



## **Forth Crossing** Bridge Constructors

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Dear Neighbour,

### **Forth Replacement Crossing - Southern Road Network**

We, FCBC, the contractor working on the Forth Replacement Crossing principal contract on behalf of Transport Scotland, would like to update you with this summary of our current activities on the road network South of the Forth and a description of what we will be doing in the forthcoming months in the area.

Firstly we would like to draw your attention to the project website, [www.forthreplacementcrossing.info](http://www.forthreplacementcrossing.info) where you can find information such as 3 month look ahead programmes (which are refreshed every month), minutes of community forum meetings, flyers and newsletters to help you keep track of events and progress.

### **General Activities**

Despite the adverse weather conditions – we are experiencing one of the wettest summers on record - we have still managed to progress major work activities including earthworks, drainage and structures.

Starting at the south tie-in to the A90/M9 Spur, the earthworks and drainage for the south bound bus link are progressing and these will continue for another three months. Scottish Water Utility Diversions, in the B800/Dundas area, are scheduled to start in late September (Scottish Water are to confirm timings) and these will last for 2 – 3 months. Scottish Power diversion SP3B near Dundas Home Farm is complete. Soil stripping from Dundas through to Echline is underway and this will continue into next year. Noise bund construction will be commencing in the next two weeks in the Dundas area.

Excavation for the two bridge structures at the new Queensferry Junction together with earthworks for the A904 west and U221 are underway, and these works will continue up to Christmas 2012.

General earthworks in Echline fields currently are focused on the main crossing's viaduct launch area, in preparation for the construction of a reinforced concrete launch pad and large sheds in 2013. The detention basin at Clufflats is nearing “initial” completion to allow temporary use in its partially completed state. Excavation of Linn Mill detention pond will start in early September and will take approximately six weeks to, likewise, permit temporary use. Work has resumed on the bridge access road which will cross Society Road down to the south shore of the Forth. Two weeks work should see this completed to formation level, then granular fill (sub base) and surfacing will follow. Additionally, Scottish Water is completing the diversion of the gravity sewer and pumping main near Inchgarvie House. Interim repairs to Society Road will also feature in the autumn of 2012 whilst the permanent

works to Society Road (between Clufflats and Linn Mill Bridge) will follow later but earlier than previously intended in the project.

The general plant being used in the above operations include bulldozers, excavators, hydraulic hammers (for breaking the rock in the launch area), dumptrucks and vibratory compaction rollers. It is worth noting that vibratory rollers impart the most vibration that is likely to be experienced on the project, and, whilst it can be concerning (e.g. the vibration can be felt by nearby residents) the level of vibration is very low and consequently will not materially affect the structure and fabric of adjacent buildings.

In the autumn, it is intended to hold a public meeting regarding the new Queensferry Junction on the A904, at which the various phases of construction including likely traffic management measures will be explained. Further details will be issued in due course.

### **Timing and Hours of Work**

Hours of work on road network connection areas are currently 08:00 to 19:00 Mon – Fri, 08:00 to 18:00 Saturday and these will continue as long as light permits, reducing as required as we approach the winter months. If we require to work outwith these hours we shall seek permission from Transport Scotland and local councils and, if permission is granted, we will inform affected residents accordingly.

The works as described above are an essential part of the overall Forth Replacement Crossing project, which is necessary due to concerns over the long term viability of the existing road bridge. The new crossing will maintain a vital link in the east of Scotland road network which is key to the wider Scottish economy.

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

### **Contact Information**

**For up to date information on the project please see Transport Scotland's FRC project website [www.forthreplacementcrossing.info](http://www.forthreplacementcrossing.info).**

**Should you have any queries, please contact our email [enquiries@forthreplacementcrossing.info](mailto:enquiries@forthreplacementcrossing.info) or our Hotline on 0800 078 6910.**

**In addition, our temporary Contact and Education Centre, currently located in the Forth Road Bridge offices on the south side of the existing Forth Road Bridge is manned 09:00hrs to 17:30hrs, Monday to Friday, and Saturdays 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs to deal with enquiries and to supply information.**

Issued to – Residents in the vicinity of the road network connections to the South of the Forth Replacement Crossing project.

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