

# The Gravesend Bus Hub

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## Progress so far

Work started on the Gravesend Bus Hub in early June and our site teams are making good progress. Much of the initial works have been centred around the railway station car park, adjacent to Barrack Row.

Vegetation and waste materials have been removed from the embankment. Ground investigations were undertaken in preparation for installation of a support mechanism for the car park embankment, known as “soil nailing”.

## Barrack Row

Traffic management is now in place. The wall which was at the top of the car park embankment has now been removed and ground investigations are now taking place.

A new temporary pedestrian walkway has been installed at the junction of Barrack Row with Darnley Road. This is to ensure the safety of pedestrians whilst our teams carry out groundworks in preparation for the changes to the junction.



Removal of old vegetation in the station car park



Removal of old wall in Barrack Row



A temporary pedestrian walkway has been installed



Soil nailing to the embankment

## Bus Stops and possible Diversions:

It is unlikely that, throughout this phase in our works, (which will continue until late summer), there will be any changes.

The following link will give you up to date information on routes and bus stop locations:

<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/kent-and-surrey/bus-travel-in-gravesend>

## Next Steps

- Soil nailing will continue in the station car park until the end of July.
- Disconnection of the electricity and gas supplies to the vacant buildings in Barrack Row in preparation for the demolition.
- Drainage works to commence in Barrack Row.
- Groundworks in preparation for the widening of the footway to accommodate new bus waiting facilities.



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## FM Conway Sustainability Strategy

Environmental concerns are at an all-time high, and a key element of any sustainability strategy is a company's impact on the environment. FM Conway's track record on research and development and its commitment to resource efficiency and carbon management provides a solid foundation for setting challenging future targets. For more on our commitment visit: [www.fmconway.co.uk/social\\_impact](http://www.fmconway.co.uk/social_impact)

### How our team working on the Gravesham Bus Hub is contributing to this:

We have installed a solar pod in our compound. By harvesting energy from the sun, we are able to provide power to run the offices and our staff welfare units. It also provides charging points for some of our site equipment.

Great care has been taken to protect the trees from damage inside our compound in Athboy Road.



Tree protection in Athboy Road



Solar pod in the compound

### Meet the team: Scott Thomas

Hi, my name is Scott Thomas, and I am a trainee quantity surveyor (QS) working on the New Gravesend Bus Hub Scheme.

I've always lived in the Gravesend area; in fact, I was born at Gravesend Hospital. When I got the opportunity to work on this local scheme I was really pleased. I pass the station most days and even use it for my commute sometimes, so this scheme is very close to my heart.



I think once the scheme is completed it will really make a difference to Gravesend in terms of transport links.



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## Meet the team continued...

This is the second major scheme I have worked on since starting work with Conway. Previously I had worked on the A40 Super Cycle Highway. Although transport related, I suppose, this is a very different type of project. This scheme may have its challenges however, especially when it comes to the limited space for storage of materials etc, meaning as soon as the materials arrive the team must be ready to use them. - tricky sometimes as construction can be unpredictable.

I started working for Conway in 2018 after taking my A Levels. I heard about FM Conway (FMC) as a relative of mine worked for the company. After seeing how well his apprenticeship went and a successful work-experience placement in the Civils division at FMC, I knew I wanted to join the company as a full-time employee.

I always thought working in construction was all about working in the trades, but there are so many other roles within construction. I would encourage anyone thinking about a job in the industry to consider the whole spectrum of careers on offer. I personally took business studies, finance, ICT, and psychology at A level, which have proved useful subjects in my chosen career, but because the construction sector is so diverse, it's worth having a look to see what subjects are needed for other positions in the industry.

My daily responsibilities are very varied. I would normally work alongside the main QS helping to measure the progress of the work. I must mention my trusty measuring wheel at this point - a good companion indeed!!!

I obtain quotes and raise orders for materials. A lot of the work requires good liaising between me and the client or sub-contractors, to make sure we get the correct instructions to carry out the work to the right specifications. The best part of my job is being outside on site because you really get to see what is going on in terms of progress, as construction tends to move very quickly and as a QS keeping on top of this is key.

In my free time I coach Ebbsfleet United under14's. I have been coaching multiple teams surrounding the Gravesend area for the past 5 years. I like running. I usually run in the Cyclopark in Gravesend, it is a great facility and very convenient as I live only a short distance away.

**We've been working hard to deliver this project on time... throughout June our teams have worked a total of 567 hours!**

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