



Aerial view of the Bowling site

Strategic Infrastructure Development, Bowling

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A major industrial and commercial site at the former ExxonMobil oil terminal in Bowling is starting to take shape with site clearance nearing completion.

The site is being transformed to unlock the potential of mixed-use development including storage, distribution, industrial, business and office space. It is a joint investment project between West Dunbartonshire Council and Glasgow City Region City Deal with funding from both UK and Scottish Governments.

The site is expected to bring £20.6 million of additional private investment and £331.4m net additional Gross Value Added to the City Region over 25 years.

The project includes the reconfiguration of Dumbuck junction on the A82/ A814, the construction of a new railway underbridge, partial reconstruction of an existing railway overbridge, 2.2km of spine roads and the phased implementation of raised platforms ready for development of future buildings on the site. Of the 150-acre area, 47 acres are planned for development, with green network and green infrastructure enhancements including a waterfront pedestrian and cycle path being developed.

In addition, a heritage area has been identified around listed structure Dunglass Castle.



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Project Updates:

Western Junction



A critical element of the works within the new junction is the utility diversions which are key to releasing areas for follow on construction works. These include multiple Scottish Water diversions and an intermediate pressure gas main diversion. Operations are progressing well and allowing earthworks to commence. This will lead to the construction of new carriageway embankments. There will also be two new structures/underpasses that will accommodate vehicles entering and exiting the junction, with cyclists and pedestrians below within a shared cycleway footpath.



Bulk earthworks are well underway with the formation of the cycle track and excavations for the east underpass.



West Junction – Earthworks operations creating embankment widening to form the new westbound merge.

Project Updates:

Spine Road

The spine road is a vital component of the overall infrastructure strategy, designed to provide essential internal connectivity across the site. It will serve as the main access route for future development plots, and enable efficient movement of vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists. It will also link key junctions and support the phased delivery of commercial and industrial spaces, unlocking the full potential of the site.

Visualisation of proposed Spine Road



Significant progress has been made with the formation of the new spine road embankment. Over 200,000 tonnes of imported material will form the road corridor, creating a stable foundation for future surfacing and utility installations. This milestone marks a major step forward in preparing the site for long-term development and investment.

Unlocking Regeneration: Rail Underbridge

Scotland's Railway is supporting the Council to transform and unlock the potential of the 150-acre strategic infrastructure site.

Network Rail are undertaking a £5.9m project including the development of a new bridge under the railway which will open the site access for mixed-use development featuring storage, distribution, industrial, business and office space.

The rail underbridge, allowing the development of a new access road across the site, is a key element of the £34m Glasgow City Region City Deal project. It will improve connectivity, and support local economic growth and development, environmental and social success.

The construction of the underbridge will be managed by Network Rail Scotland, ensuring minimal disruption to local communities, Scotland's Railway and its passengers.



Visualisation of the proposed Rail Underbridge

Work by is well underway by the Network Rail team, with engineers clearing approximately 80,000 tonnes of earth to date in preparation for broader work across the summer.

Network Rail Scotland Project Manager, Laura Craig, said: "At Scotland's Railway we connect communities and support economic, social and environmental success. This £5.9m project is key to transforming and unlocking the potential of the site.

"Supporting this major project, our Network Rail teams, and engineering partners STORY look forward to keeping you updated over the coming months on our progress."

<http://www.scotlandsrailway.com/projects/exxon-bowling>



Earthworks preparation of the Casting Yard

Project Updates: Future Works



1. West Junction: Ongoing utility diversions will allow proposed earthworks operations and installation of drainage.

2. Rail Underbridge: Development of a new bridge under the railway.

3. Spine Road and East Junction (Dunglass): Bulk material fill for earthworks embankments, along with localised earthworks to the east junction, adjacent to the A814.

4. A82 Dunglass Roundabout: Realignment of kerb lines and drainage adjacent to Dunglass Roundabout.

Traffic Management:

Traffic management will be carefully planned and coordinated between the Project Team, Transport Scotland and the Council's Roads Department. We understand how important being able to use the road network with minimal disruption is, therefore, every effort will be made to reduce the impact on road users.

Updates on proposed traffic management activities will be communicated through the following websites and social media feed.

- Council Webpage for Traffic Regulation Orders/ Traffic Management:
<https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/council/public-notices/traffic-regulation-order/>
- Scottish Roadworks Online:
<https://www.roadworksscotland.org/>
- Traffic Scotland:
<https://www.traffic.gov.scot/traffic-information/roadworks>

Additional Traffic Management Restrictions now include:

1 June to 31 August 2025: Each day 0630 – 2000: **No works.**

Public Holidays, Holiday Weekends, Local events: **No works.**

Social Impact Updates:

Technology poverty and the 'digital divide'

Through the Exxon Project's Social Impact delivery, six refurbished laptops were donated to the West Dunbartonshire Community Foodshare, who have been supporting local people to access their vital services people since 2013.

