

## Newsletter 8: January 2024

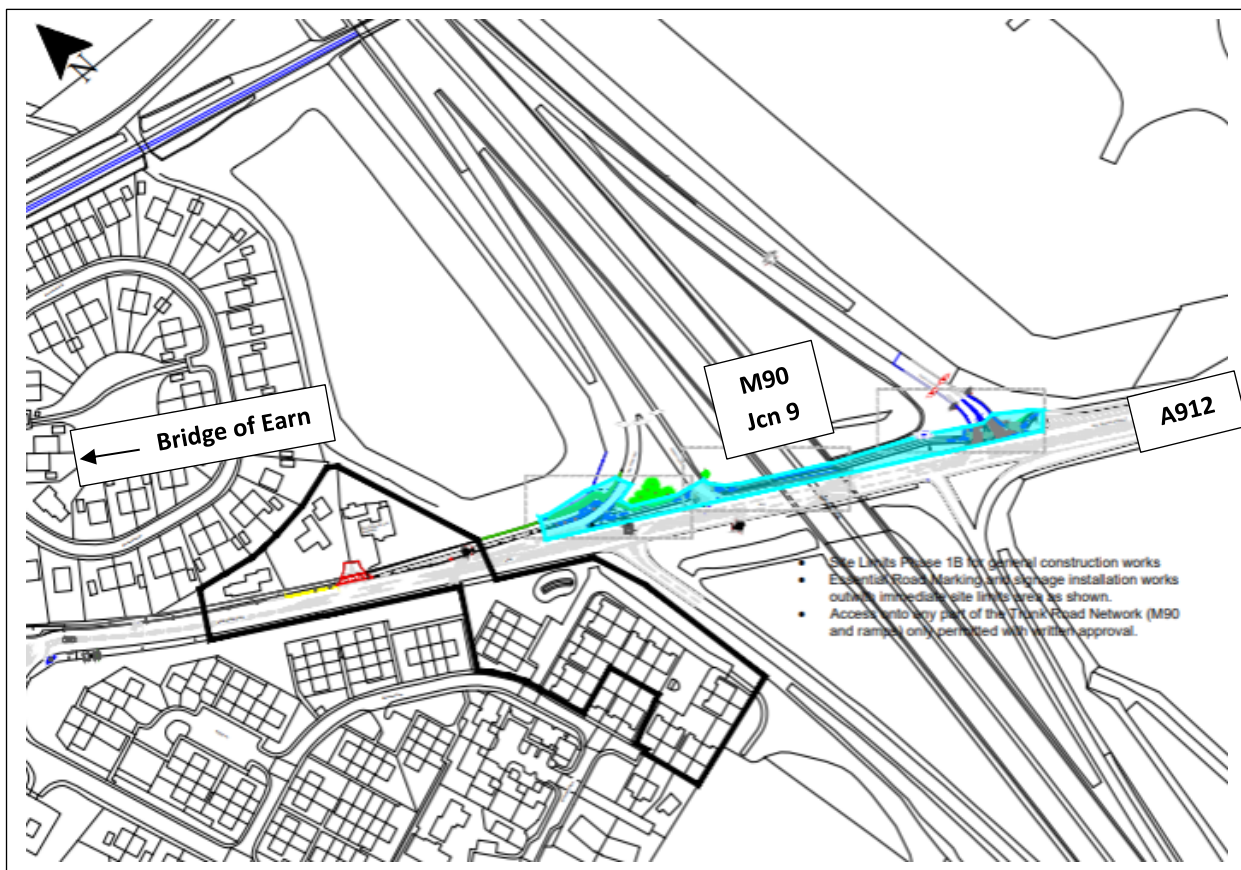
Welcome to the 8th Newsletter for the

**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.**

### **Phase 1B Bridge of Earn Community Woodland to west of Oudenarde Roundabout: Start Up**

Permissions from Transport Scotland and Amey Highways were finally secured in December 2023 and the phase was put out to tender. Tayside Contracts are the appointed contractor and construction work commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Site works are at the southeastern side of Bridge of Earn, from the community woodland, across the slip roads section of the M90 Junction 9 to just west of the Oudenarde roundabout. Tayside Contracts plan to complete the upgrade of the existing footway to active travel standard by mid-March, weather dependent.



As with Phase 1A, the infrastructure changes will impact traffic movement and priorities to enable safer passage for cyclists and path users: important key aspects of the project. By altering the footway in this area all users of the space are required to slow down and take due notice of the priorities. The new layout completed in Phase 1A, improves the visibility of the sliproad and the location of the new active travel crossing point there.

Funding has been secured from Transport Scotland as the route is viewed as a strategic link from Perth & Kinross into Fife.

### Phase 1A Bridge of Earn: Road Safety Audit Results

The Road Safety Audit Stage 3 was conducted in the autumn of 2023 following completion of **Phase 1A** and its results are being reviewed. As expected, the junction alterations are requiring the area to be used in a slower, safer manner. To assist in this and with the occasional unsatisfactory driving behaviour at the Wicks O’Baiglie junction the area in that location is being looked at again to assist larger vehicle movements.

