



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Update

Newhaven to Melrose Drive including Lindsay Road

Excavation works are now complete to the south side of Lindsay Road, with surfacing and reinstatement works ongoing. Following these works the current arrangements will be lifted with traffic management reverting to the north side of Lindsay Road. This will take place on Monday 17 May. On the north side of Lindsay Road at the Newhaven terminus, works include the progression of overhead line equipment (OLE) installation and shuttering for the installation of rails. The first of the concrete pour works will start this week on the outbound tram track.

Ocean Terminal

Main infrastructure cross over continues as part of the track works. Hard landscaping and public realm work continue in this area. Work continues to construct the tram stop.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Main infrastructure works are continuing with drainage and ducting works next to Waterfront Plaza. Track works will begin soon. We are required to undertake reinforcement/structural works to the Victoria Dock Bridge on Ocean Drive. This is to allow the next phase of construction between Rennie's Isle and Tower Place to begin. This is expected to start Autumn 2021.

Stevedore Place

Drainage and ducting and ground preparation has been completed and track is now starting to be installed. Works to create a new carriageway and hard landscaping will follow.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Drainage and ducting works are now complete within the site set up from Constitution Place to Tower Street. We will be carrying out works within the footpaths between Constitution Street and Baltic Street. These works will include OLE foundations, the creation of the kerb line, surfacing, street lighting and landscaping. The footpaths will be closed from Friday 7 May for 12 weeks with a diversion created on the carriage way on the west side.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Track installation ongoing.



Ocean Terminal



Constitution Place to Baltic Street



Elm Row

Support for Business

Please continue to support local businesses in the area on Leith Walk and Constitution Street by shopping local.

Retail and restaurants within Ocean Terminal reopened on Monday 26 April in line with the easing of restrictions. In addition, Royal Yacht Britannia has announced it will be reopening on Wednesday 12 May and Vue Cinemas is reopening on Monday 17 May.

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' is ongoing.

TRO

The project has commenced the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) public consultation process. 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 observations and comment on the parking and loading arrangements being proposed and any changes to moving traffic requirements and ingress/ egress from streets

You will be able to view and comment on the TRO until Friday 14 May.

More Updates



Coatfield Lane to Laurie Street

Temporary traffic lights were installed in this area on Monday 3 May to allow main infrastructure works in the area. These arrangements will be in place for approximately four weeks. Construction of the South Leith Parish Church Wall continues with the main concrete wall section now complete. The final wall will have a rendered finish.

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 at the tram stop and installation of primary ducting are complete. The footpath on the east side will reopen up to Laurie Street week commencing Monday 10 May. The west side of the footpath will need to close over the coming weeks.

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. Works will continue into the month. Further works will be required at Easter Road and Bonnington Road that are associated with this diversion.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

The inbound track has been completed with works on the outbound track underway. Springfield Street will reopen following the installation of track across this junction.

Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Excavations continue 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. Surfacing and public realm works are ongoing. Works on the footway have restarted following issues around utilities in this area.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Main infrastructure works are continuing. Painting of the exposed steelwork of the Network Rail bridge has begun to provide protection ahead of concrete works. The installation of tram infrastructure continues either side of the bridge.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Infrastructure works have begun with the installation of drainage ducting. Works on the footway have restarted following issues around utilities having been resolved.

Annandale Street to London Road

The track slabs are substantially complete in this area, with more track slab pours continuing. Works on the foundation of OLE poles will begin soon.

Additional Traffic and Pedestrian Management

Newhaven/Melrose Drive

Traffic management arrangements were adjusted on Monday 29 March to facilitate works on the south side of Lindsay Road. These works are almost complete so on Monday 17 May the traffic management arrangements will flip back to the north side of Lindsay Road.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

We are finalising our temporary diversion arrangements for this and these will be published soon.

Constitution Place to Tower Street

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

Baltic Street/Bernard Street Junction

To commence the installation of track slab across the Bernard Street/Baltic Street junction the carriageway has been reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights. Following reports of congestion 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.

Tower Street

As restrictions begin to ease and traffic increases, we are now required to reinstate parking restrictions on the south side of Tower Street. The temporary traffic lights will also be switched back on at the junction of The Shore/Tower Street. These will be in place from Monday 10 May.

Manderston Street - Temporary Road Closure

Manderston Street is closed at its junction with Leith Walk for utility diversion works. Localised diversions and parking restrictions are in place with pedestrian access being maintained. The traffic lane on Leith Walk at Manderston Street has been reinstated to its original position to allow further progression of utility diversion works. Manderston Street will remain closed until end of May 2021.

Maritime Lane Closure

Access to Maritime Lane from Mitchell Street remains closed. This closure is to progress with track works across the junction. This is expected to last for up to ten weeks.

Arthur Street

There have been minor adjustments to the fence line on Leith Walk at Arthur Street. This is for duct installation works in the footpath and is scheduled to be completed in May.

Coatfield Lane Junction

To complete this section of works the site was extended at this junction on Tuesday 4 May. This will require the installation of temporary lights for approximately four weeks.

Gordon Street

To complete gas transfers we will be required to restrict parking to the front of some properties on Gordon Street from Monday 10 May for approximately ten days.

McDonald Road Pedestrian Crossing

The pedestrian crossing on Leith Walk at McDonald Road was moved south of the McDonald Road junction on Thursday 6 May to progress track works.

Leith Walk Raised Crossings

We will be installing raised crossings on Leith Walk to improve public safety.

Cycling Notification

As part of the construction site set up on Leith Walk in March 2020, a temporary bi-directional cycleway was created on the west side of the street. This cycleway ran from Annandale Street down to Jane Street.

To begin to create the north-bound segregated cycleway as part of the final design, works began on 15 March 2021 on sections between Annandale Street and McDonald Road and from Pilrig Street to Balfour Street. This resulted in the fence line on the footways moving in towards the buildings which required the suspension of the temporary bi-directional cycleway in these sections.

To progress the full length of the permanent cycleway from Annandale Street to Foot of the Walk, works will commence on further sections on the west side of Leith Walk from Monday 24 May 2021. These works will require the closure of the cycleway for the full length of Leith Walk.

Duckling Rescue

SFN's foreman Pascal, rescued small baby ducklings who became strayed from their mother. Thanks to the Scottish SPCA for their support in attending our work site to collect them.

Well done to the team, especially our foreman Pascal!



Small Business Spotlight

Find out more about Shore Avocado.

Tell us a bit about your business.
"We are a new family run business, priding ourselves in selling fresh homemade food ranging from toasties, paninis and wraps to soups and light lunches. Currently in this period we are mostly takeaway, however, in the near future (COVID-19 depending) we have plans in place to provide both indoor and outdoor seating making it easier to enjoy our tasty food!"

What makes your business unique?

"We think our business is somewhat unique in the sense that we are a family run business. We also aim to provide the highest quality of food possible at the most affordable prices. Our biggest aim is to ensure customer satisfaction, to ensure this, we are always open to customers opinions and suggestions!"

Read the full article on our website.

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