



Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

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Dear Householder,

Further to our Flyer Ref F6 this is an update regarding the blasting and excavation works on Beamer Rock.

These works have been put back due to the high winds in recent days and we are now anticipating a trial blast tomorrow, Friday 2nd December 2011 at 1.30pm.

Again, it is all very weather dependent, and if we have to reschedule again, the blast will happen in normal working hours at low tide when weather conditions permit.

Should we not blast tomorrow as planned, the weather forecast indicates that our next opportunity would be into next week.

If you are anxious to find out reprogrammed dates please call the following number – 07885 345876 and ask for Ewen Macdonell of FCBC – he will give you the latest anticipated blast date.

Description of the works and plant to be deployed

The works will comprise drilling and blasting followed by excavation to the designed foundation formation level.

The plant to be deployed will include a jack-up barge, a transport barge and a split barge for equipment and material transport. A rock drill and two excavators will also be used with rotary rock cutting equipment being used to trim the excavated rock to the final level. We anticipate four blasts in the period December to January/ early February inclusive. **This includes a trial blast, as stated above, on Friday 2nd December 2011 at 1.30pm, weather permitting.**

Noise and vibration monitoring will be deployed for the full duration of these works.

Timing and Hours of Work

The works will be carried out, in accordance with the Code of Construction Practice, between 2nd December 2011 and end March 2012. These durations include preparation activities e.g. taking delivery of plant etc. All operations described above, with the exception of blasting, will be working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Blasting will be carried out during normal working hours.

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Blasting protocol

In conjunction with Forth and Tay Navigation Services, a danger zone will be designated and cleared prior to blasting. An audible warning system will be given as follows:-

- 3 minutes prior to blast; hooter for 30 seconds
- Immediately prior to blast; hooter for 10 seconds
- Blast initiated
- Blast inspected
- All clear after inspection; 3 short blasts on hooter

Whilst we will make every effort to adhere to the programme the dates may alter due to unforeseeable circumstances.

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.

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 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 supply information.

Issued to – Selected properties adjacent to the north and south shores and Community Councils.

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