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Dear Neighbour,

APPROACH VIADUCT SOUTH - LAUNCH STEELWORK

We are writing to provide you with notice of planned works associated with the Forth Replacement Crossing (FRC).

FCBC, the Principal Contractor working on the FRC on behalf of Transport Scotland is intending to extend the working hours on welding activities on the Approach Viaduct South steelwork.

We are intending to extend working hours to include the evening period (7pm – 10pm) on weekdays, Monday to Friday inclusive for this low impact activity. Best practice engineering demands that, in order to minimise the number of "cold joints" and improve the consistency of welding quality, welding periods should be maximised wherever practicable.

A further benefit is that the overall welding activity duration will be significantly reduced (up to 20%)and this will hasten completion of this element of the work programme adjacent to Linn Mill.

Our proposal, currently under discussion with the Noise Liaison Group, is to engage a skeleton crew, nominally, one supervisor & six welders using blow torches, arc welding kit and grinding plant. The works are planned to be executed in a screened environment.

The period of extended working hours is programmed to be of six months duration commencing 2nd December 2013. We will be suspending all site works in this area for two weeks over the Christmas / New Year period from Saturday 21st December 2013.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience our activities may cause and also to thank you for your patience and consideration to date.

For up to date information on the project please see Transport Scotland's FRC project website www.forthreplacementcrossing.info.

Should you have any queries, please contact our email enquiries@forthreplacementcrossing.info or our Hotline on 0800 078 6910.

In addition, our Contact and Education Centre, located adjacent to the Forth Road Bridge offices on the south side of the existing Forth Road Bridge is manned 09:00hrs to 17:00hrs, Monday toThursdays, 09:00hrs to 16:00hrs on Fridays and 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs on Saturdays to deal with enquiries and to supply information.

Issued to – Residents in the vicinity of the works described at Linn Mill, Clufflat and Springfield and LMRA, QDCC and BRIGS.

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