



# Trams to Newhaven

## Project Newsletter



## Construction Updates

Testing and commissioning period has officially started.

### Testing and commissioning

On Monday 13 March 2023 the project reached a key milestone with the start of testing and commissioning. The first stage that took place this week involved trams travelling at walking pace along sections of the route.

Further testing is scheduled for w/c 20 March 2023 in the evenings. This will include ensuring traffic signalling and sensors are working effectively and trams travelling at quicker speeds. Please take care along the tram route.

The project remains on schedule for completion by spring 2023 and within the £207.3m budget, with all major construction now complete. A specific date for revenue services beginning will be confirmed as testing and commissioning progresses.

[You can read further information on this week's works on the project website.](#)



Picardy Place



Leith Walk



Foot of the Walk



Picardy Place

## Testing and commissioning route



### First three days of testing and commissioning

STV News joined the Trams to Newhaven team for the start of testing and commissioning.

Journalist Vanessa Kennedy interviewed Senior Officer Hannah Ross about this important milestone. [You can find out more on the STV News website.](#)



### Localised work sites

Localised works continue on carriage and footways throughout the route to for installation of new signs, street lighting, planters, landscaping, street furniture and traffic signaling.

Traffic management and pedestrian diversions will be set up as required with any changes being communicated via the project's communication channels.

## Construction Updates

### Newhaven to Leith Walk

Works are ongoing within this section. We will be installing new streetlights between Hawthornvale and Sandpiper over the coming weeks.

### Melrose Drive

Hard landscaping and surfacing works are ongoing.

### Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping continues on the eastern carriageway heading south towards the Holiday Inn. From Friday 17 March 2023, the newly installed signals at Ocean Terminal south will become live, which will see the removal of the temporary traffic management arrangements.

### Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

The bridges on Ocean Drive reopened to pedestrians this week. Vehicle access will be reinstated from Friday 17 March 2023. Please note this will result in the ban on the right hand turn from Constitution Street into Bernard Street being re-introduced from Monday 20 March 2023.

### Stevedore Place

There are ongoing surfacing, lining, and landscaping works including the area outside the old Casino and to the front of the Fingal carpark. In addition, there are outstanding works scheduled to take place at the west entrance of Stevedore Place.

### Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Final surfacing works are now complete at the Tower Street junction with the road re-open to traffic. Please note the ban on the right hand turn from Constitution Street onto Bernard Street will be re-introduced from Monday 20 March 2023.

### Bernard / Baltic Street

Public realm, drainage and ducting works on Bernard / Baltic Street commenced w/c 6 March 2023 for an estimated 10 weeks.

### Coatfield Lane to FOTW

Works at Laurie Street are now completed. Landscaping works at the front of New Kirkgate house continue. The footpath works at the Kirkgate Shopping Centre are completed and all fencing has now been removed.



### Leith Walk

Remedial works on carriageway and tram track will take place w/c 20 March and w/c 27 March 2023.

In order to carry out further lining and remedial works on the carriageway and tram track, temporary traffic management arrangements will be installed on Leith Walk w/c 20 March 2023 and w/c 27 March 2023. In the first week this will involve the closure of the west carriageway between London Road and Pilrig Street for three days. Once completed, this will re-open and works will flip to the east side of Leith Walk between Pilrig Street and London Road for a further three days.

From 27 March 2023, works will then take place between Pilrig Street and Foot of the Walk.

[Full details of this programme of work are available to view on the project website](#)

### Cycle Lane

Reinstatement and lining works on the cycleway and footpaths are scheduled to take place over the coming

weeks which will require the establishment of small localised work sites.

To accommodate these works, please note cycleways on Leith Walk remain closed in both directions and [diversion routes remain in place](#).

There is a small section of ongoing public realm works between Kirk Street and Great Junction Street.

The reinstatement of the public realm at the Kirkgate will be completed during March 2023.

There are ongoing works on the continuous footways at Jameson's Place and Smyth's Place. In addition, there will be further works at the junctions of Crown Place, Crown Street and the entrance to the NHS building at 165 Leith Walk over the coming month.

Please note, the worksites that have been established at Stead's Place are not part of the trams project.

#### **Jameson Place to Pilrig Street**

Main construction is now completed with some outstanding works required at the Jameson Place junction.

#### **Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street**

The Brunswick Street / Leith Walk junction remains closed until further notice.

Albert Street is closed at its junction with Leith Walk due to ongoing Scottish Water works which are not related to the project.

#### **York Place to London Road**

Hard landscaping works are progressing at Blenheim Place. Once the works are complete within the existing site set up, works will commence on the existing footway with access to properties and the surrounding area being maintained. Those affected will receive direct communication with further detail.

Drainage and hard landscaping at Elm Row started this week.

### **Small Business Spotlight**



#### **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!

#### **Describe your typical working day**

Our typical work day is a busy one! We open at 7:30am six days a week but are usually in the shop before then. Our morning always begins by preparing fresh fillings and salads for the selection of paninis, wraps, baked potatoes etc, as-well as prepping our morning roll breakfast items! After the early morning period of serving customers (always with a smile) our attention normally turns to preparing for the lunch time hours. This usually consists of making the homemade soups, curries and the other selection of items on the menu. Throughout the day we always ensure time to thoroughly clean the kitchen and front of the shop to make sure we have a clean environment for both the customers and ourselves! Our day usually finishes around 4pm where we pack everything up and do a deep clean of the shop ready to start again tomorrow!

#### **Why Leith?**

We chose Leith as it is an up-and-coming area with all the new tram developments! As well as the level of diversity and inclusion that Leith offers. Furthermore, the time and place just felt right for us especially as we have had strong family ties with the area in the past!

#### **Name three fellow Leith Businesses you love to visit**

Printworks, Network Barbers, Relish