



Spine Road South of Dumbuck Junction

Strategic Infrastructure Development Bowling

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The former ExxonMobil site in Bowling is being transformed into a new industrial and commercial area that will bring long-term benefits to the local community.

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 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.

Together, these improvements aim to create a well-connected, sustainable development that supports jobs, enhances the local environment and leaves a positive legacy for the Bowling and wider West Dunbartonshire community.

Project Updates



West Junction Area - Dumbuck

The West Junction at Dumbuck remains a key focus for the project. The new NCN7 cycle path is now substantially completed, and the temporary diversions are programmed to be removed by end of the summer period. The diversion has allowed ground preparation work to be completed on the proposed A814, which will form part of the new western junction. The the next stages are drainage, service ducts installations, road surface construction and kerbing. The two new underpasses for the cycle path are also now complete.





Cycle path partially open

Upcoming work at Dumbuck Junction will involve changing the existing layout of the A82 to connect with the new slip roads which will be constructed away from live traffic. To reduce disruption, this work will take place overnight between July and November 2026.

Spine Road

Most of the ground preparation work is now complete on the 1.9km length of spine road, and work on the new road construction is progressing well.



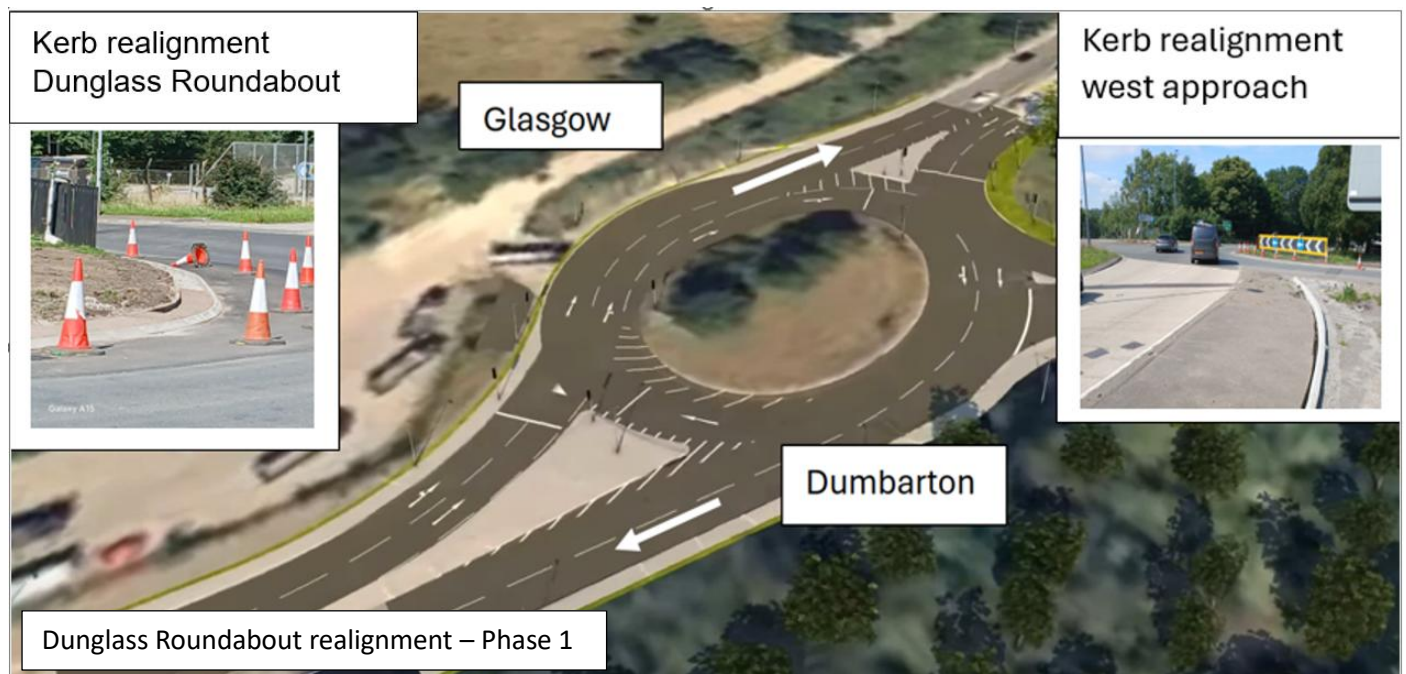
Spine Road formation heading below new rail structure



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Roundabout Reconfiguration

The first phase of the Dunglass Roundabout works on the A82 was completed during night shifts to help reduce disruption for road users. Installation completed for the foundations of the new traffic signals, ducts and drainage. More visible changes are also taking shape, including adjustments to the central reservation, roundabout and traffic islands, which will form part of the new signal-controlled junction layout.



Supporting Local Communities

The Exxon Infrastructure Development Project continues to deliver meaningful social value alongside construction activity, working in partnership with local organisations to support skills, inclusion and community wellbeing across West Dunbartonshire.

Nurturing local talent

We are delighted to welcome Lewis as the second local apprentice to join our site team through our Construction Academy programme. Lewis took part in our second academy and now follows in the footsteps of Ben, who joined Balfour Beatty after engaging with the first academy.

Their journeys show how the programme is creating meaningful routes into construction for local people, helping participants build confidence, gain practical experience and take their first steps into a rewarding career.



Construction Academy Site Visit



New Apprentice Lewis

Lewis and Ben are now working together on site while progressing towards their SCQF Level 5 qualification in construction. Earning while learning, they are gaining hands-on experience alongside industry experts and developing the skills needed to support their future careers.

Opportunities like this are an important part of our commitment to nurturing home-grown talent, strengthening the local workforce and ensuring that the benefits of the project are felt within the community for years to come.

Working4U Dumbarton Jobs Fair

We were pleased to attend the Working4U Dumbarton Jobs Fair to promote local employment opportunities connected to the Exxon Infrastructure Development Project and more widely across Balfour Beatty. The event was busy throughout, with a steady flow of people keen to speak with the team and learn more about available roles.

Interest covered a wide range of opportunities, from general labouring positions to roles suited to master's graduates, reflecting the strength and diversity of the local talent pool. We also had a Document Controller vacancy available and were encouraged to meet suitable candidates, several of whom were invited to apply. It was a very positive event and highlighted both the strong local interest in employment opportunities and the importance of continuing to support people into work.



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Traffic Management

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

- **A82 Westbound Dumbuck Junction**– Works will commence early July through to November to enable the reconfiguration of the existing layout. All of these works will be carried out under nightshift traffic management.
- **A814 Dumbarton Road** – As our works progress there will be intermittent closures to complete the resurfacing works until late summer 2026.
- **A814 Glasgow Rd** – To accommodate up and coming service diversions and / tie-ins periodic westbound lane closures overnight will be put in place.
- **A82 Dunglass Roundabout** – Phase 1 of these works is now complete with phase 2 due to commence October - November again under nightshift traffic management.

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>

The Project Team



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.

Balfour Beatty

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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