

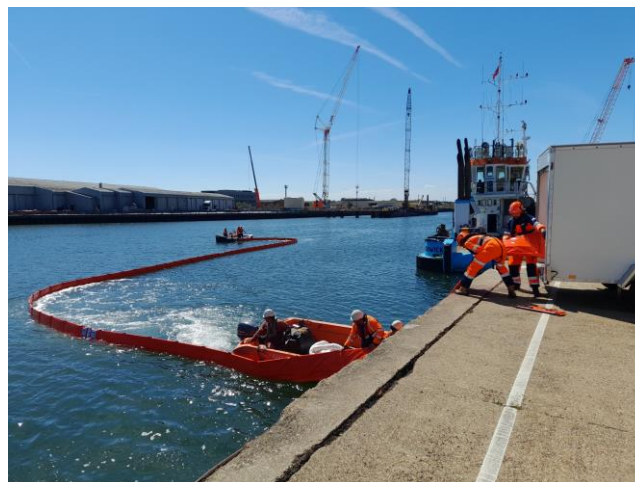
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Summer 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to the Gull Wing Project's Summer Update. Through this record-breaking hot weather, good progress is still being made around the site. We have also welcomed several visitors to the project.

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.

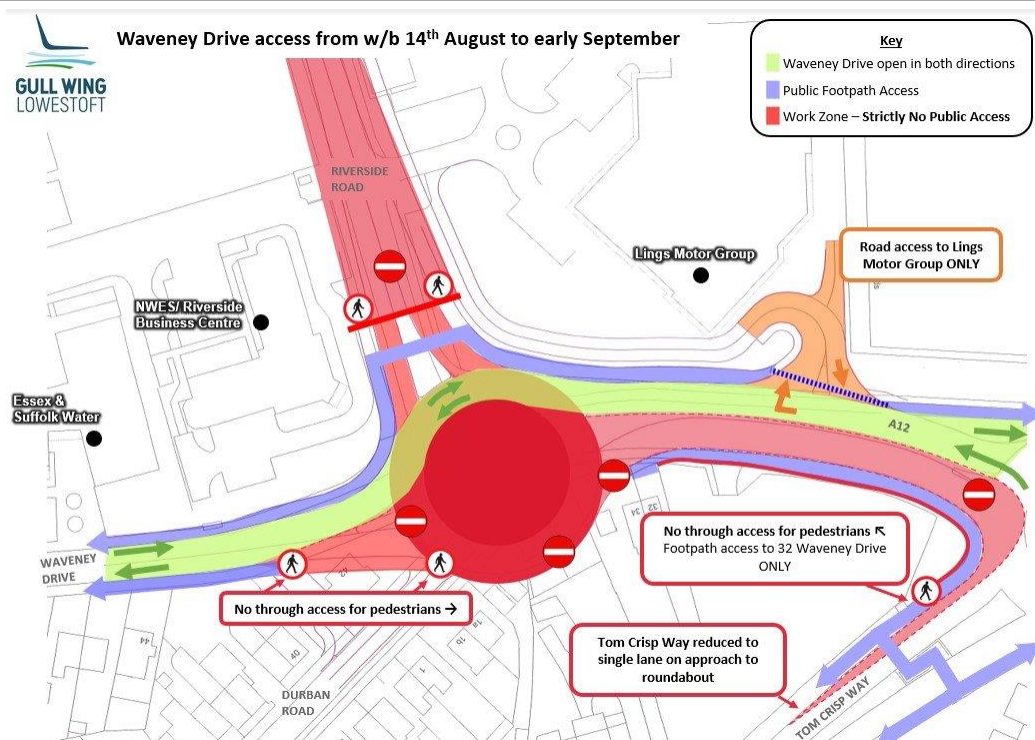
Environmental Spill Training Exercise



We recently had a successful exercise to test environmental procedures for a spill incident in Lake Lothing around our works.

We worked closely with colleagues at ABP (Associated British Ports) laying out a boom to contain the "spill". This exercise gives us both valuable experience & reassurance.

