on Stevodore Place. There is strong support for the retention of the 'boulevard effect' but not for the planting of trees on east side of the street. On the back of these discussions, designs are being developed and further discussions on this, and further plans for trees in the vicinity, are planned in the coming weeks.

Additional Traffic & Pedestrian Updates



Constitution Place/Ocean Way - Temporary Traffic Lights

We will be installing 4 way traffic lights at Constitution Place/Ocean Way on Tuesday 19 January for approximately 4 days.

Jane Street Industrial Estate - Temporary Road Closure

We are continuing with utility diversion works on Jane Street in the Industrial Estate. Localised diversion and parking restrictions are in place with access to businesses being maintained at all times. These works are expected to be complete mid March 2021.

Manderston Street - Temporary Road Closure

Manderston Street will be closed at its junction with Leith Walk to facilitate utility diversion works from Monday 18 January 2021 for approximately 7 weeks. This is a continuation of the works that are currently taking place at the junction of Jane Street and Leith Walk. Localised diversions and parking restriction will be in place with pedestrian access being maintained at all times. There will be adjustments to the traffic lane on Leith Walk at Manderston Street to accommodate these works.

Pilrig Street to Dalmeny Street - Footpath and Cycleway Adjustments

There have been minor adjustments to the cycleway on Leith Walk between Pilrig Street and Dalmeny Street to accommodate the works. Pedestrians and cyclists will be diverted around the works using a suitable alternative route. Signage will be installed in the local area to let pedestrians and cyclists know about the diversion and the recommended route.



Small Business Spotlight

Find about Griffen Fitness in our small business spotlight article.


Tell us a bit about your business.

"Griffen Fitness was established in 2005, teaching people how to get fit without a gym. We've had the studio on the corner of Balfour Street since 2010 and specialise in teaching exercise that can be done with minimal equipment... and maximal results. I live locally and am a regular columnist for The Leither magazine - you'll often see me out and about with my studio assistant, Coco the fitness pug (find Coco on Instagram). We also hire out the space for pop-up shops on the weekend."

Read the full article on our website.

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