

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

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Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to provide you with an update of planned works on the Forth Replacement Crossing (FRC).

On the weekends of 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, and 14<sup>th</sup> November we intend to demolish the existing B800 bridge in the vicinity of Dundas Home Farm and Scotstoun. This will involve closing the A90 in both directions south of Echline Junction on the Saturday and Sunday and working with large excavators and jackhammers throughout the night and day. The M90 (formerly M9 Spur) will also be closed in both directions. The whole operation is planned to start on the Thursday evenings preceeding the weekends and continue through to the Monday mornings as follows:-

Thursday 22/10/15 - 7pm to 12 midnight – A90 lane closures to remove crash barrier and replacement with temporary vehicle restraint barrier at existing north abutment.

Friday 23/10/15 – 7pm to 12 midnight – A90 Lane closures for central reserve barrier works, install A90 crossovers.

Saturday 24/10/15 - 8pm through to Monday 26/10/15 6am– Removal of north span and north abutment. (It is hoped that these works will be complete by the Sunday Afternoon/Evening if possible)

Thursday 29/10/15 - 7pm to 12 midnight – A90 lane closures to remove crash barrier and replacement with temporary vehicle restraint barrier at existing south abutment.

Friday 30/10/15 - 7pm to 12 midnight – A90 lane closures for central reserve barrier works, install A90 crossovers.

Saturday 31/10/15 - 8pm through to Monday 02/11/15 at 6am – Removal of south span and south abutment. (It is hoped that these works will be complete by the Sunday Afternoon/Evening if possible)

As a contingency, should further works be required, we have booked the same times for the period Thursday  $12^{\text{th}}$  November,  $2015 - 16^{\text{th}}$  November 2015 inclusive.

Following the successful demolition of the bridge we will crush the concrete adjacent to the demolition location and recycle the material on site, all dayshift works.

Throughout the Saturday and Sunday activities the A90 will be temporarily closed in both directions south of Echline Junction. The M90 (formely M9 spur) will also be closed in both directions. Details of those temporary closures will be conveyed to road users and the general public via road signs, the media and Traffic Scotland and the project websites.

The opportunity created by these works is also being used by other organisations such as the Forth Bridges Operating Company (Amey), City of Edinburgh Council etc. to undertake maintenance operations on the Forth Road Bridge and on the adjacent network. This co-ordination of efforts will significantly reduce future disruption to the travelling public in the area over the longer term. A contraflow will operate on the Forth Road Bridge.

Travellers to and from Edinburgh Airport need to be aware of these closures to ensure that they allow sufficient time to make their scheduled flights.

All travellers are advised that considerable delays are expected in the vicinity of the Forth during these closures and they should use the alternative diversion routes via Kincardine or from further afield by diverting at Perth and using the A9/ M9 to get south of the Forth.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance, and to date, for your patience and consideration.

For up to date information on the project please see Transport Scotland's FRC project website <u>www.forthreplacementcrossing.info</u>. Should you have any queries, please contact our email <u>enquiries@forthreplacementcrossing.info</u> 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 to Thursday, 09:00hrs to 16:00hrs on Fridays and 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs on Saturdays to deal with enquiries and to supply information. Additionally, access to the Exhibition room in the building is available between 10am and 4pm each Saturday through to the end of October 2015 and there are also update presentations on the last Friday of every month in the same period, all as advertised on the Project Website.

Issued to – Residents in the vicinity of the works at Dundas Home Farm and Scotstoun.

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