Waveney Drive



The northern side of the southern roundabout is currently nearing completion, which will allow us to reopen Waveney Drive in both directions from Sunday 14 August at 9am

This will help mitigate effects on traffic in Lowestoft from other unconnected roadworks, including allowing installation of a safety scheme near a primary school.

Waveney Drive will then re-close from early September until the end of the year to allow completion of the roundabout and associated works.

This will ensure work can continue in a safe manner, without works vehicles crossing a public carriageway and avoiding having to reduce lane width on the northern end of Tom Crisp Way which could cause congestion.

Work on the construction of the bridge is unaffected by the roadworks.

Simon Bretherton, Suffolk County Council Project Director, said that during this work there will be full pedestrian and cycle access through the road closure which would be clearly signposted.

“Inevitably this closure will result in some disruption for residents, businesses and motorists for which we apologise, and we will be working to ensure the road is re-opened as soon as possible,” he said.

“We are very grateful to local people for their continued patience and tolerance.

“It has to be remembered these works support a new bridge that will bring huge benefits to Lowestoft and the wider area for many years to come, thanks to reduced traffic congestion and regeneration of the area from the investment it will attract.”

Leading building and civil engineering contractor Farrans are constructing the bridge for Suffolk County Council, which will be a much-needed third crossing over the town’s Lake Lothing.

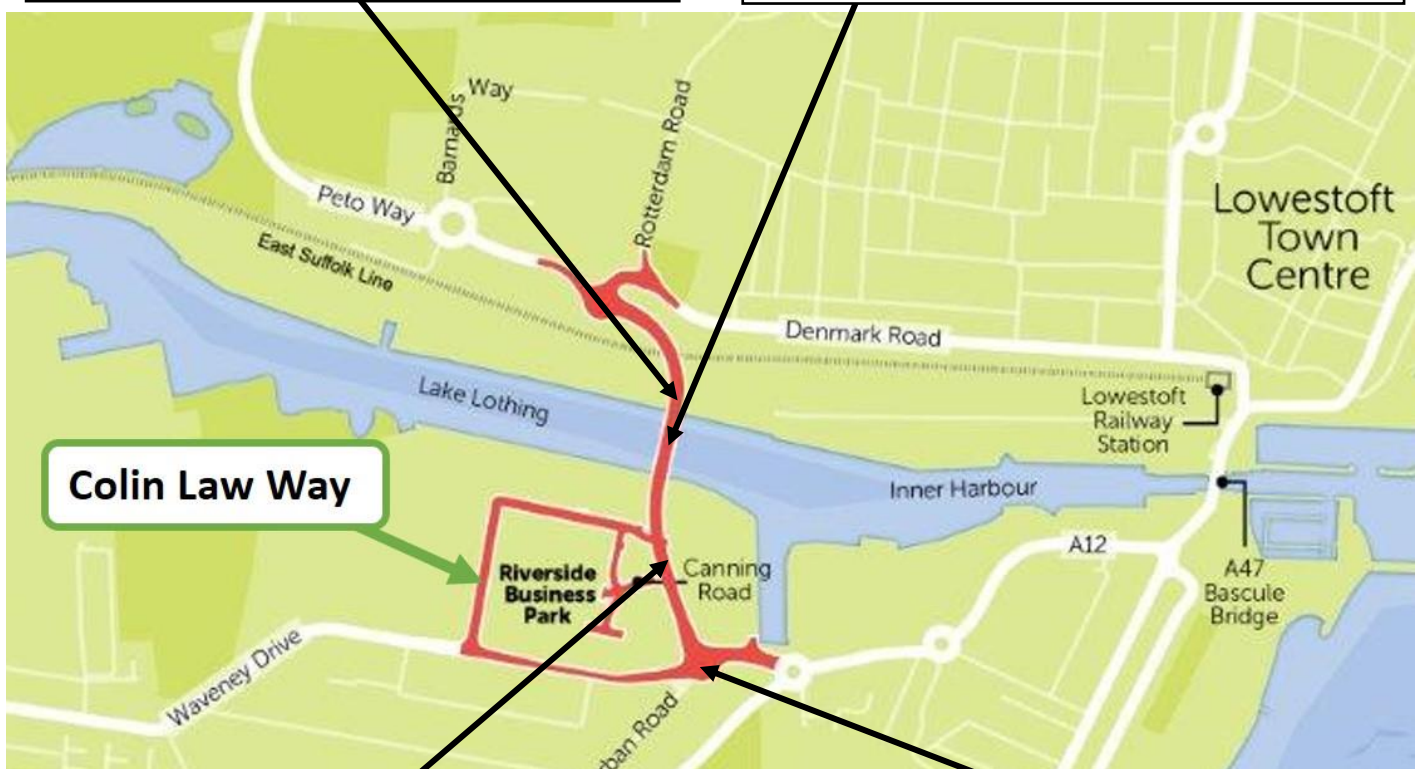
Recent Site Achievements – Around the Site



