



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Update

Due to weather conditions earlier in the week some main construction activities were suspended.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive including Lindsay Road
Drainage and ducting works are continuing in this section, along with new structure works being conducted to facilitate the tram infrastructure.

In the coming weeks we will be progressing works on to the south side of Lindsay Road which will see the commencement of excavation. To accommodate these works the traffic management arrangements will be adjusted in the area.

Ocean Terminal

The main infrastructure works are progressing well with the continuation of track installation.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Excavation and clearance of any utility services and archaeological finds are continuing.

In order to facilitate works in this area additional traffic management arrangements have been installed to maintain access for residents of the Cala Developments. Pedestrian diversions are also in place.

Stevedore Place

Excavation, clearance of any utility services and formation works are continuing on Stevedore Place. The pedestrian crossing was closed off on Tuesday 26 January 2021 to allow the progression of works in the area. This will remain closed throughout the duration of the works.



Melrose Drive



McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Archaeology Vlog #21

We catch up with John Lawson the City Archaeologist as he gives us a brief update on the works and an exciting new discovery.



London Road Clock

Last year, the clock was taken to a specialist clockmaker Smiths of Derby for refurbishment. Restorations are now well underway. Starting with welding the base of the clock back together, the rest of the clock was then prepared for priming. A new aluminium deer and repairs to the Coat of Arms of Edinburgh, which sits at the top of the clock, have also begun.



More Updates



Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Main infrastructure works are progressing with the section between Constitution Place to Tower Street open to traffic. Tower Street to Baltic / Bernard Street works are progressing well with majority of track slab installed. These works will be followed with surfacing and public realm improvements.

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. A temporary footpath has been constructed to accommodate the works. Foundation works are required at the graveyard wall on 15 February which will involve minor piling. Works are expected to take approximately two weeks. Noise and vibration will be monitored throughout the process to ensure that the works are kept within the specified limits stipulated within the Code of Construction Practice. Residents should expect to see the rig arriving prior to the works commencing. We will be working additional hours in this section on Saturday 13 February from 1pm to 7pm.

Laurie Street to Foot of the Walk

Drainage and ducting works are continuing in this area. In order 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.

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.

Pilrig to McDonald Road

Excavation works have now been completed and this area is being backfilled and has been handed over to SFN with the commencement of main infrastructure work.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

The main infrastructure works are progressing well in this area with the commencement of track laying works.

Annandale Street to London Road

Main infrastructure works have commenced in this section. Site investigation works are being undertaken between Gayfield Square and London Road.

Running Lane Works



Leith Walk - City Bound Lane Closure

In order to carry out essential maintenance repairs on the running lane on Leith Walk, we were required to undertake night shift works from 8 February. The works were to be a rolling closure starting from the Foot of the Walk and were expected to be completed by Saturday 13 February. However the works were only completed from Foot of the Walk to Pilrig Street and were then postponed on Wednesday 10 February due to adverse weather conditions.

The closure from McDonald Road to Annandale Street will now be undertaken on Monday 15 February. In order to minimise disruption this closure will take place between 7pm to 11pm. Traffic marshals will be in attendance to ensure localised/emergency service access is maintained.

From Monday 15 February we will be undertaking emergency BT repair works on the running lane at Smiths Place which will require a closure of the running lane from Crown Street to Lorne Street between 7pm to 5am for 4 nights. Localised/emergency service access will be maintained to and from Steads Place, Smiths Place, Crown Street and Casselbank Street using traffic marshals.

Elm Row - Daytime Closure of City Bound Running Lane

In order to carry out essential surfacing repair works on the running lane at Elm Row, a daytime road closure on the running lane was scheduled to be in place from Wednesday 10 February to Friday 12 February.

All citybound traffic was to be diverted via Elm Row to the London Road roundabout and all parking in the area was to be banned for the duration of the works. This was postponed due to adverse weather conditions and is now scheduled for Wednesday 17 February to Friday 19 February.

Additional Traffic and Pedestrian Management

Lindsay Road - Traffic Management Changes

There will be changes to the traffic management arrangements on Lindsay Road in the coming weeks. This is to facilitate the main infrastructure works on the south side of the road. Confirmation on the dates of these changes to follow.

Jane Street - Footpath/Cycle Lane on Leith Walk

There will be further alterations to the footpath and cycle lane on Leith Walk at Jane Street to facilitate the gas diversions works from week commencing 15 February for approximately 5 weeks. These alterations maintain pedestrian and cycle access. Please use caution on approach.

Manderston Street - Temporary Road Closure

Manderston Street is closed at its junction with Leith Walk to facilitate utility diversion works. 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 restrictions are in place with pedestrian access being maintained. There have been adjustments to the traffic lane on Leith Walk at Manderston Street to accommodate these works.

Leith Active Travel Improvements



Community engagement seeking feedback on designs for a protected cycle track linking the Foot of the Walk to Ocean Terminal and to help develop proposals for a Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) in Leith has begun this week. The Leith Connections project is proposing measures to make it safer and more comfortable to walk, cycle, wheel and spend time in the area. The project will compliment the Trams to Newhaven project and includes plans to pedestrianise Sandport Place Bridge and the creation a bus-only section at the Shore.

They are seeking residents' and business views on travel choices and spaces for movement and relaxation. Feedback will be used to inform the designs. The project will enhance and promote access to public transport, improve cycling provision in the area and address issues with traffic volume and speed in residential streets.

For the Foot of the Walk to Ocean Terminal active travel improvements, further development of existing designs will follow feedback, with the aim of publishing Traffic Regulation Orders later this year and beginning construction in 2022.

Find out more the Council website or call 0131 322 1122 if you would like a paper copy of the information and survey.



Small Business Spotlight

Find out more about Picture to Puppet.

Tell us a bit about your business.
“At Picture to Puppet, we make beautifully crafted puppets and soft toys to order. Just send us a picture or a description, and within weeks we can transform your idea into something as beautiful or scary as you want. There are no limits— if you can dream it, we can make it!”

Some common requests are likeness puppets based on a photo of a family member, custom soft toys based on toys based on people's pets, toys based on children's drawings and recreations of lost toys.


Our clients range from TV companies to children's counsellors and from ventriloquists to schools, local authorities and families. Keep your eyes out for our work on TV - you might see our comedian puppets on Dave or you might see us featured on Junk rescue on Ceebeebies.

We also set up Leith Toy Hospital, where we fix all sorts of modern and antique toys.”

Read the full article on our website.

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