



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven including Lindsay Road

Retaining wall works are continuing along with the construction of the alignment of the junction linking Lindsay Road to Melrose Drive. Drainage and ducting works on Melrose Drive are now almost complete which will then enable the start of track works. The substation building works on Melrose Drive are ongoing with the final containerised unit now installed. A temporary road closure across the north Leith Sands junction is required to undertake utility connection works to the new substation. These works will start on Tuesday 7 September for three working days.

Ocean Terminal

Main infrastructure is progressing well with the installation of the curved rails to the north side of Ocean Terminal ongoing. In addition, hard landscaping, public realm work and the construction of the Ocean Terminal tram stop continues. Over the coming weeks reinstatement to the existing footways will commence which will involve pedestrian footways moving. Diversions will be in place throughout these works. Works have commenced adjacent to the Discovery Garden, with the removal of the Ocean Terminal wall ongoing.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Reinforcement and structural works to Victoria Bridge continue with the main footways to be closed. These arrangements will be in place until Autumn 2021.

New temporary traffic management is in place to the north of Ocean Terminal which is controlled via a 3-way traffic light system. This is for the extension of site on Ocean Drive near the CALA Developments. To maintain access to the developments and accommodate site extension the temporary running lane has been moved and extended. These arrangements are expected to be in place until early Spring 2022.

In mid-July the site towards the east of Rennie's Isle was extended. Parking restrictions remain in place to accommodate the new traffic management arrangements.



Ocean Terminal



Constitution Street



Pilrig Street to Dalmeny Street



Annandale Street to London Road

More Construction Updates



Ocean Drive at Stevedore Place and Ocean Way

Phase One of the main infrastructure works on the north side of Ocean Way are complete. Additional works will be undertaken within a third phasing of works for this area which will include concrete finishing, carriageway works, tram stop works, installation of grasscrete and further landscaping. Phase Two of construction works has commenced on the south side of Ocean Way, adjacent to the Tradewinds development. An extension to the site lines on Ocean Way was required with traffic management arrangements extending west bound. This is to accommodate further excavation and main infrastructure works. Additionally, there will be OLE works required to the south west of the newly established site. Traffic management arrangements have been revised in conjunction with the re-opening of two-way traffic from Baltic Street to Tower Street. Pedestrian diversions will remain.

Constitution Place to Tower Street

Works are now commencing on the east side. Included within these works are OLE foundation works, creation of the kerb lines, surfacing, street lighting and hard landscaping works. Traffic management arrangements will change from Monday 30 August. This will see this section partially re-open to traffic travelling in both directions which will be controlled via three-way temporary traffic management system to control traffic and pedestrians flows in the surrounding area at the Baltic Street junction. Localised work areas will continue within this section on the footways on the east side and on the installation of an OLE base on the footway on the west side of the street. These may require localised temporary traffic management arrangements to be altered to accommodate ongoing works and are expected to be completed in September 2021. There will be no parking, loading or stopping up in this section under these traffic management arrangements. As a result of this, we will be closing the junction at Tower Street with Constitution Street. This enables the removal of the temporary traffic lights that have been in place at the junction at The Shore/Tower Street and parking on The Shore will be reinstated up to the corner of The Shore/Tower Street. This junction closure and parking restrictions are to accommodate the new traffic management arrangements between Baltic Street/Constitution Place and will also facilitate the commencement of the installation of attenuation pipes/drainage system and reinstatement works. These works are scheduled to commence in the coming month with any affected parties receiving direct communications about these works prior to them commencing. Please note parking remains suspended on Tower Street to accommodate these future works.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

To further accommodate landscaping works on the east side footways, adjacent to Police Scotland, we will be adjusting the crossing point that is situated on Queen Charlotte Street. This will require the suspension of parking including the temporary movement of the disabled parking bay. This will be in place from Thursday 2 September until week commencing 20 September 2021. We anticipate that all current footway works will be complete by the beginning of October 2021. In September, OLE works will start adjacent to the Port of Leith Pub. Additionally, tram stop works will be outstanding and will be undertaken following the completion of junction track works along with the installation of attenuation pipes and the creation of a new public realm at Bernard Street. The Mitchell Street Logistic Hub will be removed on Wednesday 1 September. The loading area will remain and our Logistic Officers will still be available to help at the Foot of the Walk Logistic Hub.

