

Forth Bridge North Approach Viaduct Works Programme

(April 2022 Update)

By way of an update on the North Approach programme of works, please find some information below with respect to the final stages of completion and site demobilisation.

The project is now entering the final phase of works and following the previous delay due to inclement weather, all blasting works have now been completed. Currently the final painting works, and additional condition led steelwork repairs are nearing completion in all spans which will allow the vertical and underslung scaffolding (including the encapsulation) to be removed in stages along with the blasting equipment and hardware which is currently underway for the fully completed areas. There has been a considerable amount of steel repairs identified in span 12 which will be the final span to be completed and removed (please refer to aerial view below for span locations).

We currently anticipate painting works and steel repairs to continue in span 12 until early June which would see the scaffolding removed following completion of these works in mid-June. As mentioned above the other spans will be completed prior to this timeframe and will start to have the scaffolding removed over the coming weeks as and when works are completed. In relation to the other spans (11, 13, 14 & 15), we would expect the scaffolding to be fully removed on these other spans by the early part of June.

In terms of overall programme, we are making best endeavours to have all scaffolding removed from the bridge by end of June and plan to fully demobilise from the site compound area at Battery Road in July.

Network Rail fully appreciate these works have had a major impact on the local community and we thank everyone for their continued patience whilst we finalise the works and demobilise from site.

Hopefully this clarifies the current programme timescales and again we offer our apologies for the delay, however if you have further queries, please contact our direct site helpline number (07902 108835) or alternatively you can contact the Network Rail 24-Hour national helpline on 03457 11 41 41.