A – Pier 6 Shuttering for Concrete Pour



B – Cofferdam 5 - Preparing Wet Plug



C – Canning Road Footway Preparation



D – Southern Roundabout Footway

A

Pier 6 Shuttering for Concrete Pour

Steel reinforcement bars have been surrounded by “shuttering” ahead of pouring concrete in to form the Pier structure.

B

Cofferdam 5 – Wet Plug

The piling has now been completed on Cofferdam 5, and the wet plug concrete layer has been inserted. This gives a waterproof seal at the base of the cofferdam ahead of the water being pumped out, leaving a clean, dry working area to construct the Pier.

C

Canning Road Footway

With the construction of a new roundabout and road layout for access to the various buildings around Riverside Business Park, new footways are also being laid.

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Southern Roundabout Footway

Works are continuing well on the northern side of the Southern Roundabout, with asphaltting work taking place adjacent to Lings.

Site Visits

Throughout this period, we have hosted a few visits to site

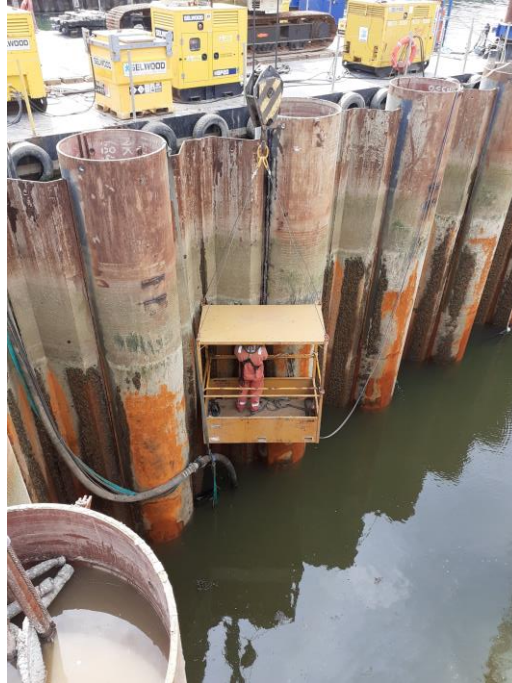


In July we welcomed visitors from Lowestoft's twin town of Plaisir, France for a brief visit to site. They were interested in hearing about the bridge construction to date and viewing from our new first floor site office.

