

Banff Constructions Works Presentation

Held Virtually via Microsoft TEAMS - Monday 11 January 2021

Attendees

Councillors: Cllr John Cox, Cllr Glen Reynolds, Cllr Michael Roy

Officers: Corrie McCall, Principal Officer – Harbours
Gordon Barclay, Engineer – Harbours
Duncan Mackie, Area Harbourmaster
Albert Wiseman, Banff Harbourmaster

Presenter: Scott Adams, Project Manager – Turner & Townsend

Guests: Daniel West, Alan Alexander, John McEwan, Dan Foowden, Billy Milne, Kyle Ritchie, Helen Robbins, Mark Donnelly, Neil Murray, Laura Campbell, Victor Cowie, Keith Mowbray, Alasdair Scott, Matthew Watt, Eve Close, Colin Wood, John Watt, Wayne Stewart, M M Henderson, J Freeman, Stephen Milne

Below is a summary of the questions asked during the Question and Answer session which took part after the presentation. There were some questions on the evening that Officers could not answer, but additional information has been included in the answers below:

1. Is it possible that there could be a delay to the works due to Covid?

Construction is currently unaffected by lockdown. If further restrictions were introduced, it is hoped the works would be allowed to continue as the Project should be considered essential works to key infrastructure. There is some flexibility within the contract and the Contractor has given assurances they will work with us to deal with problems if they arise.

2. Is permission required to access boats that fall outwith the red site boundary lines?

Following on from the meeting and discussions, we have revisited the need to provide prior notification to access boats. Now that we have a better understanding of the number of boats staying in the harbour for the duration of the works, we have established that all boats can be accommodated in the Inner Basin. This means that you will not need to enter the Construction Site to access your boats and access can be made via the keypad gate on the Middle Jetty.

We would like to remind harbour users that although the Inner Basin is not within the confines of the Construction Site, it is on the boundary and would discourage prolonged and unnecessary visits.

Also important to note:

- No vessel movements are allowed within the harbour during the Construction period unless in an emergency situation.
- Parking in the area will be restricted.

- Current Covid-19 regulations must be adhered to in particular travel restrictions and social distancing.
- The Contractor has instructed their site personnel to restrict interaction with members of the public to reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading. This is to ensure the works can continue on programme as a localised outbreak within the site team would require personnel to self-isolate. Please do not try to engage in conversations with site personnel. Monthly progress updates will be circulated via email.

3. If a survey is required for a boat, can it be taken onto the compound or moved to allow this?

No vessel movements from 29th January 2021

4. Are there penalties within the contract if the project runs over?

Yes, depending on why the completion is missed.

5. Why not do the works Oct 2021?

The current state of the piers is considered critical and further deterioration, possible further partial collapses may happen before then so they must be done now. Delays from starting in Oct 2020 were mainly due to tender clarifications being needed and a change to the method of repair to the East Pier due to its further deterioration during the tender period.

6. Access to Telford View for Residents?

Additional communications will be made with the local residents, mainly in the form of letter drops.

7. From the diagram on the slides, it looks like there are works happening on the slipway?

No works are occurring on the slipway.

8. Will access to the hard standing in the lower compound be available?

As the lower compound is outwith the site boundary, access can be made from the Middle Jetty, however, please refer to the answer given to Question 2 for further information.

9. Can the Powerpoint be sent out for those that were unable to join the online meeting?

Yes.

10. Is essential maintenance allowed to be carried out on boat, in particular wooden boats?

Yes, we are not saying people cannot tend to their boats, we just want to limit the access in relation to Covid interactions and site access. Understand people will want to check their boats, ropes etc and that maintenance to boats is essential but it has to be managed.

11. Will there be refunds?

Another meeting will be arranged in the future to discuss this.

12. Is there a chance for local contractors (MSY crane hire in particular) to work with the Contractor?

SA will pass on contact details but these subcontracts were probably formed at the Tender stage.

13. How will water levels be maintained in the inner basins were vessels are floating?

It has been anticipated that between the flow of water through the voiding on the East Pier and drainage pipes and pumping out of the dry area into the inner basin will be sufficient to maintain the water level and water quality. The contingency plan if this isn't sufficient to maintain water level and quality is that the generators/pumps the Contractor will have onsite to ensure the dry area remains dry will be used to pump water into the inner basin.

Water sampling has been included within the scope of works to monitor water quality.

14. If the contractor is needing accommodation, they can contact Wayne Stewart at the Knowes Hotel and he will open for them?

GB already passed Wayne's details to the Contractor as it maybe required.

15. Can access be maintained to the lower compound for all vessels in the water for emergency purposes?

Yes, access is to be maintained to the lower boat compound for vessels but only in an emergency situation. Boat movements are not permitted for the duration of the Works Contract.

16. If traffic restrictions are not required for the duration on the works, can traffic lights be removed when not required?

Yes

17. Can the monthly written update be circulated wider than the Harbour Users, for example to include the Community Council?

Yes, happy to provide updates to anyone that wants them. Will also put on the Harbours Website and Facebook page.

18. When is the construction of the bund to begin and how long will it be in place?

As per the Contractors current Programme, construction of the bund will begin on 30 January 2021, hence why we have advised no vessels will be able to enter or exit the harbour via the channel from 29 January 2021. The current Programme shows the bund will be fully removed by 17 August 2021. We are hopeful if weekend working is approved by Environmental Health the Programme can be accelerated.

Next virtual meeting to be held mid to late February.