



Dunglass Castle

Strategic Infrastructure Development Bowling

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Work started in January 2025 at the former ExxonMobil site in Bowling to create the transport infrastructure for a new industrial and commercial area that will bring long-term benefits to the local community. This is due to finish by the end of 2027.

This major regeneration project, delivered in partnership with West Dunbartonshire Council and the Glasgow City Region City Deal and supported by UK and Scottish Government funding, is creating space for a mix of new businesses, workplaces and employment opportunities. Over time, the development is expected to attract significant private investment and support economic growth across the wider area.

Alongside new development space, the project is delivering important infrastructure improvements, including changes to the Dumbuck junction, new and upgraded railway bridges, and new internal roads and development platforms to support future growth. These works are designed to improve connectivity, safety and access for the surrounding area.

A strong focus has also been placed on creating high-quality outdoor spaces. New green infrastructure will include landscaped areas and a waterfront pedestrian and cycle route, helping improve access to the river and providing spaces for people to walk, cycle and enjoy the area. A dedicated heritage area around the listed Dunglass Castle will protect and celebrate the site's historic importance.

These improvements aim to create a well-connected, sustainable development that supports jobs, enhances the local environment and leaves a positive legacy for communities in Bowling and West Dunbartonshire.



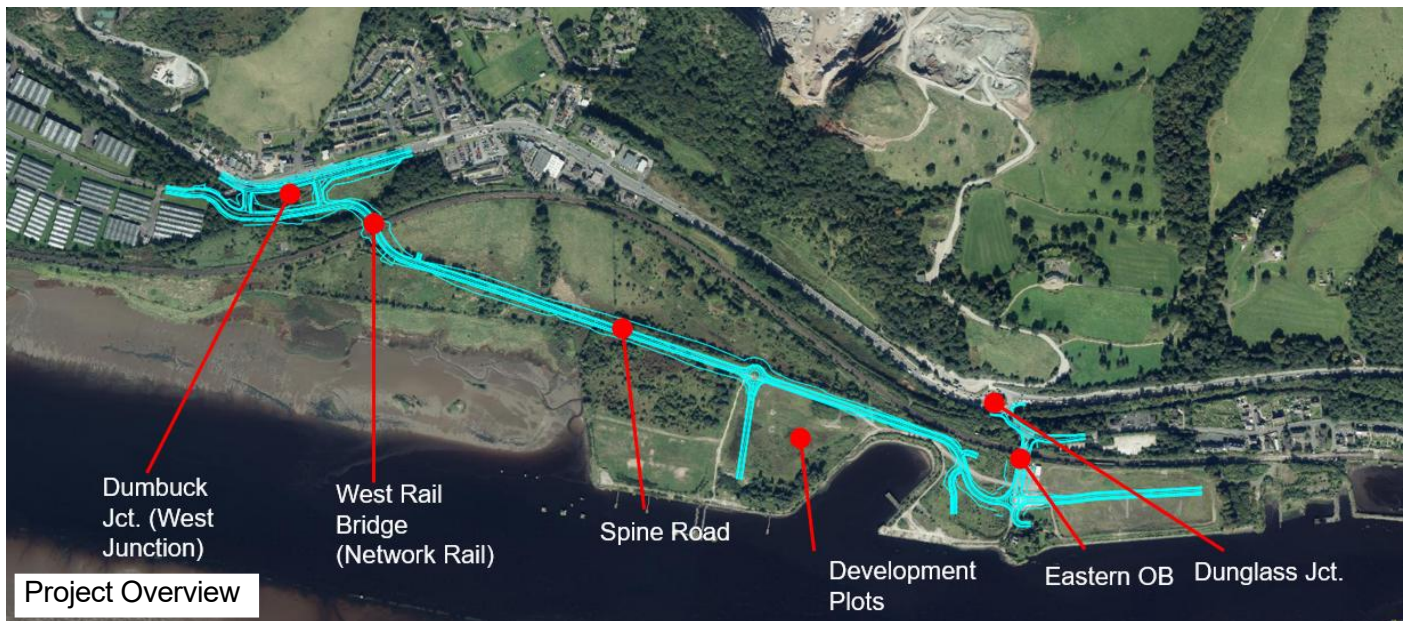
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Project Updates



West Junction - Dumbuck

Since our last update, significant progress has been made on the new junction beside the A82. With the construction of kerb lines and surfacing of the carriageway the overall junction layout is clear to see.



Prior this happening below ground chambers and ducting had to be laid to service the yet to be erected street furniture, traffic signals, street lighting and traffic signs.

Work is continuing both on and off site to reroute existing water and telecommunications services, and this remains on programme.

Nighttime works to the A82 reconfiguration are ongoing with the relocation of the central reserve and carriageway surfacing works due for early in the new year.



The main spine road with Dunglass Castle in the distance

Spine Road - West Junction to East Junction Dunglass

Earthworks and drainage to the main spine road are now complete, with construction to the carriageway progressing well.

The Milton Burn Culvert that lies midway along the spine road is a new structure constructed of precast sections is now fully complete.

Water flows, which were temporarily diverted during construction, will be returned to their original route through the culvert during October.

Work has also started on the access road to the eastern end of the development, beginning with site clearance and earthworks construction.

East Junction – Dunglass

Works to the A814 Dumbarton Road have seen the carriageway kerbing and footpath construction nearing completion. The completion of the footpath works will see the commencement and construction of the north carriageway widening.



A814 Dumbarton Road

Eastern Overbridge

The Eastern Overbridge, which originally provided access to the Exxon site will become the eastern entrance and exit for the new development.

As part of the new works the existing structure will be partially demolished and rebuilt with a new bridge deck and parapets. Preparatory works on this have commenced with a rail shut down to allow demolition works to start on the 20th of November for a 54hr period.



Eastern overbridge due for partial demolition and reconstruction

Supporting People into Careers

The Exxon Infrastructure Development Project is helping people at different stages of their career journey to gain experience, build confidence and develop the skills needed for future roles in construction and civil engineering.

We are delighted to welcome Euan and Aiden to site as they begin their careers.

Euan, who is from West Dunbartonshire, has started as an Apprentice Civil Engineer. He will be earning while he learns, working towards a degree, and gaining valuable hands-on experience over the next three years.

Aiden has joined us as a Graduate Quantity Surveyor and will be supported through our graduate intern programme, helping him build technical knowledge, confidence and experience as he develops in his role.



We were also pleased to support Yuliia during her civil engineering placement with us in September.

Working alongside our engineers and wider site team, Yuliia gained first-hand experience of how infrastructure projects are planned and delivered, helping her connect her university learning with real construction activity on site.

By offering apprenticeships, graduate roles and placements, the project is creating practical opportunities for people to explore career paths, develop workplace skills and take their next step into the industry.

Traffic Management

Please be aware that the following traffic management updates are proposed and could be subject to change.

Traffic management is 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-notice/traffic-regulation-order/>
- Scottish Roadworks Online:
<https://www.roadworksscotland.org/>
- Traffic Scotland:
<https://www.traffic.gov.scot/traffic-information/roadworks>

Additional Traffic Management Restrictions include:
Public Holidays, Holiday Weekends, Local events: **No works.**

The Project Team



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Client: West Dunbartonshire 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: The Glasgow Region City Deal encompasses 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 have been 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.

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Contractor: Balfour Beatty are a leading international infrastructure group, trusted by customers to deliver sustainable solutions and strengthen communities.

Balfour Beatty finances, develops, builds, maintains and operates the increasingly complex and critical infrastructure that supports national economies and delivers 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?

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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/



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