Queen Charlotte Street to Foot of the Walk

Temporary traffic lights have been installed near 115 Constitution Street allowing utility clearance works. The footway on the east side will now reopen with main infrastructure works to commence in this section next week. Track slab concrete pours have been undertaken for the inbound lane south of Coatfield Lane. Further concrete pours have taken place on the inbound track at Foot of the Walk. Preparation works for the outbound track have started. Breaking out, excavations and foundation works have been completed for the brick wall to be built on the west side of site. There have been changes made to the traffic management at the Foot of the Walk junction adjacent to Duke Street/Great Junction Street junction. These changes were put in place to extend the site at Foot of the Walk to progress works further into the junction. Once works are complete at this junction traffic can then move across the newly laid track. In order to ease traffic movements at this junction, the Manderston Street/Leith Walk junction is open.

Construction Updates Cont.



Crown Street to Jane Street

Materials for the track foundation have been prepared with further preparation works ongoing for inbound track works. This includes the required steel reinforcement works. Following these works concrete pour works will start on the inbound track. The same installation processes will soon be underway for the outbound track. The Manderston Street junction has re-opened to traffic.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Kerb line installation for the central reservation and hard landscaping works continue.

Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Following concrete track works to the south of Balfour Street, fitting out of the tram stop and track works continue. This is in preparation for further concrete track works.

Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

Concrete works for the central reservation have been undertaken south of the new waiting area. The installation of the crossover tracks has begun and hard landscaping works are continuing. We have commenced excavation and utility works at Pilrig junction. A small site area has also been established on the footpath at the Pilrig Street/Leith Walk junction for commencement of OLE works. There is no parking or waiting available at the Pilrig junction as this area is required to remain clear for site access.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Following the reopening of the McDonald Road junction a new pedestrian crossing has been installed at the junction. The mass-fibre concrete pour has been successfully completed on the historic rail bridge and this will enable track works to progress. The pedestrian crossing that was located at Middlefield has been relocated approximately 30m to the south to allow tram works to progress. Kerb line installation works are set to commence between the Middlefield and the historic rail bridge.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Finishing works on McDonald Road tram stop continue. Paving and finishing works are underway.

Annandale Street to London Road

Installation of the kerb lines for the central reservation continues. The fence lines of site have been extended south towards the roundabout with enabling works progressing.

The fence line at Antigua Street remains to accommodate hard landscaping works. Backfill and surfacing works have been completed. Installation of drainage continues at Elm Row.

SFN will taking over the site on Picardy Place that is currently being occupied by Laing O'Rourke as part of the Edinburgh St James project on 30 August 2021.

19th Century Tram Mechanism

Hidden under Leith Walk, near Pilrig Street we've uncovered a 19th century tram cable winding mechanism. This mechanism is based at the old boundary which separated Edinburgh and Leith before they merged almost 100 years ago. Find out more in our archaeology vlog about how tram workers would have accessed these mechanisms and what was known back then as the 'Pilrig muddle' where electrified trams met their cabled pulled predecessors!



New Site Compound

We will be establishing a new site construction compound adjacent to the project office at 165 Leith Walk which will be accessed via the double gates on Halmyre Street (no's 16-20). Site preparation works have commenced in the area and delivery of site offices and materials will be ongoing until full site establishment on Monday 30 August. The yard will be operating in line with the project working hours of 7am-7pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 8am-1pm. Operations may take place out with these hours for maintenance or emergency requirements in relation to the project for which notification will be given where possible via the project's website. Parking restriction will be implemented at the entrance to the compound to allow full access.

Community Benefits

As part of our community benefits scheme on the project, we recently supported the Under 14 Leith Athletics FC team by sponsoring new football strips and training kits for the boys for the season ahead.

Some of the Trams to Newhaven team attended the teams second competitive game of the season which was held at Leith Links on Tuesday 24 August.

Special thanks to Niall Mackie and Jordan Nye who look after the Under 14s team. We look forward to hosting an onsite visit soon for the team.



Small Business Spotlight

Find out more about PC Repair Man and East Coast Data Recovery.

Tell us a bit about your business.
"Established on Leith Walk since 2008, PC Repair Man and East Coast Data Recovery specialise in computer repairs, custom builds, and data recovery."

What makes your business unique?
"We pride ourselves on expertise in both fields (computer repair and data recovery) and always try to improve. Whenever possible we offer a free diagnostic, considering the item's age and overall health before offering our quotations. We offer an honest opinion on whether to invest into the repairs or not. Our customer service is friendly, clear and without jargon."

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