

## Newsletter 2: April 2021

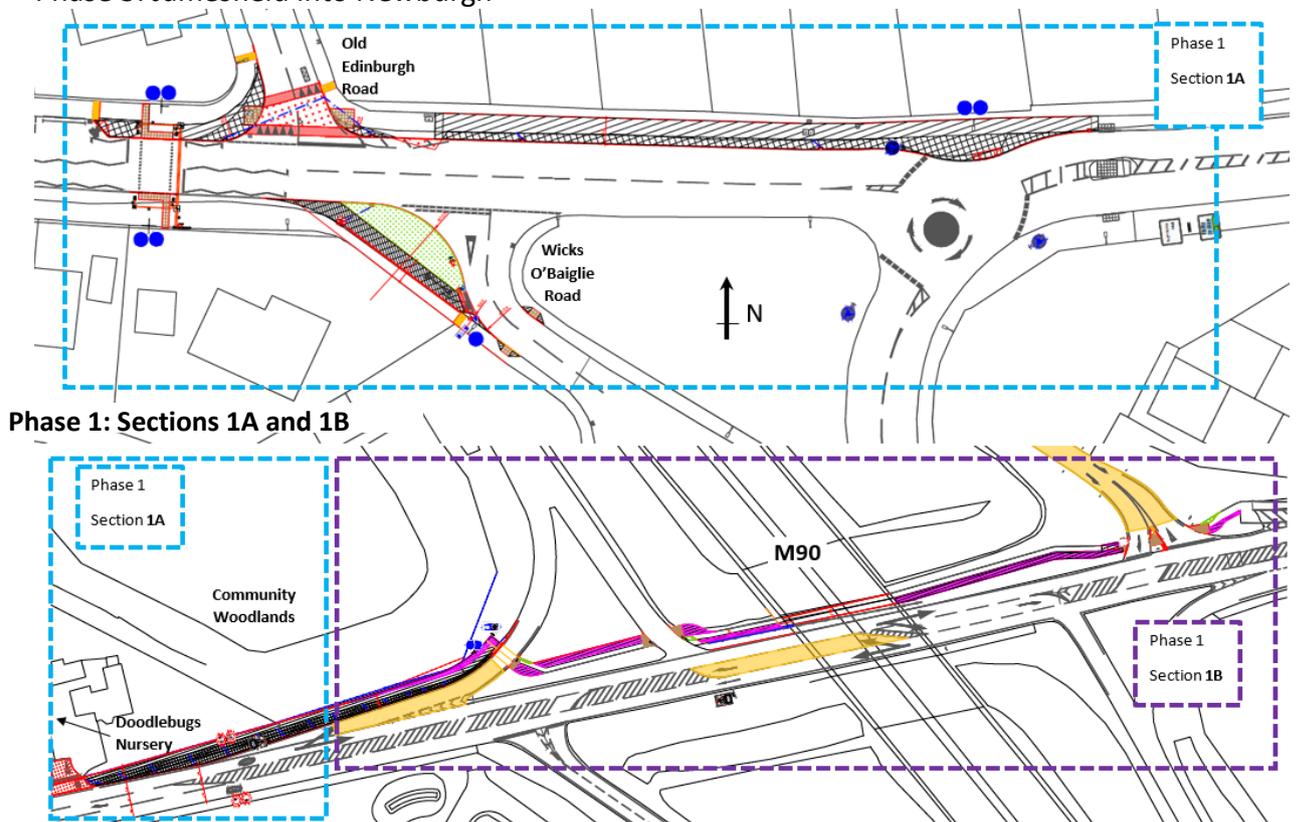
Welcome to the second Newsletter for the

### Bridge of Earn to Newburgh Active Travel Project.

This update aims to inform stakeholders on a regular basis of the latest progress on the project.

As noted in the previous newsletter, the project has been split into 3 phases, and the delivery is to be rolled out from the western end in Bridge of Earn heading eastwards:

- Phase 1: Section 1A: Bridge of Earn near Old Edinburgh Road to the Community Woodlands
- Phase 1: Section 1B: Community Woodlands underneath the M90 to just west of Oudenarde Roundabout
- Phase 1: Section 2: Baiglie Straight down to Aberargie Roundabout
- Phase 2: Glenfoot through Abernethy to Jamesfield just over the railway line
- Phase 3: Jamesfield into Newburgh



Phase 1: Sections 1A and 1B

#### Update on funding developments since March.

Landfill Operator fund Suez Community Trust advised that the project Ph 1A had been unsuccessful in the application for £50,000, which is disappointing. However, PKC has been able to offer a similar contribution to the 2020/21 funding award from CWSS in 2021/22 of £30,000 and PKCT has offered to contribute £6,000 both of which will help greatly.

#### Phase 1 Section 1A Progress Update

The pedestrian and cyclist priority feature over the Old Edinburgh Road junction with the A912 is still under design review. Balancing the need to control the speed of vehicles and raise visibility of footway

users to traffic whilst still enabling vehicle manoeuvres is a challenge. Additional surveying has taken place to ensure we have the correct data to assist PKC in selecting the best design.

### **Next Steps for Phase 1 Section 1A**

The design for the pedestrian and cyclist priority feature over the Old Edinburgh Road junction will be required to go for consultation under the Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations. This is where the Police, the Emergency Services and organisations representing local road users are contacted.

The application for Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is ready to be submitted to enable the necessary traffic control needed to keep contractor, the footway and road users safe once works commence.

The contract shall then be put out to tender, with works anticipated to start within 2-3 weeks from contractor selection.

### **Next Steps for Phase 1 Section 1B**

The outstanding boundary issue over the sliproads and under the M90 flyover is still to be resolved between PKC and Transport Scotland.

The land acquisition of the narrow strip of adjacent community woodland to allow the necessary footway widening and improved visibility at this point has been completed.

The necessary crown lifting and tree work along the narrow strip of community woodland adjacent to the northbound on ramp slip road has also taken place. This shall provide the space required to widen the footway and ensure footway users are not affected by decaying trees or overhanging branches.

### **Phase 1 Section 2 Baiglie Straight**

Design work progresses on this section of the active travel route. In response to concerns raised around the impact the proposals will have on vehicles using the road, Traffic Services within the council are currently considering the outline proposals. The design going forward will embrace all road safety legislation required on A class arterial roads.

### **Phase 2**

The work continues to create provision for active travel from the point where the upgraded footway carried out by Perth & Kinross Council ends at Glenfoot. The options appraisal first draft is complete and wider community consultation shall commence shortly with the publication of the options appraisal report. This follows a presentation made at the Abernethy Community Council meeting in March. The wider consultation will assist in establishing the preferred route option through Abernethy and onto the railway bridge near Jamesfield.

### **Phase 3**

Continuing from the eastern side of the railway bridge at Jamesfield and onto Newburgh, the process of options appraisal is also completed. However, landowner discussions remain outstanding prior to the routes being finalised.

### **How you can help & further updates**

Regular updates and more info can be found on [www.pkct.org](http://www.pkct.org)

Please contact us on [info@pkct.org](mailto:info@pkct.org) if there are any queries or facts that you require more information on.

We will be looking to find further ways to communicate the project details depending on the lifting of Covid-19 Restrictions.