

Forth Bridge North Approach Viaduct Works Programme

(December 2021 Update)

Following several queries and concerns raised by the local community, Network Rail can confirm that the additional steelwork 'condition led' repairs were always expected as part of this project and these will be all be dealt with and completed within the current Balfour Beatty programme and site mobilisation.

Residents may well see some elements of scaffold being removed and smaller localised 'pop up' scaffold being erected to deal with certain repairs, however this will all be done within the current programme timescales and these works will be fully explained in the ongoing weekly update reports.

There are maximum loading restrictions for the structure which we need to adhere to, and this is the reason for dealing with some individual steel repairs in this way.

The main underslung scaffold will remain in place for the duration of our works. Unfortunately, due to the recent adverse weather and residents' concerns over continuous working some blasting and painting works will be programmed into January 2022. We are anticipating completion of all blasting works by mid-January and all painting works by late January (weather permitting). This should not affect demobilisation timescales and we are still aiming to have all works completed (including scaffolding removed from the bridge) by end of March 2022 (again weather depending). We will reinstate respite breaks in the programme as a result of this decision and apologise for the ongoing inconvenience to the community.

Following completion of the works the site compound will be de-mobilised and the area reinstated (including reinstating the old picnic area). We expect this work to occur during April – May 2022 at which point we plan on being fully off site in the North Queensferry area.

Hopefully this clarifies the current programme timescales however if you have further queries please contact our direct site helpline number (07902 108835).