



Strategic Infrastructure Development, Bowling

A major industrial and commercial site at the former ExxonMobil oil terminal in Bowling is starting to take shape with site clearance nearing completion.

The site in Bowling is being transformed to unlock the potential of mixed-use development with, for example, storage, distribution, industrial, business and office space. It is a joint investment project between West Dunbartonshire Council and Glasgow City Region City Deal with funding from both UK and Scottish Governments.

The site is expected to bring £20.6 million of additional private investment and £331.4m net additional Gross Value Added (GVA) to the City Region over 25 years.

The project includes the reconfiguration of Dumbuck junction on the A82/ A814, the construction of a new railway underbridge, partial reconstruction of an existing railway overbridge, 2.2km of spine roads and the phased implementation of raised platforms ready for development of future buildings on the site. Of the 150-acre area, 47 acres are planned for development, with green network and green infrastructure enhancements including a waterfront pedestrian and cycle path being developed.

In addition, a heritage area has been identified around listed structure Dunglass Castle.

Project Updates:

Works on site commenced in January 2025, with the first phase of the works which was focussing on site clearances, is now nearing completion.



From January to the end of March, operations on site have created site access and egress to the West Junction off A82, adjacent existing Dumbuck Junction, and to the East junction, adjacent to Dunglass roundabout.



Creation of temporary haul routes and structures within the site limits



Construction of Site Access off A82



Project Updates:



The focus over the coming months will include:

1. West Junction: Service diversions, localised earthworks operations and installation of deep drainage.
2. Spine Road: Earthworks preparation with bulk earthworks commencing in mid-May 2025.
3. East Junction: Completion of site clearance at A814 Dumbarton Road, including drainage and the main access foot path conversion.

Traffic Management:

The traffic management will be 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 websites below and social media feed.

- Council Webpage for Traffic Regulation Orders/ Traffic Management:

www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/council/public-notices/traffic-regulation-order/

- Scottish Roadworks Online:

www.roadworksscotland.org

- Traffic Scotland:

www.traffic.gov.scot/traffic-information/roadworks

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Social Impact Updates:

Social Impact refers to the positive impact or benefits that construction projects can bring to communities beyond the physical structures they create. Social Impact encompasses a wide range of outcomes that create the greatest economic, social and environmental value for local communities, so delivering legacy and long-term benefits

The Infrastructure Development Project, Bowling, promoting STEM skills and career pathways within the Construction Industry

Since Jan 2025, Balfour Beatty has supported 5 local careers events.

Working in construction offers exciting opportunities to literally shape the world we live in. The sector is trailblazing and dynamic, embracing technology and innovation to meet the challenges of climate change and sustainable development. Balfour Beatty are committed to inspiring young people in Scotland to grasp these opportunities and consider a future career in construction.



March Site Visits & Project Tours

The Chief Executive, Peter Hessett was joined on site recently by senior civil servants from the Scottish Government. Brian Dornan, Head of Strategy and Chris Thomson, Programme Director for Green Freeports and Investment Zones enjoyed a visit to the former Exxon site and other major regeneration sites throughout the day.



Representatives from West Dunbartonshire Council, Glasgow City Region's Project Management Office and Scape Scotland were welcomed onto the site to find out more about the work in progress.

The delegates, including Convener of Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development, Councillor David McBride and Vice Convener Lawrence O'Neill as well as West Dunbartonshire Council's Chief Officer of Roads and Neighbourhood Gail Macfarlane were shown around by Balfour Beatty Project Manager Alan Thompson and Portfolio Director Stephen Hardie.

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The Project Team:

Client: West Dunbartonshire Council

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 centres 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: Glasgow Region City Deal

We are the eight partner councils that make up Glasgow City Region working with local and national stakeholders to drive Regional economic growth and improvement. Together we are developing plans that will help to grow our economy and provide a great place for residents to live, work and study; for our businesses to flourish and for companies to invest in. In fact, we aim to be the most productive City Region economy in the UK.

Since the Glasgow City Region Cabinet was established in 2014, we have achieved a great deal, investing millions of pounds in improving transport and connectivity; growing skills; supporting businesses and freeing up derelict land for housing, retail and commercial development.

Our 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.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty

Balfour Beatty are a leading international infrastructure group, trusted by customers to deliver sustainable solutions and strengthen communities. We finance, develop, build, maintain and operate the increasingly complex and critical infrastructure that supports national economies and deliver 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 the Infrastructure Development site, Bowling, we look forward to supporting 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? BBExxonInfrastructureDevelopment@balfourbeatty.com

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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