

Project Newsletter

January 2024

Welcome to the newsletter for the Roseburn to Union Canal active travel project with information and updates on project activity and planned work.

Dalry Bridge

In November last year, we reached a major milestone in the project with the installation of the bridge beam over Dalry Road. The beam, weighing 64 tonnes, was lifted into position overnight and will form a vital part of this transformative scheme.



Installation of bridge beam over Dalry Road



Deck and support structure going in

Russell Road

The first section of the cycleway and footpath is now in use on Russell Road providing a better connection to the North Edinburgh Path Network.

Mid Calder Bridge

Preparations for the new Mid Calder Bridge over the railway are underway.

- Work is due to start on the bridge abutments.
- Construction of the steps and ramp access at Duff Street Lane is due to start soon.
- Foundation work on the Mid Calder embankment (90 piles in total) is now complete.

Dalry Community Park

Work is continuing with the new play park at Dalry Community Park. Following site clearance, the retaining walls are now in place. In the coming months, we will build a new play area with sports pitch, seating, lighting and pathway linking to other parts of the route at Duff Street and Sauchiebank.

Sauchiebank – landscaping and woodland



Work on the retaining walls is mostly complete. We are now looking at the soil condition in preparation for the new woodland community garden which will be built here.

Plans for landscaping and woodland are taking shape. We will plant around 5000 woodland and semi-mature trees along the route. These will combine with areas of native wildflower meadows to increase the area's biodiversity.

Plants will be chosen to meet the various demands of the site, the varying seasons and be structured to respond to shelter and microclimate issues.

Timeline

- January 2024 - piling works completed for Mid Calder Bridge
- February 2024 - start earth reinforcement and retaining structures to both bridges
- February 2024 – start soft landscaping
- March 2024 – install Mid Calder bridge over railway
- April 2024 – start hard landscaping
- July 2024 - project complete

Community engagement

As part of the Social Impact Plan for the project, Balfour Beatty are engaging with the community in a number of different ways including:

- engineering workshops with local primary schools at Dalry and Roseburn, with more planned.
- working with a social enterprise company, Social Print and Copy, to produce signage on site, and looking to include social enterprises in other areas.
- a Pollinator Highway workshop at Tynecastle High School, bringing together pupils and qualified joiners to dismantle wooden pallets and upcycle them into planters.



The project is also engaging with [Gorgie Dalry Community Council](#) to keep the local community up to date and get their input to promoting the history of the area around the new active travel path.

Next steps

We will continue to engage with the Community Council and other community groups to share information on site work and final proposals. A Dalry community workshop is planned for March, which will include site visits. We will design the proposed allotments at Sauchiebank using feedback from recent growing groups.

Keeping you informed

We issue regular project updates to everyone along the route and notify those directly affected by specific construction stages.

You can also keep up to date with progress on our website www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roseburntounioncanal

We are working with local schools, community organisations and businesses to look at ideas and options for activities in the area to support active travel.

We are gathering details of community groups who may be interested in working with us for the remainder of the construction project and beyond.

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