



## Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

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Dear Neighbour,

FCBC, the contractor working on the Forth Replacement Crossing principal contract on behalf of Transport Scotland, will be commencing site clearance and preliminary works on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 on the south side of the River Forth. These works, which shall be ongoing through to late December 2011, will include site clearance, fencing, trial pits, environmental mitigation, drainage works, soil stripping, earthworks, roadworks, creation of access tracks, services protection, landscaping and construction of the site compound opposite Echline corner.

### Activity Description (a selection of start dates in brackets)

Site clearance (22/08/11) will include removal, from the footprint of the new road, vegetation, trees, fences, walls and small out-buildings.

Protective temporary and permanent fencing (29/08/11) will be erected to protect the environment and secure the site boundary. Screen fencing will be erected to mitigate noise and visual impacts.

Trial pits to locate services and concrete protective surrounds/slabs shall be installed in addition to goalposts designed to alert site personnel to the existence of overhead power cables.

Environmental measures such as habitat surveys, relocation of badger setts and bat roosts and setting up of monitoring instrumentation for air quality, noise, vibration and groundwater will be carried out.

Drainage works (5/09/11) will include temporary settlement measures, outfall construction, replacement of land drainage and construction of access track filter drainage. Soil stripping (12/09/11) shall precede bulk excavation and filling (12/09/11) which will include the construction of noise bunds (12/09/11) and the construction of the deck launch facility in the vicinity of Linn Mill, the fill material for these works coming from the adjacent cutting.

Roadworks, at this stage, shall be purely to form site access points and access/haul roads.

Where practicable, designated landscape areas shall be planted to ensure early as possible growth.

The temporary site compound (19/09/11) shall comprise:- security fencing, hardcore/tarmac hardstanding for parking of transport and machines, offices, welfare units and secure stores. This compound is expected to house approximately 70

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personnel engaged on the south section of the works.

### Plant Description

Plant will include excavators, bulldozers, rollers, dump trucks, dumpers, hydraulic breakers, mulchers, chain saws, road wagons, pumps, compressors, generators and some craneage.

### Timing and Hours of Work

The works will be carried out between the 22nd August 2011 and late December 2011.

Hours of work on each day shall be 0800hrs to 1900hrs Mon – Fri inclusive and Saturday 0800 hrs – 1800hrs. On weekdays only, personnel shall be permitted to arrive on site from 0730hrs. Generally no plant shall be permitted to start up before 0800hrs and the site shall be cleared of personnel by the end of the shift.

Should unforeseen circumstances affect our programme, the operation commencement and finish dates may change.

### Noise Mitigation

Plant and equipment will be shut off while not in use. Use of modern, silenced plant will be the norm. Noise barriers and bunding will be installed, where required, to achieve performance within permitted noise levels.

### Nearest occupied residence and anticipated maximum noise level at that location

Dundas Home Farm Road residents.- 65 dB - which is within limits of acceptability under the Contract.

The preliminary works described above is 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](http://www.forthreplacementcrossing.info).**

**Should you have any queries, please contact our Hotline on 0800 078 6910 or email [frcenquiries@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:frcenquiries@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk).**

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**In addition, our temporary Contact and Education Centre, currently located in the Forth Estuary Transport Authority offices on the south side of the existing Forth Road Bridge is manned 09:00hrs to 17:30hrs, Monday to Friday, and will be open on Saturdays 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs commencing Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011 to help with queries and to supply information.**

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Issued to – Properties within 150metres of the works, Community Councils and FRC website

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