



LOWESTOFT

May 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to the Gull Wing Project's May Update. The big project news this month is the opening of the new Colin Law Way off Waveney Drive, providing access to Riverside Business Park.

This is yet another tangible sign that work is progressing on the project and is a step closer towards the opening of the new bridge.

We are always happy to hear from you and any feedback or ideas you have to improve our newsletter. Please see our contact details at the end of the newsletter.

Colin Law Way – Now Open



On 9th May Colin Law Way was open for access onto Riverside Business Park as well as the site itself. The old Riverside Road access to the Business Park is now closed off to traffic, and a revised traffic diversion is in place for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians accessing Waveney Drive and the Business Park. This is the result of many months of work which started with the demolition of some of the Jeld Wen sheds last year. This also enables us to start work on the new southern roundabout at the junction of Waveney Drive and Tom Crisp Way, and the south embankment and piling works for the southern abutment and pier 1.

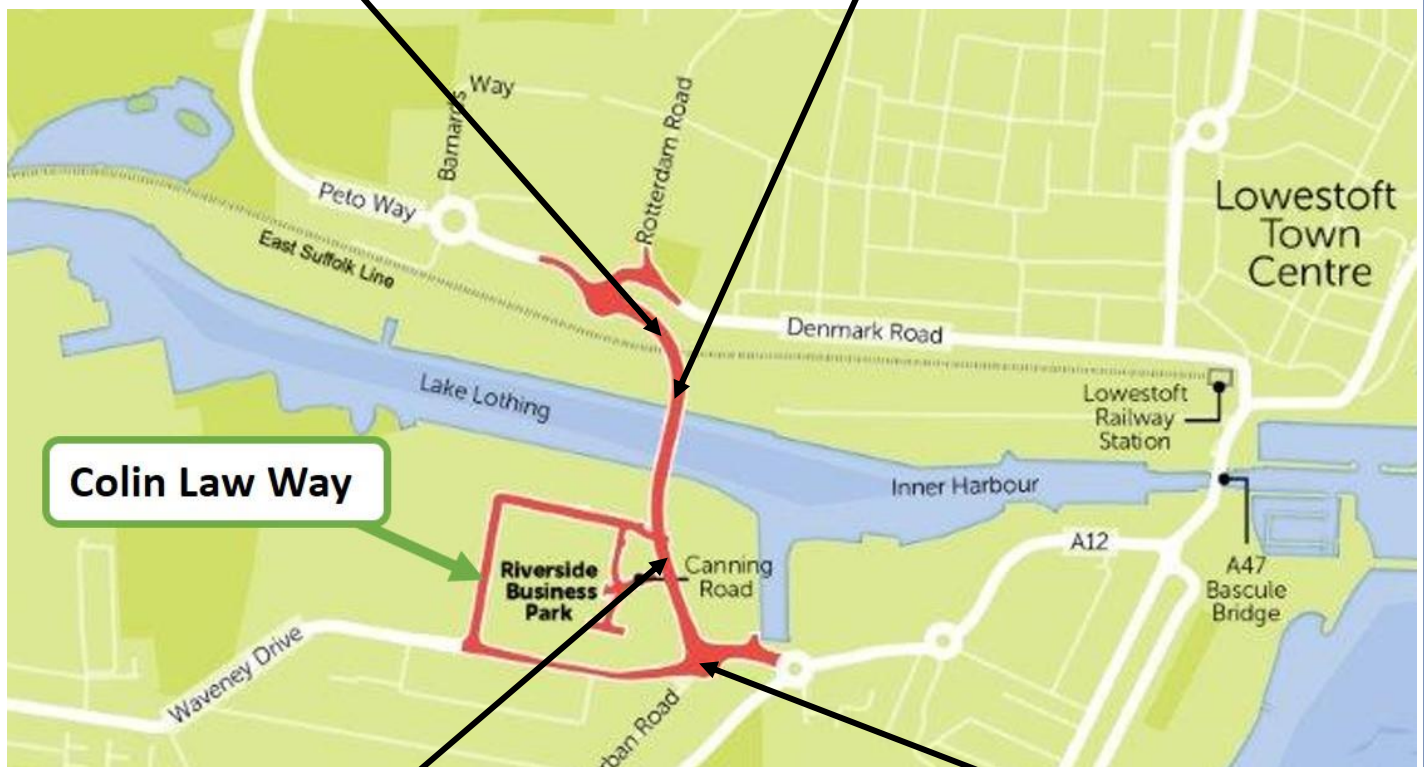
Recent Site Achievements – Around the Site



A - North Abutment – Wall E Shutters



B – Pile Cap 6 – Reinforcing steel



Colin Law Way



C – Pier 1 – Laying Piling Platform



D – Southern Roundabout Works

A

North Abutment – Wall E - Shutters

The North Abutment's complex shape requires a number of separate concrete pours. This image shows the shuttering being erected for Wall E.

B

Pile Cap 6 – Reinforcement Steel

Pier 6 is located between Commercial Road and the north quay wall. Reinforcement Steel is now being placed in the pilecap ready for the next concrete pour. Following this, work will commence on the pier itself.

C

Pier 1 – Laying Piling Platform .

The ground is being prepared to accommodate the piling rig to construct the foundations for Pier 1. This location has only been accessible since the completion of Colin Law Way and diversion of traffic using Riverside Business Park.

D

Southern Roundabout Works

With the closure of access to the Riverside Business Park, trenching work has also started on the drainage systems for the southern roundabout.