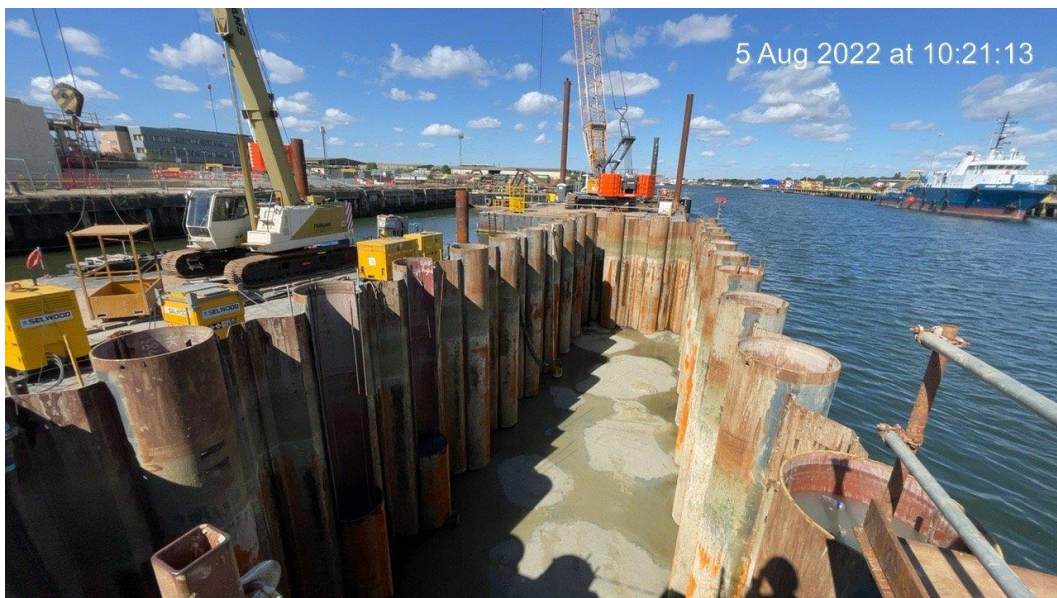


In August we were pleased to welcome 3 VIP visitors to the site. The three local young people won the competition to name the Gull Wing bridge back in 2020. They inspected the progress on site since their visit of October 2021

Pier 4 Dewatering



Following the successful installation of a concrete “wet-plug”, the space has now been “dewatered”, providing us with a dry working environment to start construction of the pilecap and the pier for the bridge.



Summer Placements and Job Centre Talks



During the month of August, Farrans are working with the Lowestoft Job Centre to roll out their ASPIRE programme, which aims to engage people who unemployed or are not currently in any education or training within the construction industry. The programme begins with a Careers in Construction workshop held at the Job Centre, which will then be followed by interview sessions in 3 weeks' time.

If there's interest from the participants, they will be welcomed to join site for a work experience placement – which has the potential to lead on to employment on the Gull Wing Project. In this instance, the main focus is on Laborer and General Construction positions.

Work Experience and Summer Placements

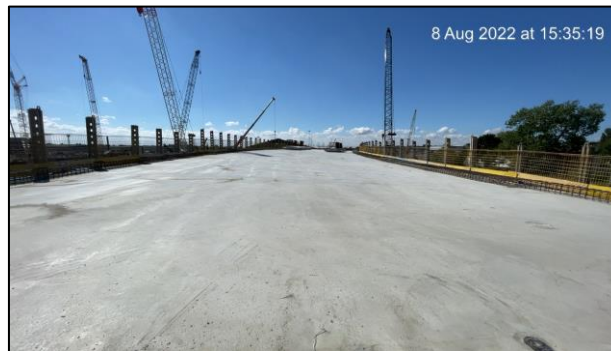
In the last three months, the project has accommodated three local students from East Coast College, City College Norwich, and University Technical College Norfolk for work experience placements - all of which are currently studying Level 3, 4 or T-Level Engineering/Construction Courses.

Over the summer break, Farrans have also facilitated four additional summer placements to young people who are currently studying engineering/construction degrees at various universities around the UK. Placements within the engineering, quantity surveying and quality teams have been supported on the Gull Wing Project, welcoming the students to Lowestoft, and providing them with varied and valuable experience on an exciting, nationally significant project.

NAV 1 – Concrete Pour



As we get closer to moving NAV 1 into its final place across the Network Rail line in October, the concrete deck layer has been successfully completed.



The next stage involved installing the side balustrades.

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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