

A92/A96 Haudagain Improvement Project newsletter



Earthworks get underway

Welcome



Welcome to the second issue of our regular newsletter providing an update on

progress and looking ahead to the work planned to take us into the winter season.

The fair weather at the end of the summer continued into autumn, allowing significant earthwork

operations to progress. We are hopeful that this good spell of weather will continue in the weeks ahead and allow steady progression for this project.

As the contractor for the A92/A96 Haudagain Improvement project, which we are delivering on behalf of Transport Scotland, Farrans would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community and road users, for their patience and cooperation

during construction and to let you know that we aim to minimise any disruption as much as possible.

We are holding a drop-in session next month to provide details of upcoming works and construction progress and would invite you to attend to hear about work planned for the coming months.

**Tristram Browne, Project Manager,
Farrans Construction**



Pipe installation and backfilling operations in front of the site compound



Earthwork operations progressing on site

Progress update

Locals will have noticed the change in the landscape with the remainder of the houses within the site boundaries now demolished and fencing fully surrounding the site.

EARTHWORKS AND DRAINAGE

Earthwork operations have recently commenced on site.

Clearance of existing infrastructure has been carried out and the ground was prepared for cut and fill operations, which are now well underway. The profile of the new road alignment is now more evident for all to see.

We have completed work on the Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SuDS) detention basin, which will retain water and drain it slowly into the surrounding water courses.

The installation of pipes to form the drainage network for the new road will be the next main stage of drainage works.



Utility works underway on site

UTILITY DIVERSIONS

Utility diversionary works are well underway for gas, electricity and numerous communications cabling.

Traffic management and local parking restrictions to facilitate the rerouting of the various utilities has started, and whilst we appreciate that these can cause some disruption and inconvenience, they are essential to allow us to progress with construction.

Looking ahead

The focus for the project team over the coming months will include:

- The continuation of utility diversions
- The continuation of earthwork operations
- Traffic management on Manor Avenue to realign the current road layout
- Installation of drainage pipes.

Community drop-in session

We would like to invite members of the local community to attend a drop-in session in December.

The drop-in session will provide details of upcoming works including traffic management on the roads in the local area. There will be members of the site team and representatives from Transport Scotland who will be available to provide you with a general overview on construction progress and answer questions that you may have about the project.

The event will be held on **Tuesday 10 December 2019** from **4pm to 7pm** at the **Lord Provost Henry E Rae Community Hall, The Hub, Manor Avenue AB16 7UR.**



Members of the public at a public exhibition

Engaging with schools

SAFETY SAM

We were delighted to visit Manor Park Primary School, a short distance from the site to deliver a safety workshop to pupils in Primary Two.

The workshop was designed by Farrans to educate children of the dangers of playing in and around a live construction site. This message was delivered before the summer holidays, which was particularly important with the lighter nights and children having more free time to play.

The session focused on the word SAFE (Signs, Accidents, Falls and Equipment). Karen Alexander, Stakeholder Engagement Lead from Farrans, donated 30 child-sized hi-viz waistcoats to the school, with "Safety Sam" logos and the message "Play Safe, Stay Safe" included in the design. The pupils also had the opportunity to try on a variety



Pupils from Manor Park Primary, joined their teacher to learn about construction safety

of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including safety boots, ear defenders, dust masks and hard hats.

Tristram Browne, Project Manager said: "It's very important for Farrans to engage with young people from an early age, teaching them about health

and safety and to raise awareness of the dangers of construction sites." Class teacher, Samantha Bradley, said: "The workshop was great, it had a mixture of activities to keep the children engaged, which they continued to talk about afterwards."



Debbie Mathers, STEM Co-ordinator with the newly signed up STEM Ambassadors

Farrans promoting STEM

Five of our project staff recently signed up to become STEM Ambassadors, using their own skills to help encourage and promote young people to choose a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Debbie Mathers, STEM Co-ordinator, based at the Aberdeen Science Centre, came to the Haudagain site, and delivered a training and skills delivery session on the 4 September.

Angela Newlands, Community Liaison Officer said: "It's fantastic that we have been able to add a number of STEM Ambassadors on this project, allowing us to further promote the industry and help to inspire the future generation of workers."

