

Newsletter 2: October 2026

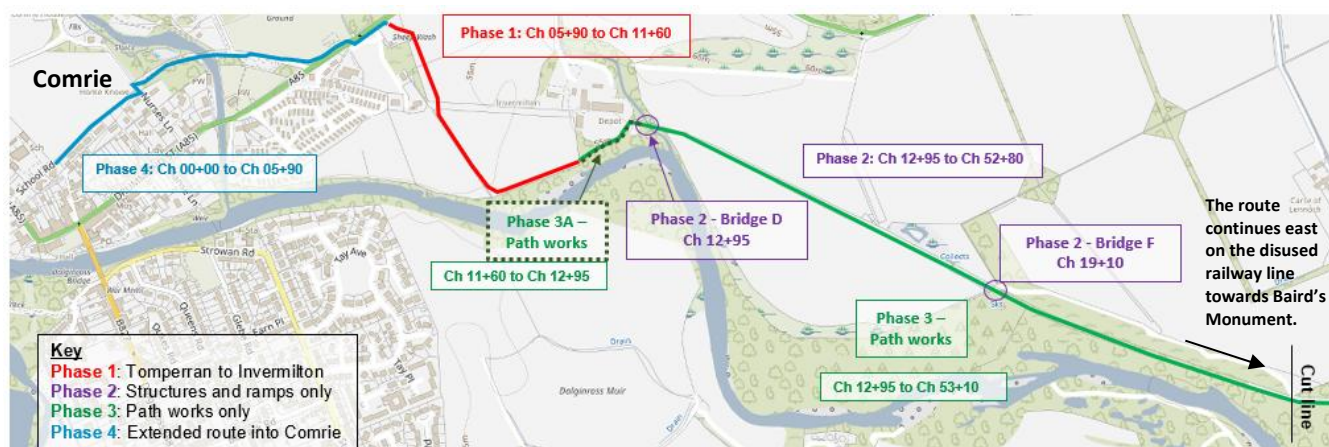
Welcome to our Second Newsletter for the Comrie towards Baird's Monument Active Travel Project.

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

What has happened since the first newsletter:

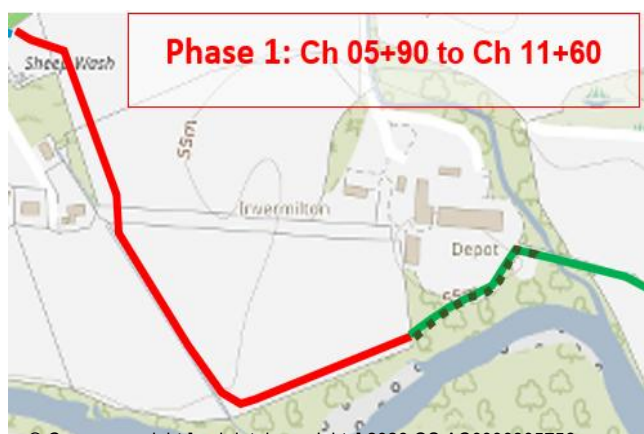
To recap, for deliverability and to attract funding, the project had been split into 5 phases as detailed below and work has continued on the path agreements with landowners. In particular:

- Phase 1: Tomperran section - From A85 near Tomperran towards the boundary with Invermilton.
- Phase 2: Structures section - Includes 10 structures – bridges and ramps.
- Phase 3A: Link off the railway embankment section - from the eastern boundary of Phase 1, south of the Invermilton property.
- Phase 3: Path works section – includes all the path surfacing from east of Invermilton to junction with minor road U198, near Baird's Monument.
- Phase 4: Comrie village section - from Comrie Primary School, eastwards through Laggan Park to cross A85 and join Phase 1.



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Phase 1: Tomperran to Invermilton



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This phase runs along the field margins at the eastern edge of Comrie and is now ready for construction.

Negotiations were completed with Caledonian Trust Ltd late August and Transport Scotland funding delivered through Walk Wheel Cycle Trust has been secured for the construction of Phase 1.

The project has been advertised for tender and once selected, the successful contractor shall begin works in late November. Completion is forecast for late March 2027.

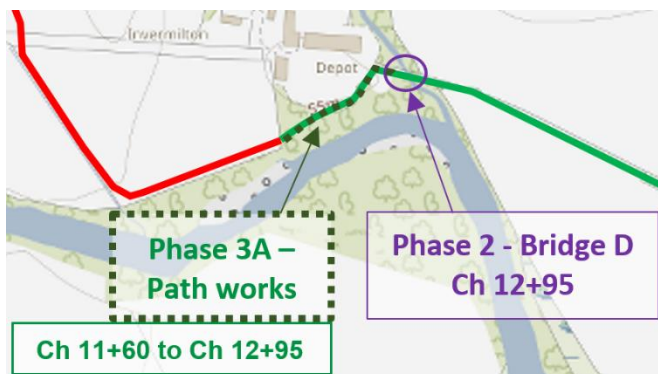
Access along the core path may not be possible throughout construction, but diversions will be put in place where safe to do so. Any potential closures will be advertised in advance.

Following completion of the path agreement, Transport Scotland funding delivered through Walk Wheel Cycle Trust was also secured in August to continue the design of Phase 3A to provide a suitable link onto the railway embankment east of Invermilton.

This section of the route will connect into Phase 1 works and is currently uneven, with several mature trees and non-native species of plant. Once constructed, this will give a valuable link section, opening the route from the A85, through Phase 1 eastwards to the disused railway.

Phase 3A has been submitted for planning permission. Application for further funds has also been made and on successful award, this section could also be delivered in this financial year.

Phase 3A: End of Phase 1 to Invermilton yard



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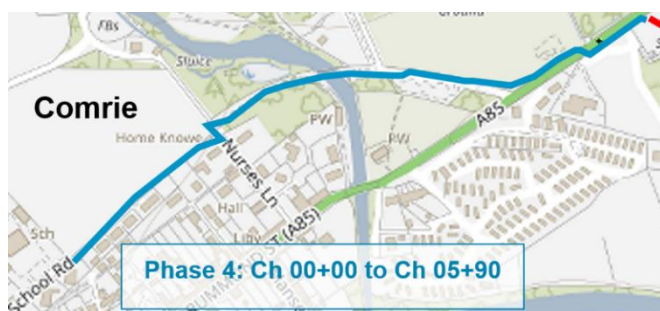
Phase 2: Invermilton to Baird's Monument - Structures

This section of route has also been submitted for planning permission and involves the design, repair or construction of 10 structures between Invermilton to U198 minor road junction – the full length of the project. The structures involve 5 bridges and 5 ramps. Design of these works will take place in future years depending on the success of funding.

Phase 3: Invermilton to Baird's Monument – Path works

This phase involves the design and delivery of the path surfacing works including fencing, gates, field entrances and tree/hedge planting. The Phase 2 structures sit within the length of this phase and require to be designed and built prior to the path works to enable access to all sections of the disused railway.

Phase 4: Comrie Primary School to A85 Crossing



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We have been liaising with the ongoing flood protection scheme project team (Perth & Kinross Council and Balfour Beatty) who are utilising a section of the Phase 4 path as an access route for the works (Nurses Lane eastwards to the footbridge). This will be reinstated upon completion of their works, and they have agreed to undertake this work to align with the wider path project. The path will be finished in an unbound surface with narrow concrete pin kerbing to retain the surface materials. This is an efficient approach to delivering this short section of path and provides a direct saving to the active travel project. The process of Landowner path agreements is in progress.

How you can help & further updates

Regular updates and more info can be found on www.pkct.org. Please contact us on 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 in the future.