Upcoming Works



- Southern Roundabout earthworks and drainage works
- Southern Abutment and Pier 1 continuous flight auger piling works to commence
- Control Tower construction to commence
- Pier 4 - Team of marine divers required to undertake underwater excavation, steel fixing and welding works prior to underwater concreting.
- Pier 5 Marine Rotary Bored Piling will commence on the northern side of the Lake
- Pier 6 Pile Cap and Stem to be constructed
- North Approach Viaduct Section 1 - Deck Construction concrete pour
- North Abutment – Walls to be completed
- Deep Soil Mixing for Northern Approach Embankment to continue

NAV 1 – Latest Update



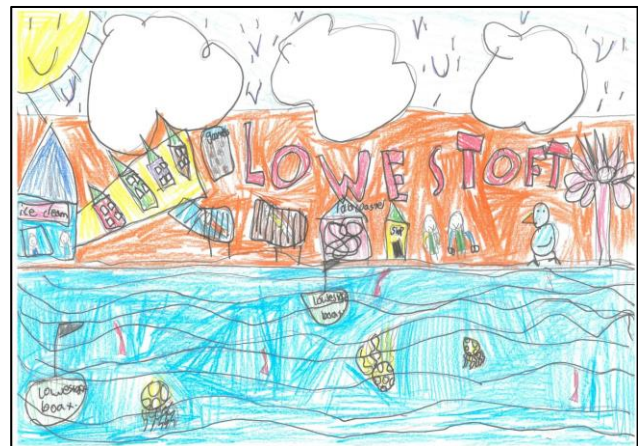
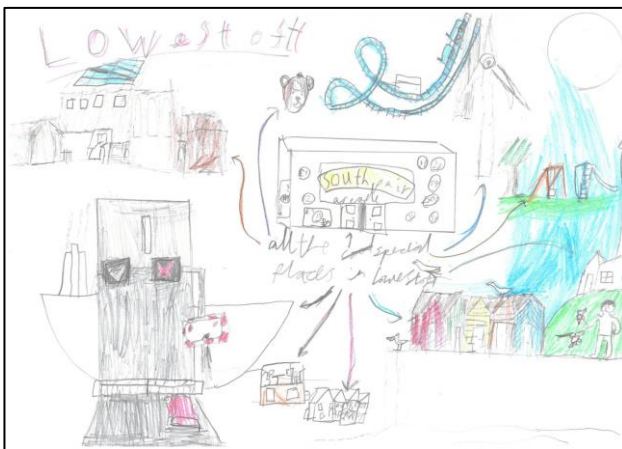
As work moves on with NAV 1, the image shows the Omnia Planks that have now been installed along with the reinforcing bars sticking up from the planks.

These concrete permanent formwork planks have been laid onto the steel structure. On top of this the concrete deck will be poured before the final road surface.

Promoting Lowestoft in Schools

Once complete, the new Gull Wing Bridge will add to a list of many things unique to Lowestoft and be an iconic and exciting structure for all to see. Making the town a wonderful place to live, work and visit. Following on from our KS2 Assembly about Gull Wing in December 2021, we asked the students of St Margaret's Primary Academy in Lowestoft to show us their best artwork to promote Lowestoft and showcase the town's cultural past, present or future. Students were encouraged to think about all the things that they love about Lowestoft, the structures they see or the places that you like to go. And some even created some spectacular drawings of Gull Wing too! Here is a small selection on some of the fantastic pieces of artwork.

Thank you for getting involved with such enthusiasm St Margaret's Primary.



Social Values Update

Educational Outreach Figures [we need to carefully check these figures against those that Farrens are giving us for stakeholder meeting and ensure they are consistent]

- 10** Careers Talks / Open Events Attended
- 3** Site Visits held for Local Students
- 12** Laptops donated to Local Secondary Schools
- 17** Primary & Secondary School Sessions delivered
- 98** Staff Hours dedicated to local School and College visits
- 1460** Approximate No. of Local Students reached through outreach events.

Local Opportunities

- 71** Local Suppliers and Subcontractors used within a 70 Mile radius.
- 9** Job Opportunities for LTU & NEETS
- 3** Apprenticeship positions filled on the project (159 Person-Weeks to date equivalent)
- 9** Graduate opportunities on the project (306 Person-Weeks to date equivalent)
- 3** Work Experience placements secured for Spring/Summer 2022

Annual Assembly and Yacht Club Talks



On 13th May we were invited to speak to members and guests of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club. A group of 40 people were given a presentation on the construction of Gull Wing, where they also had the opportunity to ask a large number of questions about the project.

Following that, on the 26th May a similar presentation was given to the Lowestoft Town Annual Assembly – updating them from their previous meeting on the progress with the project to date.

Meet the Team



My name is Ed and have recently joined the project as a Graduate Quantity Surveyor for Farrans. Whilst completing my degree, I worked for Farrans on the Haudagain Project in Aberdeen and as a Trainee Quantity Surveyor on the A52 Smaller Junction Project during my last year. After graduating I have become a Graduate Quantity Surveyor on the Gull Wing project, where I look after the commercial side of various sub-contract packages. One of my key roles is helping manage the highways section of the project including Streetlighting, Traffic Management, Traffic Signs, Asphalt works etc. working closely with the operations team.

There are lots of exciting aspects on this project. The main thing that excites me is the amount of engineering that is involved in building such an impressive structure. I believe the bridge will become a key landmark in Suffolk as well as serving its purpose helping to ease the congestion issues Lowestoft currently faces.

Further Information and Contact Details

For more information on Gull Wing, visit www.gullwingbridge.co.uk
You can email the project team at info@gullwingbridge.co.uk or telephone 01502 512779

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