Our STEM Ambassadors hope to take part in other opportunities to visit Manor Park Primary School and other schools in the area over the duration of the project.

Let's talk careers!

When Mackie Academy got in touch and asked if we would like to participate in their Senior Phase Pathways Career event on the 12 September, Callum Murdoch, Jacobs, and Carol Fleming, Farrans Construction were pleased to attend.

The pair gave a talk to the pupils, covering engineering both from a consultancy and a contracting perspective, and then participated in a lively question and answer session. Craig Meikle who teaches English at the Academy met with Callum and Carol and facilitated the session which included around 30 senior school pupils.

The event is designed to support students as they move through the senior phase of Curriculum for Excellence and consider the paths available to follow as they move into higher and further education in their life beyond school.

Below left to right – Craig Meikle, Mackie Academy, Carol Fleming, Farrans, Callum Murdoch, Jacobs



Spotlight on community engagement

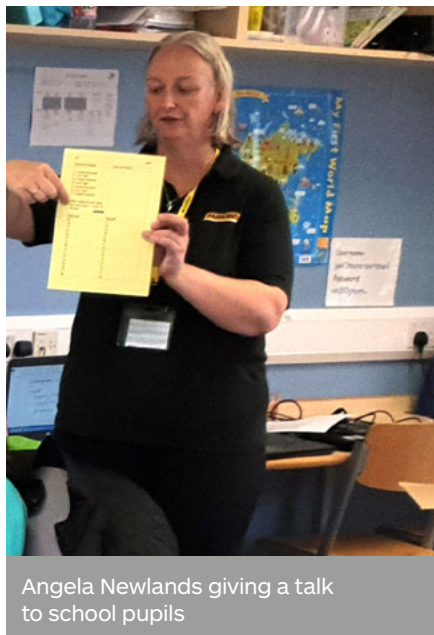
Angela Newlands – Community Liaison Officer for Farrans Construction is responsible for liaising with the local community and keeping everyone informed as the project progresses.

What does your role involve?

I am part of the Farrans Construction Stakeholder Engagement team who strive to build and maintain positive relationships throughout the communities in which we are working.

We liaise between the construction team and the local community to keep people informed on the progress of work and in particular, any work which may affect them directly. We also aim to leave a lasting legacy through things such as local charity fundraising and volunteering hours to community projects. We liaise with and support community and employment groups in the area as well.

With our STEM Ambassadors we hope to influence the younger generation to consider a career in the construction industry by engaging with schools and colleges to raise awareness and promote engineering and construction industries.



Angela Newlands giving a talk to school pupils

What is the most satisfying part of your job?

The most satisfying part of my role is liaising with schools and inspiring young people to develop STEM skills that will hopefully encourage them to work in the industry. I also like being able to help and support community activities – engaging in activities that benefit the community is always gratefully received and often good fun.



Community Liaison Officer
Angela Newlands

Keeping you informed

As works progress, the need to keep the community and members of the public informed is of the utmost importance.

If you have any matters you wish to raise concerning the project, please contact Angela at: haudagain@farrans.com or telephone **0800 783 0024**.

Farrans are pleased to have registered the Haudagain site with the Considerate Constructors Scheme (www.ccscheme.org.uk). Farrans are a committed scheme partner and are proud of our track record of high performance and awards. The scheme requires contractors to abide by the Considerate Constructors code of practice which involves caring about appearance, respecting the community, protecting the environment, securing everyone's safety and valuing their workforce.



Callum Murdoch, Jacobs, and Tristram Browne, Farrans Construction, meet with Bronagh Cameron of Aberdeen Foyer

ABERDEEN FOYER

Project staff were pleased to meet with Aberdeen Foyer to hand over a donation of surplus PPE provided by Jacobs and Farrans Construction, which will be used to assist around 31 local people into sustainable employment.

The donated PPE can help remove the final barrier between a person being able to start work immediately or having to wait until PPE is available to them.

Aberdeen Foyer's main aim is to reduce poverty and disadvantage, supporting young people and adults who face multiple barriers to build confidence, develop and nurture talent to make real and lasting changes in their lives.

FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

For further information on the A92/A96 Haudagain Improvement project, please visit:

transport.gov.scot/projects/a92a96-haudagain-improvement

