

Combwich Wharf Refurbishment

Update: May 2021

Progress Update: Relieving Slab

Construction of the relieving slab is continuing. This is the area where large loads from the vessel will first touch down at Combwich Wharf. These slides show the preparation works we've undertaken to prepare for the large concrete pour of 300m³ to complete the slab.

In the image below, the engineer is using survey equipment to check the dimensions and level of the reinforcing steel before the concrete is poured.



Above, the operative is cleaning the base of the structure ready for the concrete pour. Debris can affect the quality of concrete and therefore it's stability, so it's important to have a clean area before the concrete is poured into place.

Unfortunately due to a combination of a national shortage of concrete and poor weather, the concrete pour has been delayed. We now anticipate this will take place next week (w/c 1 June). As a continuous pour is required to achieve the correct quality, works may continue into the evening.

We apologise for any frustration these delays have caused.



Concrete will be poured into this large structure, which will form the relieving slab – the area where large components will be offloaded from vessels

Progress Update: Legato Wall



Following completion of the relieving slab, we'll be removing the legato wall (pictured above) which was in place to support the removal of the old abnormal loads quay.

Due to tidal restrictions, some of the removal works will need to take place outside of our normal working hours. We will continue to use mitigation measures to ensure disturbance is kept to a minimum.

Progress Update: Moving from major to minor



In the coming months, we'll be completing the final elements of our major construction works.

From Summer, the contractor who has completed the works up until now, Hochtief, will demobilise from the Combwich Wharf site.

The Hinkley Point C team will continue to have a regular presence at the compound, and we'll be working with contractors from our main site to continue with the minor construction works. This will mean you'll continue to see works being undertaken. We will also continue to have an operational security team in place.

Due to the nature of the final major construction works and the need to work within certain tidal times, Sedgemoor District Council have approved a request to allow us to work outside of our normal working hours. This will involve evening work and Saturday afternoon work to allow us to complete the following activities:

- Concrete pour for the relieving slab - 1 day
- Dredging – up to 4 weeks
- Legato Wall Removal – 1 week

From our previous experience and monitoring, we are confident that noise levels should not exceed the approved thresholds. We'll continue to use noise mitigation to manage this and reduce disturbance to you.

**Fuel Tank delivered via
Combwich Wharf –
October 2019**



Other news:

Operational Phase

As we prepare for the operational phase at Combwich Wharf, which will see large loads being delivered by sea, we're keen to hear from you. We will be pulling together a booklet of information so you know what to expect and the best ways to stay up to date.

If there is any particular information which you think residents might be interested to hear about, please do let us know so we can factor it into the booklet.

Escort training

It's not just the Community Relations team who are preparing for the operational phase at the wharf, our delivery team are also gearing up to escort large loads from Combwich Wharf to our main site.

A training session will take place on Sunday 6th June, simulating a delivery of a large load from Combwich Wharf to main site. The session will include 3 rolling road blocks on the C182 between Combwich and the main site, between 0800 – 1500. Each rolling road block is expected to last approximately 30 minutes. This method, opposed to a complete road closure, ensures we are minimising disturbance to local residents. Thank you for your patience and support.

Parish Council Meeting

We'll be attending the July Parish Council meeting to update you on progress at Combwich Wharf – if you'd like to join and ask any questions we'll be happy to help.

How to keep in touch

If you're interested in keeping up to date with what's happening on the Hinkley Point C project more widely, there are lots of ways to keep in touch, including:

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