



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Update

Newhaven to Melrose Drive including Lindsay Road

Main infrastructure works are continuing in this section. This includes structural work to the retaining wall in order to facilitate the new tram infrastructure on Lindsay Road.

On 29 March we will start works on the south side of Lindsay Road which will see continued excavation of the existing road to lower it to the finished road level. To accommodate these works the traffic management arrangements will be adjusted in the area. These traffic management arrangements will be kept under review.

Ocean Terminal

The main infrastructure works are progressing well with the continuation of track installation. In addition, work has started on the construction of the Ocean Terminal tram stop. Public realm works are scheduled to begin in this area during spring.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Excavation and clearance of utility services are continuing.

Stevedore Place

Main infrastructure works are ongoing in this area. We are currently installing drainage and then ducting, which will be followed by track slab.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

The installation of track slab between Tower Street to Baltic/ Bernard Street has been progressing which has now seen a significant amount of track installed, with a small section of drainage still to complete. Pedestrian access will be maintained. From Monday 29 March further drainage and ducting works will commence within the site set up from Constitution Place to Tower Street. In order to carry out these works 4 way temporary traffic lights will be installed. Follow on works will include the commencement of foundation works for the install of over light equipment (OLE) install, kerbing, surfacing street lighting and landscaping works within the footpath.



A minute's silence on site



Ocean Terminal



Constitution Place to Baltic Street



Leith Walk at Annandale Street

A Minute's Silence

On Tuesday 23 March at 12pm the project along with the rest of the UK held a minute's silence to remember and commemorate those who have lost their lives due to the pandemic.

Leithers of the Past



A first glimpse of what some of the people uncovered during the excavation of 14th-17th century graveyard.

Forensic artists have used hi-tech software to reconstruct the faces of the Leith's inhabitants who lived up to 700 years ago might have looked like.

Easter

SFN will be continuing works on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Our contact centre will answer calls as normal. Our Twitter and email account will not be monitored over this period.

More Updates



Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Main infrastructure works are continuing in this area with track installation ongoing and localised drainage.

Coatfield Lane to Laurie Street

Construction of the South Leith Parish Church Wall has seen the piles now fully installed and the pile cap concrete pours ongoing. Following this you will see the full wall start to rise up and take the final form that will be visible upon completion.

Laurie Street to Foot of the Walk

Excavation works have begun ahead of proving and installation of central ducting.

Due to the nature of these works the fencing in the area will be adjusted to allow space for pedestrians and cyclists to pass on the west side, maintaining the existing footway to the east, while enclosing the road between. Pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained at all times.

Crown Street to Jane Street

We are continuing with the diversion of a 500mm diameter gas main at Jane Street and Manderston Street. This a complex diversion due to the constrained space and working carefully around other utilities. Works will continue into May.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Springfield Street will reopen following the installation of track across this junction. We will advise of an opening date in the coming weeks but we expect to install all track up to Steads Place prior to this change.

Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Excavations continue to locate the positions of power cables and to provide routes for new drainage and ducting.

Dalmeny to Prilig Street

Surfacing and public realm works are underway. You will see the removal of existing kerb lines. These works will facilitate the commencement of works such as installing gullies/drainage.

Pilrig to McDonald Road

Constructing the tram over the Network Rail bridge in this section is complex and planning continues on the best methodologies to use. The installation of tram infrastructure has begun on either side of the bridge.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

The main infrastructure works are progressing well in this area with significant tracklaying completed. This section has also seen the site extended to facilitate the new cycleway/footpath works similar to the Dalmeny/Pilrig section.

Annandale Street to London Road

This weekend Annandale junction re-open to traffic which will then accommodate the closure of McDonald Road.

Community Benefits

We are delighted to be launching an Easter tramtastic engagement campaign for local children, young people and families. We will be installing 9 Easter community engagement boards throughout the route of the project. All you have to do is visit the boards (with a phone) and answer the questions correctly. If you answer the questions correctly, you will be entered in to a prize draw and be in with a chance to win an Easter surprise. We will be selecting winners each day.

The more boards you visit, the more you will be in with a chance of winning! All you need to do is scan the QR codes on the boards and enter the required details. The campaign will be live from Friday 2 April to Saturday 10 April.

