

## Introduction

This note provides a brief update to Progress Update No 13, dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## Pricing and Committee Approval

The construction costs of the bridge will be confirmed shortly and, following a review, details of the tender for the works will be submitted to the F&R Committee for approval on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## Design

The final stages of the design are now underway and this will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> of January to facilitate confirmation of pricing. Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) is being used to design the specialist soil abutments which support the roads leading to the structure. This is often an aspect of the design which is done during the construction phase, but this approach was taken to minimise any design change following commencement of construction.

## Pedestrian / Cycling facilities

The cycling and pedestrian facilities on the bridge have been examined in great depth. In consultation with Spokes, Sustrans and the Council's Active Travel team, the bridge has been designed to accommodate the different needs of Eastbound and Westbound pedestrians and cyclists, and considers future expansion of the Active Travel network in the area.

Eastbound cyclists travelling along the bridge are predominately commuter and leisure cyclists and hence a dedicated cycle path linking into National Cycle Network NCN1 will be provided. This facilitates onward travel to Queensferry or Edinburgh. Cyclists travelling West along Burnshot Road will be able to use the newly-constructed shared-use path on the Northbound slip road and not have to cross the bridge. The shared-use path on the Westbound side of the bridge will be mainly used by the residents of Craighiehall, to the West of the bridge, and a shared path is appropriate for this usage.

The cycle path is at road level, and the footpath and shared path are raised.

Updated drawings showing the NCN1 cycle lane tie-in are not yet available but further details will be provided in a subsequent Progress Update.

## Timescales

Subject to Committee approval to award the contract, it is expected that construction will commence in May 2019 and take 10-11 months.

## Updated Design renders



Visualisation looking North on A90



Visualisation looking West on Burnshot Road

(All visualisations courtesy of Mott Macdonald)