### Phase 1C Baiglie Straight

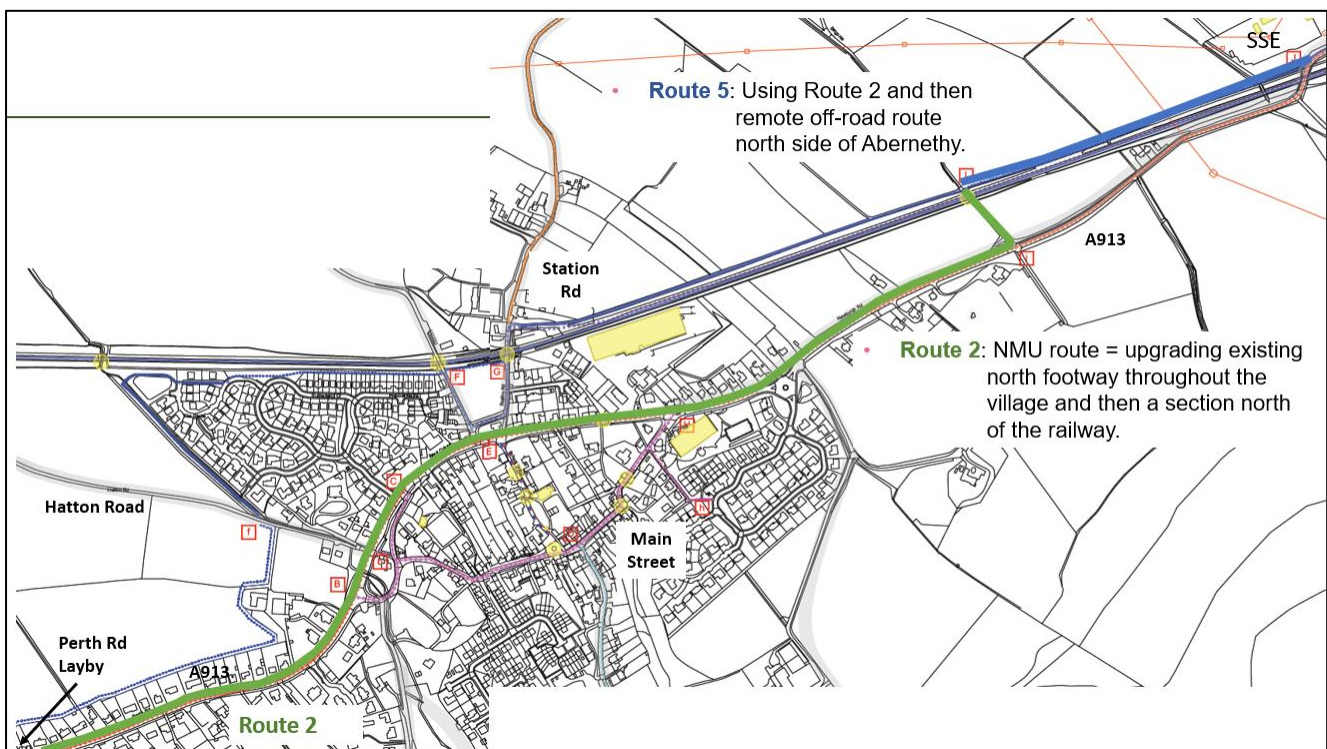
The designs for Phase 1C, have been modified to include planning conditions and shall be endorsed by PKC Roads Maintenance Partnership before conversations with the landowners adjacent to the hedge will take place, hopefully before the end of March 2024.

### Phase 2A Glenfoot Junction to Jamesfield Junction via Abernethy – date for the diary

Continuing on with the support received from different parts of the community, a drop-in session is now planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> February in Abernethy village hall from 14.00 until 19.00. Everyone will be welcome to come in, view the proposed designs and route and give their feedback.

Two more classroom sessions were run at Abernethy Primary School in November 2023, to raise awareness of Active Travel and to gather data about the students’ impressions of existing infrastructure and future aspirations.

There is good support within the Abernethy community and the adjacent settlements for improved infrastructure in this area. We are greatly encouraged that this route is regarded as being of strategic importance to the Scottish Government. As a result, the project is continuing to work with the community in the endeavour to promote and inform the project appropriately as it moves forward.



Current route alignment being taken into detailed design 2024-25.

## **Phase 2B – Jamesfield Junction to Newburgh – Progress Update**

Following the request from the land agent of the Mugdrum Estate and input from Fife Council, the route to the south of the A913 is now being considered in greater detail. This route was not previously progressed as it was not something that could be delivered within the available resources to Perth and Kinross Council. However, due to the potential of external funding and the increased input from Fife Council, this route is being reassessed. Fife Council have commenced community consultation and TP&E have completed surveying and have commissioned topographical surveys of the woodland area, both within the Mugdrum Estate and south of the A913. Questions on this section and other phases are welcome by email and at the community event on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

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

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