

A92/A96

Haudagain Improvement

Project newsletter



Progress on new link road

Welcome



Welcome to the sixth issue of our regular newsletter providing updates on progress and looking ahead to the works planned to take us into the autumn season.

The fair weather over the past few months has allowed us to make steady progress and the project is on schedule for completion in winter. We hope you enjoy reading about our achievements during that time.

In this newsletter we cover some of the specific areas of progress since our last update. As we approach the final construction phases of the new junctions which will connect the new carriageway to the A92 North Anderson Drive and the A96 Auchmill Road, you will hopefully be able to see the new link road taking shape and the positive changes it will bring to the area.

On behalf of Farrans Construction and Transport Scotland we

would once again like to take this opportunity to thank the local community and road users for their patience and cooperation during the construction of this project. Whilst some work may cause temporary disruption, it is essential to ensure the completion of the project as quickly and safely as possible. We will always strive to keep any disruption to a minimum.

Alan McKillop,
Project Manager,
Farrans Construction



Overview of junction with new link road and A96 Auchmill Road

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Progress update

Since our last newsletter, the team has continued to work hard on the construction of the new asphalt pavement for roads and footways across the whole project.

We have completed various phases of work on the A92 and A96 under traffic management operations and the diversion of various public utilities which are now almost complete.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Approximately two thirds of the new link road and bus turning area has now had permanent asphalt laid. The majority of the remaining areas are now prepared, ready for the final surface course to be installed.

Substantial progress has also been made on the construction of the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDs) detention basin with an impermeable foundation layer of concrete poured into the base prior to lining with polythene and soil.

Other work is progressing well with approximately 90 percent of the kerbing complete and half of the new street lighting installed.

A92 NORTH ANDERSON DRIVE/MANOR AVENUE

Surfacing on the northbound carriageway has been completed following contraflow traffic management on the A92 North Anderson Drive.

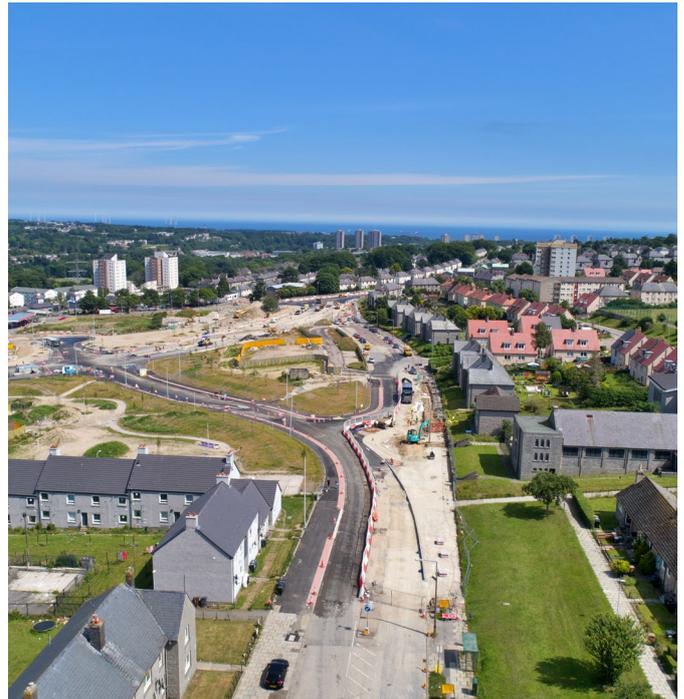
The contraflow was then switched over to the opposite carriageway to allow surfacing work to begin on the southbound carriageway.

Work was also carried out on duct crossings and street lighting to improve the junction at Clifton Road and Hilton Drive.

Despite some challenging excavation work, we continue to make steady progress on the realignment of Manor Avenue with carriageway and footway works. The new bus turning area is also being used - and the surrounding footways and stairs are taking shape.



North Anderson Drive - A92 contraflow to allow junction construction



Work at Manor Avenue

A96 GREAT NORTHERN ROAD/MANOR DRIVE

Installation of the new retaining wall which will support the road at the junction of Manor Drive and the A96 is now complete.

Lane closures on the westbound carriageway allowed the carriageway reconstruction to be completed.

Work continues at the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDs) detention basin which will improve drainage, and at the new bus stop on the eastbound A96, at Great Northern Road.

The current lane closures on the A96 are helping us to carry out work on the central reservation. We are also installing the pedestrian crossings and traffic signals which will complete the works in this section of the road.



