



Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

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Dear Neighbour,

FCBC, the contractor working on the Forth Replacement Crossing main contract on behalf of Transport Scotland, will be carrying out blasting and excavation works at St Margaret's Hope adjacent to St Margaret's Lodge near the B981 on Friday 13th April at 1400hrs. The blast shall be followed by rock excavation.

This process will be repeated minimum once per week over a period of up to two months to complete the rock excavation in the St Margaret's Hope area.

Activity Description for Blasting

The works comprise drilling of holes, charging the holes and blasting of rock followed by excavation. Sentries shall be posted to ensure the blast areas are clear before firing. Adequate signage shall be in place outwith the danger zone and on the B981. Charges are designed such that noise and vibration will be minimal.

A series of audible horn signals warning of imminent blasting shall be deployed. Traffic on the B981 will be stopped for the period from just before to just after the horn signals. Disruption to traffic will therefore be of short duration.

The code of signals is as follows:-

- 3 minutes prior to blast; hooter for 30 seconds
- Immediately prior to blast; three short blasts on the hooter with the shot being fired after the third.
- All clear after inspection; 2 short blasts on hooter

Timing and Hours of Work

The first blast in this area is planned for 1400hrs on Friday 13th April 2012. The blasting activity will be repeated minimum once weekly for a period of up to two months. The timings will alter on a blast by blast basis.

Hours of work Mon–Fri inclusive shall be 0730hrs to 1900hrs which includes personnel arriving at, and leaving from, work, with no plant starting up before 0800hrs. If Saturdays are worked, work shall be between 0800hrs and 1800hrs.

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

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Plant to be deployed

The work shall be carried out using hand tools, pick-up truck, dumper, excavator, lorries, compressor and drilling rig.

The blasting and excavation work 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.

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 to supply information.

Issued to – Residents in the vicinity of St Margaret's Hope.

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