



Image: Railway Bridge



Image: Anderson St. Park



Image: Friars Bridge



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## River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme—Phase 2

### Work Update

Welcome to the second edition of our monthly newsletter, with an update on the progress of the work being carried out for the flood alleviation scheme.

The work continues along the river bank at Anderson Street. The enabling works have all been completed and the sheet piling has begun. The piling started at Anderson Park and will continue along the river bank behind the flats. The piling will be followed along with concrete works and then the re-instatement of the site. Although the piling works can be noisy, this along with the vibration from the machinery is being closely monitored at all times and will be kept within the restriction guidelines. We would thank you for your patience during this stage of the work, which once completed should see less intrusive activities around the site. Work has also been taking place at the rear of the Gael Force Marine yard. This work will start with land reclamation and will follow on with the sheet piling and the construction of the flood defence wall.



### Merkinch Primary School Site Visit

Children from Merkinch Primary School were invited to visit our site on Anderson Street as part of their Health & Safety week. They were given a talk on site Health & Safety and the hidden dangers of construction sites. The children asked many questions about our site and the flood alleviation works and were very knowledgeable about their environment. With the School holidays coming up we took this opportunity to talk to the children about not trespassing on the site and the security measures we have in place to keep them safe.

The children's behaviour was exemplary and a credit to the School and staff who accompanied them on the visit. The children are taking part in an in-school poster design competition, to cover aspects of Health & Safety and the winners will be chosen at a later date. Their work will be on display at Anderson Street Play Park later on in the month.



Image: Angela Ford, PR Liaison Officer for MCLH talking to the children from Merkinch Primary School, during their site visit. They were able to view the sheet piling machine whilst not in operation.

### Dates for your diary

**Early June 2014:** Work will begin on **Anderson Street South**, from Waterloo Bridge to just beyond the railway bridge. The initial work will consist of utility diversions followed by sheet piling and the construction of the flood defence wall. Anderson Street South will be closed to traffic from the 6th June. Pedestrian and emergency services access will be maintained at all times.

**20 June 2014:** Enabling work will begin on **Shore Street**, on the land which runs along the riverbank from the railway bridge to the boundary of Self-Storage 4U. This will follow on with sheet piling and the construction of the flood defence wall. Shore Street will remain open throughout the works.

***We appreciate that in the short term the work may cause a disturbance and inconvenience, but this work is being carried out for long term gain and to benefit the whole community.***

**Should you have any queries or concerns, please contact: The River Ness Helpline on 07557 744442 or email [RivernessFAS@highland.gov.uk](mailto:RivernessFAS@highland.gov.uk).**