A96 junction work, SuDs detention basin and link road

Looking ahead

We continue to make good progress towards delivering the project. Our focus in the coming months will be:

- The completion of roadworks on the A92/A96
- Installation of traffic signals throughout the project
- Installation of safe crossing points
- Continuation of landscaping work
- Completion of the footpath running from Logie Terrace to Manor Drive
- Work to reconstruct Manor Avenue.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Careers workshop

We were pleased to be invited by Station House Media Unit (SHMU), based in Woodside, to deliver a “Careers in Construction” workshop to a small group of 17–20-year-olds recently. The workshop aimed to give the young adults an understanding of the construction industry by exploring the various job roles available. We also showcased some of the fantastic projects that you can be involved in when you work in civil engineering and construction.

We continue to work with various organisations to provide work experience opportunities for those in education, as well as for those who are currently unemployed and interested in working in the construction industry. We recently supported Aberdeen Foyer by providing a work placement for a local gentleman to give him an insight into working on a live construction site.

Bronagh Cameron, team leader at Aberdeen Foyer, said, “The gentleman really enjoyed his week gathering some experience and an insight into construction and the experience has already led to him being contacted by a recruiter who is now in a position to offer him work”.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Middlefield community project

We are pleased to be able to continue our support of the Middlefield Community Project, which is situated close to the construction site. Community worker Ron Bird told us about the vision to bring arts into the community by coordinating an arts project. The project, which is led by artist and youth worker Kane Jansen, initially saw Kane sculpt some giant mushrooms out of recycled wood.

Kane plans to run workshops to inspire and encourage the local community to make their own works of art so they can be enjoyed by everyone on the local woodland walks. We are very pleased to be supporting this great initiative by providing funding and materials. We can't wait to see what masterpieces are produced!



Giant mushrooms sculpted out of recycled wood by youth worker Kane Jansen

How does your garden grow?

For some local schools and community groups, their gardens will be growing with a little help from Farrans Construction. Read more about the work we've done to enable some fantastic outdoor learning opportunities.

Northfield Academy

Farrans formed a partnership with the Targeted Support Department at Northfield Academy secondary school who have been looking to develop a garden area. Our donation of tyres, topsoil and pallets has allowed them to start the process. The tyres have been repurposed to make planters, and the pallets will be used to make a seating area.

Ryan Nicol from Northfield Academy Targeted Support said: “The pupils had great fun moving the tyres and the topsoil into the garden area. We also had great fun using our problem-solving skills when making a plan to secure the tyres in a tower.”

Scotstown Primary School

When Scotstown Primary School contacted the team to tell us about the primary 4 class's plans to rejuvenate their garden area, we were more than happy to help out. Angela Newlands, Community Liaison Officer, was eager to assist with a donation of tyres and topsoil. These allowed the children to create planters as well as adding more plants to their garden.

Claire Ross, P4 teacher, said of the scheme: "Learning outdoors, working in the fresh air, and rejuvenating the garden into a beautiful, learning area was just the antidote to lockdown. The pupils will continue to maintain the garden in the next school year and want to paint the planters into some cool designs. They also have a leaflet prepared for the other classes in the school on what they have done and what others can learn from the wildlife garden. We were very grateful to Farrans for being part of this project and hope we can continue to work together."



Middlefield Nursery

We supported Middlefield Nursery with their gardening plans for their outdoor area at the Hub in Manor Avenue. We explored sustainable ways to support this request and discovered the local men's shed at Bridge of Don who make a variety of goods by recycling and repurposing materials.

We visited the shed along with Middlefield Nursery to see the work that is being done and placed an order for garden items. Angela Newlands said "Farrans welcomed the opportunity to work in partnership with two key organisations and to assist in supporting them in the local community."



Marie from Middlefield Nursery pictured with Eric Bisset, Secretary, and the talented volunteers from the men's shed.

DID YOU KNOW?

Around 500 trees and climbing plants and over 1000 metres of hedgerow will be planted as part of the Haudagain Improvement project, that's not including the various wetland mixes planted at the SuDs detention basin.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We will continue to keep local residents and the travelling public up to date with the progress of construction and traffic management updates throughout the various stages.

Traffic management that can be expected will be lane closures, road closures, temporary traffic lights, and various signed pedestrian diversions.

We have a variety of ways of keeping you informed throughout the works; letter drops, door to door visits, press releases, alerts on social media, advance warning signs, the project website, and on our three information boards which are situated in the following locations:

- The Hub, Manor Avenue, Aberdeen AB16 7UR
- Outside Manor Park School, 2 Danestone Circle, Aberdeen AB16 7YB
- Mastrick Access Point, Spey Road, Aberdeen AB16 6SH.

The project benefits from a dedicated Community Liaison officer. If you have any matters you wish to raise concerning the project, please contact Angela at:

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or telephone 0800 783 0024



FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

For further information on the project, please visit the project website: transport.gov.scot/projects/a92a96-haudagain-improvement/

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