

Week of 16th April 2018

Works continue this week on a range of tasks across the work site.

Road construction

Lower Cowie street is now reduced to one lane with temporary traffic management in place. There is no on-street parking outside nos. 2, 4, and 6.

We have removed the existing surface and kerb on the north side of Cowie Street. We will continue to excavate the road and then fill to form the new road surface.

Trucks have been carting in material and diggers have been forming the new section of Laxton Terrace. This will continue until we reach the existing road.

Stormwater

We have placed all the manholes in Cowie Street. We are now completing all the drainage works and connecting to the existing stormwater lines.

To minimise our impact on Newmarket Park directional (horizontal) drilling will be used to instal the stormwater line that runs down to the park. A special rig will be used to drill a hole all the way down to the existing manhole. Then a new stormwater pipe will be pulled back through the drilled hole. This means we won't excavate the ground or damage trees in Newmarket Park.

Park access

If you have walked into Newmarket Park you will have seen that the temporary footpath diversion is now in place. We hope that the loss of ramp access has not been too inconvenient. Please follow the instructions of the Traffic Controllers because they are there to ensure your safety as you cross our site. They are also there to assist anyone with bicycles, prams, etc who need help with the stairs.

While the temporary diversion is in place we have been working to complete the new retaining wall. The footpath along the new road will be built on top of this retaining wall.

Unfortunately, in recent days we have met difficult ground conditions along the line of the retaining wall. As a result we may need to divert the footpath into the park for three or four extra days. This means we may reopen the top end of the path into the park on or about Thursday 26th April.

We will keep you updated if there any further changes to the schedule. In the meantime, the steps will remain in place to ensure there is access to the park.



One way in Cowie Street



Start on road formation

Construction vibration and noise

We understand the impact the construction works could be having on you, whether it is the noise, vibration or traffic delays and diversions. We appreciate your patience as we work through this difficult time in the project as everything starts coming together. As is usual, this phase of the project requires many trades and contractors doing lots of small jobs. So you will keep on seeing an increased flow of traffic and workers on the site.

We also appreciate your feedback or concerns on anything related to our site and the way we do things. Last week we had a complaint from one of the residents about the vibrations our digger was causing to his house.

With this feedback, we changed the type of digger tool we were using and we installed more temporary noise barriers around the digger. We hope this minimised the vibrations and noise.

We also received a complaint from another resident about powerline hanging low across Cowie Street. We had a look and the damage to this line appeared to have been by the recent bad weather. We informed all our drivers of this risk and we stopped all the large trucks from going down Cowie Street.

A job was also lodged with Vector and subsequently followed up, but the issue remains to be fixed.

If you have any issues or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mon 16th–Sat 22nd April

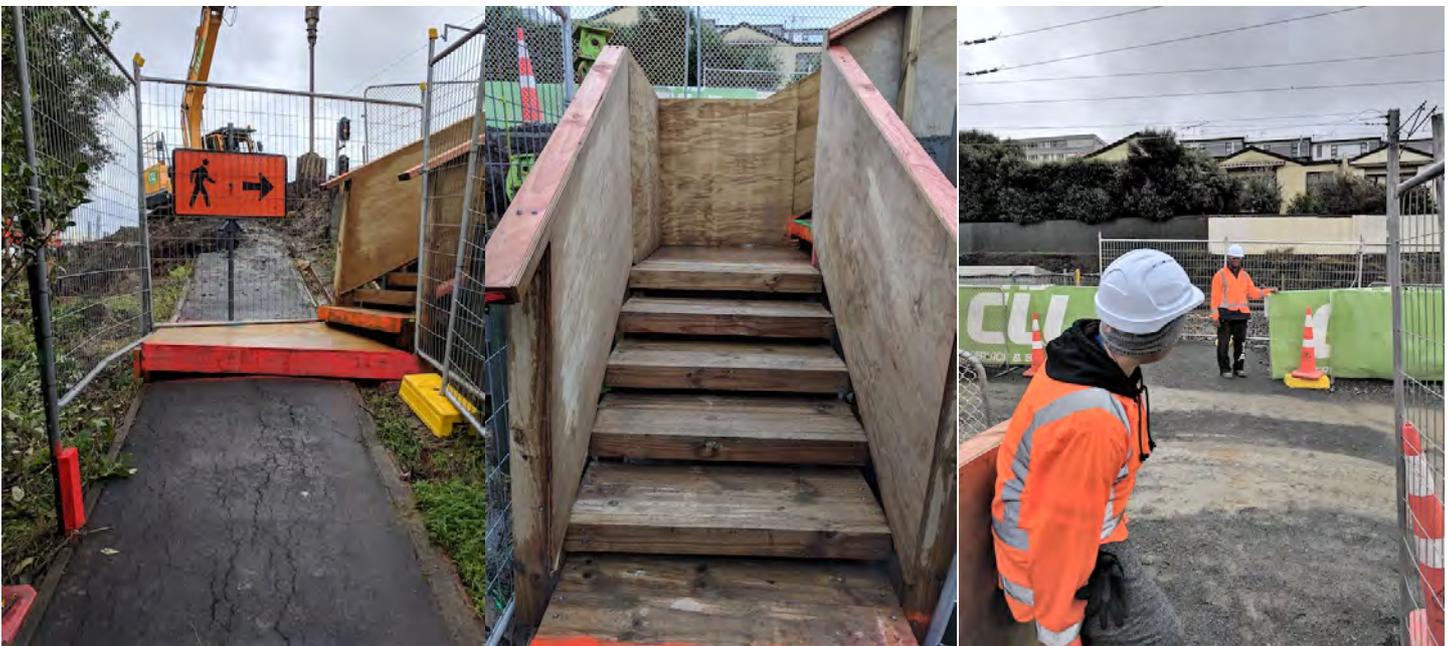
Planned works include:

COWIE STREET

- Excavating existing material;
- Filling with rock material;
- Placing bluestone kerb;
- Connecting to existing; stormwater lines.

SARAWIA STREET & LAXON TERRACE

- Directional drilling of stormwater lines;
- Filling rock to form road base;
- Piling and placing blocks for retaining wall.



Temporary access route at top of footpath into Newmarket Park