

A92/A96 Haudagain Improvement Project newsletter



Kerbing, ducting and drainage installation on the site

Welcome



Welcome to the fourth issue of our regular newsletter providing updates on our progress and a look ahead to the works planned for the next few months.

Following the temporary site closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are pleased to report that work has restarted on site with strict adherence to both the Scottish Government's

guidelines and our own safe operating procedures. The health and safety of both our workforce and the local community continues to be our main priority.

Since our return to site, we have continued to make good progress with earthworks, drainage and kerbing along the new dual carriageway link road. Over the coming months, our focus will be to construct the two junctions which will connect

the new road to the existing A92 and A96.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community and road users, for their continued patience and cooperation during the construction of this project.

Tristram Browne,
Project Manager,
Farrans Construction



Work now underway on main dual carriageway



Progress update

The project continues to make steady progress having diverted most of the apparatus for major utilities, excavated more than 80,000 tonnes of material and constructed around 70 percent of drainage.

We have also made progress with kerbing works, street lighting and service duct installations within the site hoarding, and we have continued with the main landscaping works from the realigned Manor Avenue down towards Manor Drive.

We recently started the next phase of delivery of the project with work starting on the construction of the two key junctions which will, upon project completion, connect the new link road to the existing A96 and A92 letting road users bypass the Haudagain roundabout.

This phase of work will be carried out using various staged traffic management arrangements and we anticipate it will be ongoing into next year.

Whilst traffic management works are ongoing, we would like to remind members of the public about the importance of adhering to the traffic management measures put in place, including local parking restrictions. These measures help ensure the safety of members of the public and our workforce.

During this phase of work there will also be a number of traffic restrictions in place on the A92 and A96. We will continue to provide the community with information via a

number of methods including letters to directly affected residents where appropriate as well as providing details of upcoming traffic management on the project pages of the Transport Scotland website

transport.gov.scot/a92a96-haudagain-improvement

Artist impression of new road:

- 1 A96 junction to connect to the new dual carriageway link road
- 2 Haudagain Roundabout
- 3 A92 junction to connect to the new dual carriageway link road
- 4 The new dual carriageway link road.

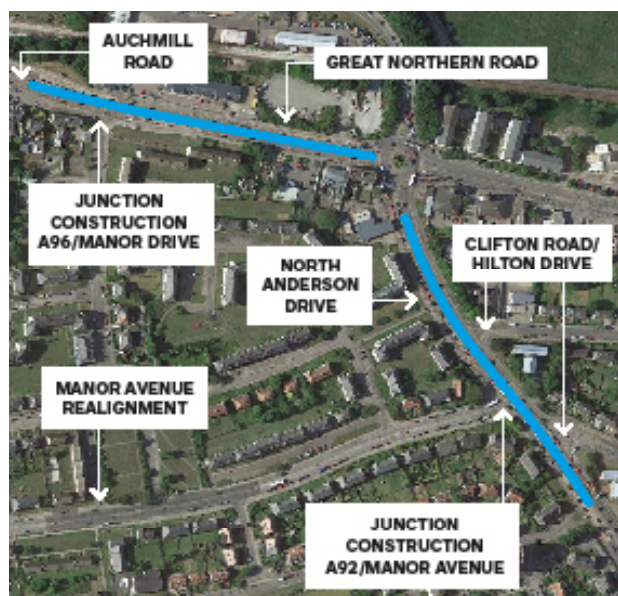


UTILITY DIVERSIONS

Work to divert the apparatus for a number of utilities including water, gas, and electricity is 80% complete with the remainder to be completed at the same time as the road junction construction works.

EARTHWORKS AND DRAINAGE

Earthworks have continued at a steady pace, with over 80,000 tonnes of material excavated and 30,000 tonnes reused within the project. Following the permanent closure of Manor Drive at its junction with the A96 Auchmill Road, construction of a deep underground culvert is underway to connect the new Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) to an existing watercourse.



Looking ahead

We are making good progress to deliver the project and in the coming months will be focusing on:

- Realignment of Manor Avenue at the junction of Manor Terrace
- Construction of a retaining wall on the junction of Manor Drive and the A96
- Construction of the junction on the A96 Auchmill Road which will include necessary traffic management
- Construction of the A92 junction to the new dual carriageway at North Anderson Drive including necessary traffic management
- Installation of street lighting columns
- Installation of traffic signals on the central junctions of the new link road.

Upcoming works areas including contraflow traffic management (shown in blue)

SPOTLIGHT ON

Environmental

We take our environmental and sustainability responsibilities very seriously and regularly monitor our carbon footprint and implement mitigation measures to help reduce this wherever possible. Steps we have taken this year included promoting active travel, the use of e-bikes and the use of electric/hybrid vehicles.

This responsibility to the environment extends right down to our staff and their welfare facilities with no plastic cups used and glass bottles of milk.

The pollinator strategy for Scotland 2017-2027 looks to address pollinator decline and sets out a 10-year plan to help pollinating insects thrive. Our aim is to encourage pollinators.

We recently dedicated an area where we discovered a variety of wildflowers growing onsite as a temporary pollinator friendly area. Recently spotted were some honeybees, and some beautiful butterflies all thriving in the undisturbed area.



Honeybee enjoying the wildflowers on site

IN THE COMMUNITY



Realigning slabs after flooding on the 12 August

Restoring pavement slabs

On the 12 August, due to torrential downpours of rain there was a significant amount of flash flooding.

As a result, pavement slabs at the bottom of Manor Drive were displaced on the footpath which meant that pedestrians were unable to get through. Our staff helpfully sprang into action and rectified this by realigning the slabs, and restoring access quickly. A number of our staff were only too glad to help some local residents who became stranded in their homes following the flash floods.

Virtual engagement plans

As we are unable to provide face-to-face engagement with schools and community groups due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are working to offer remote engagement using digital tools.

Local schools have been contacted and we hope to start working in partnership with them to provide a virtual platform for learning. We will update you further on this in the coming months.



Carol Fleming – preparing one of our planned remote delivery school activities

Constructing playhouse for The Hub Nursery

Farrans were very pleased to assist a local nursery based at The Hub on Manor Avenue.

The nursery relocated to The Hub when the building it was housed in was demolished as part of previous preparatory works. We became aware that the nursery had a playhouse which required assembly. We spoke with Marie, the nursery manager and were delighted to be able to step in and make it happen.

The work was completed over a weekend when the children were not in attendance, and it made a lovely surprise for them returning on Monday morning.

Marie said "Thanks again so much for helping us make this happen for the children. They will be so excited."



Farrans site operative Paul McGuinness working on the build for the nursery

Considerate constructors



We are pleased to be registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme (www.CCScheme.org.uk). Farrans is a committed scheme partner and we are proud of our achievements so far for both this project, and for our other work throughout the Scottish region and beyond.

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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

With the next phases of construction underway and expected to be a very busy period, we will continue to keep local residents and the travelling public up to date with information about traffic management and construction. Traffic management measures will include lane closures, road closures and temporary traffic lights. There will be various clearly signposted pedestrian and vehicle diversions in place.

We have a variety of ways of keeping you informed throughout the works including letter drops, press releases, alerts on social media, advance warning signs, updates to 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.

We also provide updates to the Station House Media Unit (SHMU) for inclusion in local publications such as the Middlefield Mirror, Woodside Free Press, and Cumming North.

The project benefits from a dedicated Community Liaison Officer, Angela Newlands. If you have any matters you wish to raise then please contact Angela Newlands at:

haudagain@farrans.com
or telephone
0800 783 0024.



FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

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