

Newsletter – January 2013

River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme - Phase 1



This Newsletter has been produced by Coffey Construction to communicate information to businesses and residents of Inverness who are currently affected by the enabling works of the River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme. Work resumed on Monday 7th January on the utility diversion works required to pave the way for the £24.75 million River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme in Inverness, which will ultimately protect 800 homes and 200 businesses. Coffey Construction are currently undertaking the enabling works prior to the construction of the flood walls which is phase 1 of the scheme. This work involves service diversions on both sides of the River Ness on Bank St, Friar's Street, Friar's Lane, Glebe Street, Riverside Street, Douglas Row and Huntly Street.



Bank Street / Castle Road

Work on Bank Street and Friars Lane got underway on Monday 29th October and was completed one day ahead of target, on Sunday 9th December 2012. The work carried out on these streets included the diversion of Gas, Water, Electricity and Telecommunication services. The nature of the works, due to the proximity of the existing services was very challenging, however all services were successfully installed. Works due to be carried out in Bank Street in January were brought forward, thus avoiding the need for further disruption. Further works are necessary in March 2013 on Castle Road are limited to Scottish & Southern Energy (SSE) tie-ins (reconnection of new services).

Douglas Row

Work started on Douglas Row just before Christmas, with excavation and installation of a new gas main. The road was re-surfaced for the Christmas holiday period. Work resumed on the 7th January and is due for completion on Friday 19th January with all residents being reconnected to a new gas main and this completes the work required for Douglas Row under this contract. Construction of the floodwall is programmed to commence in the Summer.

Huntly Street



Works re-commenced on Huntly Street on Monday 7th January. The purpose of the excavations is to lay a new water main, so that the existing water main can be removed to provide sufficient room for the installation of two new gas mains. Minimal interruptions to water and gas services will be necessary while supplies to individual properties are swapped onto the new mains. This will be managed by Scottish Water and Scottish Gas Networks.



Once all residential and commercial premises have been connected to the new water main, excavation and the installation of the gas mains will commence. Works are currently progressing between Greig Street and Celt Street. We will continue to distribute notifications of planned works as the works progress.

Picture above shows works along the River Ness (Huntly Street from Ness Bank)

Friars Street

Work will start along Friars Street this week; Monday 14th January with the excavation of a trench along the full length of the street. There will be no vehicle access and alternative parking arrangements have been made where requested. Pedestrian access is available at all times. The works on Friar's Street are for the installation of SSE cables (Scottish & Southern Energy)



Artists impression of the finished flood alleviation scheme - All images can be viewed on The Highland Council Website

Coffey Construction would like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses and residents of Inverness for their patience during the alleviation scheme works. The next Coffey Newsletter will be distributed on week commencing 11th February 2013.