<https://westdunbartonshirecommunityfoodshare.co.uk/>

Balfour Beatty's Civil Engineering Apprentice, Luke Morgan, had the pleasure of spending some time with the Community Foodshare Team, finding out firsthand the support they offer to the local community.



Handover of refurbished laptops to the Community Foodshare Team.

Construction Academy

Balfour Beatty and West Dunbartonshire Council are proud to deliver significant community benefits in partnership with the Scottish Pathways to Construction Programme. Together, we are offering a fully funded training programme for up to 12 local participants. This initiative provides industry-recognised qualifications such as CSCS certification, practical health and safety training, and real-world construction placements tailored to individual needs. The programme also prioritises support for underrepresented groups, helping participants overcome barriers to employment and connect with construction employers in the region. Applications are now open, with training set to begin on **21 July, 2025**.

Don't miss this opportunity to take the next step toward a rewarding career in construction!



Photo 1 from the training



Photo 2 from the training

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PLACES AVAILABLE
APPLY NOW

Join Scottish Pathways to Construction to gain industry-recognised qualifications and skills for a successful career in construction

FULLY FUNDED TRAINING PROGRAMME

Take the next step toward a stable and rewarding career

CSCS Card / Work Placement / **Employment Opportunities**

West Dunbartonshire - SPC Skills Academy – Starting 21' July 2025
Applications and Referrals Now Open

Training Includes:

- **CSCS card** - Practice & Test
- PEHIS H&S
- Vehicle Banksman
- Fire Awareness
- Abrasive Wheels
- Manual Handling
- Working at Heights
- Additional focus on Health & Wellbeing
- Participants are matched with suitable work placements tailored to their individual needs, enhancing training opportunities and if needed, will receive post-training employability support.

Key Benefits:

- Fully Funded Training
- PPE Provided
- High-Quality, Industry-Focused Training
- Peal-World Work Placements - Gain hands-on experience in construction settings
- Employment Support
- Support for Success: Access support to overcome any personal barriers to training or employment
- Direct engagement with Construction employers in the region



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**Prioritising
Equality,
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Inclusion
(ED&I)**

**Encouraging
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For more information about the Scottish Pathways to Construction Academy training programme including applications, referrals, start dates and other key Information.

Please contact us at: w4utraining@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

All referred candidates are required to attend the SPC Industry Engagement / Information Event on 16 July 2025.

Please contact SPC Academy at Spcgicapitalcitypartnership.org for further information.

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The Project Team:

Client: West Dunbartonshire Council

The Council serves 89,000 residents and a lively business community in an area stretching from the banks of Loch Lomond to the shores of the Clyde. The region is one of great diversity and natural beauty with a rich history, shaped by its world-famous shipyards.

It boasts many attractions, ranging from the rugged beauty of Dumbarton Rock to historic whisky warehouses. The Council has big ambitions to deliver first class services, grow the local economy, revitalise the region's town centers and waterfront, and provide a modern education service for future generations. The development site at Bowling is a key infrastructure project aimed at driving economic growth and improving transport links for residents of West Dunbartonshire and the wider community.

Funders: Glasgow Region City Deal

The Glasgow Region City Deal is encompass a total of eight partner councils that make up the Glasgow City Region. Working in collaboration with local and national stakeholders to drive regional economic growth and improvement. The aim is to develop plans that will help to grow the local economy and provide a great place for residents to live, work and study; for businesses to flourish and for companies to invest in. Since the Glasgow City Region Cabinet was established in 2014, millions of pounds invested in improving transport and connectivity; growing skills; supporting businesses and freeing up derelict land for housing, retail and commercial development.

The ground-breaking £1.13 billion City Deal, one of the largest in the UK, is funding major infrastructure projects: creating thousands of new jobs and generating millions of pounds of private sector investment.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty

Balfour Beatty are a leading international infrastructure group, trusted by customers to deliver sustainable solutions and strengthen communities. Balfour Beatty develop, build, maintain and operate the increasingly complex and critical infrastructure that supports national economies and deliver projects at the heart of local communities. Delivering a lasting positive impact for the communities we work in is embedded in how we operate. As the contractor for the Bowling Development site Balfour Beatty supports the community by working with local organisations and education providers to ensure local people benefit, and we leave an impact legacy beyond our project.

Feedback or concerns? BBExxonInfrastructureDevelopment@balfourbeatty.com

We have a project website that shares key project information and regular updates:



www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/business/regeneration/strategic-sites/glasgow-city-deal/