



Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

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Dear Householder,

FCBC, the contractor working on the Forth Replacement Crossing principal contract on behalf of Transport Scotland, is shortly due to commence dredging works in the Forth Estuary.

The purpose of these works is to create access for the construction of the foundations for the structures which will support the Forth Replacement Crossing.

The dredging operation will be similar to that normally carried out by Forth Ports Authority. The dredger shall excavate silt and sand from the seabed to form access channels for bridge foundation works.

Description of the plant to be deployed

The main plant to be deployed shall be – dipper dredger consisting of barge and 360 degree excavator (working 24 hrs/day) and a cable dredger consisting of barge and cable excavator (daytime only).

Other equipment shall include tug boat, crew boat, safety boat and generator.

Noise and vibration levels are likely to be low. Daily reviews of noise and vibration levels shall be undertaken throughout the operation.

Timing and Hours of Work

The works shall be carried out, in accordance with the Code of Construction Practice, starting during week commencing 20 February 2012 and continuing six days a week through to mid June 2012.

Work shall be 24 hours per day other than from 7am Sundays to 7am on Mondays, when work shall cease for a 24 hour period.

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.

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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 the dredging locations at the north and south shores of the Forth Estuary and to Community Councils.

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