



Project Newsletter



Construction Update

Newhaven to Melrose Drive including Lindsay Road

Works include the progression of overhead line equipment (OLE) works and shuttering works for the track. This will enable the first of the rails being installed at the Newhaven tram stop.

Ocean Terminal

Main infrastructure cross over is being installed as part of the track works. A cross over is mechanism that allows the trams to switch direction from inbound to outbound. Hard landscaping, tram stop and public realm works continue.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Main infrastructure works and remaining utility works ongoing.

Stevedore Place

Drainage, ducting and ground preparation works for track slab are now complete ready for the installation of rail. This will be followed by the creation of a carriageway and hard landscaping.

Genting Casino to Constitution Place

We will be undertaking site investigations works within the west footpath from Monday 26 April for approx three days.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Further drainage and ducting works has started. Follow on works will include OLE foundations, the creation of the kerb line, surfacing street lighting and landscaping works. This will require the closure of the footpath on the west side in the coming weeks. A footpath closure will also be required on the east side between Constitution Place to Bernard Street within the next two weeks, this will allow hard landscaping works to commence. We will be working additional hours Saturday 24 April at Bernard Street on the footpath near RBS until 5pm for utility works.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Main infrastructure works are continuing in this area with track installation ongoing. A temporary crossing point was installed to the south of Mitchell Street/Maritime Lane on 21 April.



Ocean Terminal crossover



Lorne Street to Manderston Street



Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

Support for Business

Please continue to support local businesses in the area on Leith Walk, Constitution Street and Ocean Terminal by shopping local. Following the First Ministers announcement this week more outlets, including hospitality, retail and leisure businesses, will be opening on Monday 26 April.

Don't forget to use your itison vouchers and watch out for more vouchers being made available during May.

A digital marketing campaign highlighting Leith being 'Open for Business' will start this week.

TRO

The project has commenced the Traffic Regulation Process (TRO). A TRO details the nature and extent of how our roads are used and managed such as details of road closures, restrictions on turning movements and the position of parking and loading spaces.

The purpose of the TRO process is to invite comment and objections on the parking and loading arrangements being proposed and any changes to moving traffic requirements and ingress/ egress from streets. Only measures presented within the traffic order may be objected to.

You will be able to view and comment on the TRO until Friday 14 May. You can also review the FAQs on the project website.

More Updates



Coatfield Lane to Laurie Street

Construction of the South Leith Parish Church wall continues with the concrete section complete by the end of next week.

Laurie Street to Foot of the Walk

To progress the construction of the foundation for the tram stop and street furniture in the area, excavation works have commenced ahead of the installation of central ducting. Excavations on the east side are complete, and foundations have been installed for the tram stop. The footpath on the east side allows access to businesses ahead of reopening on Monday 26 April.

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 a number of other utilities and works will continue into May 2021.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Main infrastructure works are ongoing including some track installation. Springfield Street will reopen following the installation of track across this junction. We expect to install all track up to Steads Place prior to reopening.

Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Excavations continue in this area to locate the positions of power cables and to provide routes for new drainage and ducting and to allow for track slabs to be installed.

Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

Main infrastructure works are continuing in this area including the foundations for the OLE poles. We will continue removing existing kerb lines and the initial few rows of slabs to create space for the new cycle lane design prior to installing gullies/ drainage and new kerb lines. Surfacing and public realm works are also underway. We are removing existing kerb lines and the initial rows of slabs to make way for the new cycle lane design prior to installing gullies/drainage and new kerb lines.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Main Infrastructure works are continuing. Constructing the tram over the Network Rail bridge in this section will commence over the coming weeks. The installation of tram infrastructure continues either side of the bridge.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

McDonald Road is now been closed at its junction with Leith Walk for excavation and clearance works at this junction. This section has also seen the site extended to facilitate the installation of new valve chambers and water services.

Annandale Street to London Road

Main infrastructure works are continuing in this section.

Additional Traffic and Pedestrian Management



Jane Street Industrial Estate - Temporary Road Closure

Carriageway reinstatement is now complete within the Industrial Estate and the localised closure has now been lifted. There will be minor adjustments to the fence line on Leith Walk at Jane Street from Monday 26 April for approximately seven weeks to accommodate utility works in the footpath. Following the adjustments pedestrian cycle and footpath bridges will be re installed to allow the site to be extended towards Jane Street to facilitate the diversion works.

Baltic Street / Bernard Street Junction - Temporary Traffic Lights

To commence the install of track slab across the Bernard / Baltic junctions the carriageway will be reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights. We have implemented the following changes to help improve the flow of traffic:

- Temporary lights are being manually controlled during peak times.
- Installation of a box junction at Timber Bush to help residents with access and egress.

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. The traffic lane on Leith Walk at Manderston Street will be reinstated to the original position early next week to allow further progression of utility diversion works in the area. Manderston Street will remain closed until May 2021.

Maritime Lane - Temporary Road Closure

From Wednesday 7 April access to Maritime Lane from Mitchell Street has been closed. This closure is to progress with track works across the junction. These are expected to last for up to ten weeks.

Newhaven / Melrose Drive

Traffic managements arrangements are in place to facilitate works on the south side of Lindsay Road and these new arrangements are expected to be in place until mid-May 2021. On completion of these works the traffic management arrangements will flip back to the north side of Lindsay Road to allow the continuation of main infrastructure works.

Constitution Place to Tower Street

Four way temporary traffic lights have been installed to accommodate drainage and ducting works.

Coatfield Lane Junction

We are required to extend the site at this junction as per the original plans which will require the install of temporary lights. These works will start Monday 3 May and last approximately four weeks.

Arthur Street - Changes to Fence Line

There will be minor adjustments to the fence line on Leith Walk at Arthur Street from Monday 26 April for approximately three weeks. This is to accommodate duct installation works in the footpath. As part of their ongoing commitments to the local community our contractors routinely employ road sweepers to not only sweep the work sites but the surrounding areas.

Leith Walk - Out of Hours Works on Running Lane

Leith Walk running lane will be closed between Foot of the Walk and Pilrig Street between the hours of 7pm - 11pm from Tuesday 4 May to Friday 7 May. This is to facilitate the proving of drainage connections across the running lane at Iona Street and Lorne Street. Access/egress to Kirk Street, Steads Place, Springfield Street and Smiths Place will be controlled from Foot of the Walk and access/egress to Jameson Place via Dalmeny Street. Traffic marshals will be on hand to assist.

Victorian Sea Wall

During excavation works at Melrose Drive in Newhaven, our team uncovered a historic sea wall, built in roughly 1860. Watch our vlog on YouTube as City Archaeologist John talks us through this piece of Victorian engineering!



Small Business Spotlight

Find out more about Afreen Fashion & Beauty.

Tell us a bit about your business. *"Afreen Fashion & Beauty has been open as a threading/beauty salon for 11 years and it has built up a loyal client base through hard work on our part and recommendations from our customers."*

We specialise in eyebrow threading treatments. We are also fully qualified in body waxing, intimate waxing, eyelash extensions, IPL/laser hair removal as well as advanced facials including dermaplaning, micro-needling and chemical peels."

Read the full article on our website.

Meet the Team

Tell us a little about yourself. *As a part of my Graduate "Apprenticeship degree in Civil Engineering at Heriot Watt University I'm an apprentice engineer with SFN, situated in the Trams to Newhaven project in Leith, Edinburgh."*

Find out more about SFN Apprentice Engineer Steven in our full meet the team article online.



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