Additional Traffic Management



Jane Street Industrial Estate - Temporary Road Closure

To commence the install of trackslab across the Bernard / Baltic junctions the carriageway will be reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights. This has been in place from 17 March for approximately 12 weeks. The timings of the traffic lights in the area is currently under review.

Jane Street Industrial Estate - Temporary Road Closure

Carriageway works have begun on Jane Street with reinstatement of the cobbles which is expected to take 4-6 weeks. The road closure on Jane Street will remain in place until these works are complete. Localised diversions and parking restrictions are in place with access to businesses being maintained.

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 restriction are in place with pedestrian access being maintained at all times. There have been adjustments to the traffic lane on Leith Walk at Manderston Street to accommodate these works. Manderston Street had been expected reopen in March 2021 however due to the complex nature of the works this will now remain closed until May 2021.

Opening of Annandale Street and Closure of McDonald Road

From Saturday 27 March 2021 Annandale Street junction will open to allow a right-hand turn onto Leith Walk. Access to Annandale Street will be maintained from the London Road roundabout using a single lane. From Sunday 28 March McDonald Road will be closed to enable works to progress across this junction. The diversion will be via Pilrig Street.

Iona Street Closure

Iona Street will be closing at the junction with Leith Walk and Buchanan Street from Monday 29 March for approximately 5 days to accommodate site investigation works. Pedestrian access will be maintained however there will be no parking for the duration of the closure. There will be a requirement to further close Iona Street in April for a duration of approx 11 weeks to install new drainage systems as part of the project.

There is a requirement for new drainage systems to be located at various junctions along the route. The purpose of these is to provide additional storage for rain and surface water for when the system is at high capacity. The stored water is then released back into the system in a controlled manner once there is sufficient capacity.

Lorne Street Closure

There will be no access to Leith Walk from Lorne Street from 6 April for approx 5 days. Access to Lorne Street from Leith Walk will be maintained. Localised diversions and parking restrictions will be in place to facilitate the works.

Cycling Notifications

To allow for the construction of the new segregated cycleway that is part of the final design for the project, we have to review the bi-directional cycle lane provision on the west side of Leith Walk.

Whilst these works are being conducted, there will be restrictions in place for cyclists. This will require the closure of sections of the bi-directional cycleway. Where possible alternative routes will be signposted for cyclists. Advisory signage has been installed.

Should cyclists wish to remain on the west side of Leith Walk or where there is no obvious diversion route then we would advise that cyclist's approach with care, caution and walk bicycles through restricted space. We have noticed several cyclists have not been following the guidance and we changed certain elements of the signs to make directions clearer, so we ask for everyone's safety that these be followed.

We commenced these works from Monday 15 March 2021 between Annandale Street and Balfour Street. From 5 April 2021 we will commence these works from Balfour Street to Springfield Street for 10 weeks. From 26 April 2021 we will commence these works from Springfield Street to Steads Place for 5 weeks.

We will continue to review all sites but several sections of the footway do not allow us to widen them any further due to ongoing works. We have installed two passing points between Dalmeny Street and Pilrig Street and will be installing a further between McDonald Road and Annandale Street. We ask that people consider other pedestrians and give them space. Keep left if possible and pass on the right.

We will be undertaking site investigation works on the footpath at Croall Place. These works will begin on Monday 29 March for 2 weeks. This will result in the footpath width being reduced and the cycleway being re-aligned. During the second week of works we will be closing the cycleway. Signage will be in place.

Following the site investigation works utility diversion works will then begin. These works are expected to follow directly on from the site investigation works for approx 13 weeks. Further information on this will be provided once the site investigation works have commenced.



Small Business Spotlight

Find out more about Dean Jones Hairdressing. This business will be reopening on Monday 5 April in line with Scottish Government guidelines.

Tell us a bit about your business. *"We are a modern and inviting hair salon situated on Elm Row. We're here to look after all your hair needs. Our dedicated and enthusiastic team aim to aid you in achieving your hair goals. We take care of you and your hair. An in depth consultation with every client is a must, we'll listen and discuss your future plans for your hair."*

Read the full article on our website.

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