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In the past two months the enabling works have been completed and on the 1 March Shandwick Place was closed to traffic to enable the Mudfa Contractor, AMIS, to progress the planned works.

Works are on programme and the current financial projections show that the contract is within budget. Within this budget is a £8m contingency to allow for the unforeseen physical conditions. Notwithstanding the complexity of the work there have been no major claims for these works so far.

The decision by the Council to have major diversion of traffic de-risks the utility works because it maximises the works area, enables rapid progress by the contractor and importantly allows variations in the programme to be managed effectively. The temporary traffic management has been well planned and is working well and has been well reported in the press.

The next stage of work is planned for the Constitution Street area. This again includes closures and major diversion and critically assure progress as per programme. This is important not only for Mudfa but also enables the integrated programme with Infraco to be delivered.