



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven including Lindsay Road

Site clearance works will start in the area of trees between Lindsay Road and Hawthornvale footway for the new cycleway link between the Melrose Drive junction and the Hawthornvale cycleway. The first phase of these works will involve the clearance of shrubs. An ecology survey has confirmed there are no nesting birds. The works carried out recently include:

- Progressing the backfill behind the retaining walls.
- The substation buildings works have progressed ahead of the installation of the final containerised unit.
- Continuation of the outstanding retaining wall works.
- Sub-base material, which forms the tram foundation, will begin to be installed with a temporary material added on top. This will be left in place for a short time and the levels monitored to ensure no further settlement. When this is complete it will be removed to begin track installation.

Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping and public realm works are ongoing with adjustments being made to the fence lines, pedestrian and cyclist access is maintained. Ten cycle racks remain available.

These will remain in place until further hard landscaping works are required. To progress with public realm works a temporary closure to the garden will be in place from Monday 19 July for approximately 12 weeks. The works will involve:

- Removal of a small number of shrubs and trees adjacent to the existing Ocean Terminal entrance sign.
- Removal of the Ocean Terminal entrance sign to allow realignment ahead of a new entrance sign being installed
- The creation of a new layout to access the car park.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

We have extended the site to advance the works with parking restrictions in place. Reinforcement and structural works to Victoria Bridge continue with footways closed until Autumn 2021.



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Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle



Pilrig Street to McDonald Street



Annandale Street to London Road

More Construction Updates

Stevedore Place

The main infrastructure works on the north side of the road are almost complete. The next phase of works will see us flip traffic from the south to the newly completed north side. This will enable us to close off the south side to work on the northbound track and tram stop. Site set up will begin on the Saturday 24 July with traffic management arrangements in place from Monday 26 July. These works are scheduled to be completed by Autumn 2021.

Ocean Way

We have almost completed all OLE works on the west side and ducting will be installed before public realm works begin. We will then change traffic management to complete the west side.

Constitution Place to Queen Charlotte Street

With the track substantially complete it allows us to install OLE bases, the foundations upon which we will later install poles, followed by the catenary equipment to transfer power to the trams. The hard landscaping is progressing and we expect to move back fences lines soon. Walkways will continue to be moved to the track slab at times. The footway on the west side of Constitution Street is closed travelling north bound down Constitution Street. This is expected to be shut until August. We will be working additional hours on Saturdays (1pm-4pm) from Saturday 17 July for 6/7 weeks.

Queen Charlotte Street to Foot of the Walk

On Monday 19 July we will extend a section of traffic management to the north of 115 Constitution Street for the clearance of an OLE base. This will take one week and following that traffic management will be amended slightly from Monday 26 July for 12 weeks. This will allow utility clearance followed by track laying. We will be working additional hours from 9pm-5am on Wednesday 21 July to complete water diversion works. Any impacted properties will be notified.

Crown Street to Jane Street

The diversion of the 500mm diameter gas main is now complete at Jane Street and Manderston Street, enabling us to complete clearance and utility works ahead of main infrastructure works. Manderston Street will remain closed until the end of July to complete further site investigation works on the footpath to the north side. The footpath has been closed.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Installation of ducting chambers near Jane Street is underway. Concrete bases for OLEs have also been poured. Hard landscaping works are continuing.

Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Blinding pours continue for track slab works. Structural blinding has been poured as the tram stop takes shape.

Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

Concrete pours have been undertaken for the central reservation. OLE bases have also been poured.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Track slab pours have been undertaken enabling works on the inbound lane to the historic rail bridge to progress. Traffic management changes on Brunswick Road to allow additional space on site is facilitating good progress on the outbound. Kerbing has progressed at the McDonald Road junction.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Works continue on the tram stop and hard landscaping.

Annandale Street to London Road

Kerb installation is continuing on the central reservation. The foundations for OLEs and track slabs have been completed. Cobbles continue to be removed at Elm Row with excavation works underway. There will be three phases of works which will be completed by Winter 2021/22.

Leith Walk Gas Diversion Vlog



One of the most complex utility diversions the project has faced is the large SGN gas main on Leith Walk from Manderston Street to Jane Street. The 500mm plastic main is one of the largest gas mains in Edinburgh and was a complicated diversion due to the constrained space and working carefully around several other utilities. Over 900m of gas pipe had to be isolated from Bonnington Road to Easter Road in order to carry out the works.

Head to our YouTube to watch as we speak to Kris (Turner & Townsend Senior Project Manager) and Matt (SGN Team Manager) who talk us through how they completed this diversion and what works can now start in the area.

Additional Traffic Management & Pedestrian Updates



Foot of the Walk - Traffic Management Changes

A traffic management change will take place at the Duke Street / Great Junction Street junction in early August. This will mean that the project will acquire further space at this junction to commence excavation, utility and main infrastructure works.

Antigua Street - Change of Access

Following on from the site investigation works in April 2021 we are carrying out utility diversion works within the footways and parking/loading areas. These works started on Wednesday 9 June for approximately seven weeks. There are adjustments to the traffic lane north bound at London Road roundabout with access only to Gayfield Square from Leith Walk being maintain at the north entrance.

Lorne Street - Temporary Road Closure

Lorne Street is now closed to traffic from Leith Walk to the junction of Lorne Place to facilitate attenuation pipe installation works. The closure ties in with the school holidays.

Iona Street - Temporary Road Closure

Works have commenced with excavation for the installation of the new attenuation pipes which will support surface water drainage in the local area. To facilitate these works Iona Street has closed to traffic from Leith Walk to the junction of Buchanan Street from Monday 14 June for approximately 16 weeks.

Baltic Street - Temporary Traffic Lights

On the Wednesday 21 July we will reduce traffic management at the Baltic Street junction back to one lane (traffic lights) until Sunday 1 August. This is required to plane out and install temporary tar to facilitate two lanes of traffic over our new track slab allowing the connection of track across this junction.

Cycling Notification

To progress construction of the permanent segregated cycleway on the west side of Leith Walk, we have closed the temporary bi-directional cycleway at certain sections.

These works are scheduled to be completed by Autumn 2021 at which point the new permanent cycleway on Leith Walk will be available for use.

A diversion route for cyclists has been established while these works are being undertaken, the following routes have been identified in both directions and are signposted:

- Great Junction Street - Bonnington Road - Stanwell Street - Pilrig Park - Balfour Street - Cambridge Gardens - Cambridge Avenue - Dryden Street - Dryden Terrace - McDonald Road - Annandale Street Lane - Annandale Street - **in both directions.**
- Gordon Street - Halmyre Street - Dickson Street - Iona Street - Leith Walk - Pilrig Street - Dryden Street - Dryden Terrace - McDonald Road - Annandale Street Lane - Annandale Street - **heading south.**
- Iona Street - Dickson Street - Halmyre Street - Gordon Street - **heading north.**



Small Business Spotlight

Find out more about Capital Cartridges.

Tell us a bit about your business.

“Capital Cartridges is a family run business which has had a retail shop on Elm Row since 2004.

We specialise in all printing consumables such as genuine and refilled ink and toner cartridges, printing/photocopying/scanning and having also recently expanded into key cutting and being a DPD Parcel drop off point.”

Tell us a bit about your business.

“Printers and cartridges can often be a bit of a minefield so with almost 20 years of experience we have a wide knowledge of almost any cartridge that is available as manufacturers release more and more models. We also keep stock of older cartridges that can become more problematic to source. As well as selling genuine manufacturers cartridges we also stock compatible cartridges - a much cheaper alternative that work just as well while also often having more ink/toner.”

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