

60652 Scaffold Structure Erected on George IV Bridge

I am seeking information relating to the scaffold structure currently erected on George IV Bridge, including the pedestrian tunnels beneath it. Specifically, I request:

The original permit/licence granted for the erection of the scaffolding, including:

The approved start date.

The initial scaffold date was 06/12/20.

The originally approved removal date.

No date was given for removal at time of original application.

Any subsequent extensions granted.

R/21/34818 - 06/12/2020 - 08/06/2021 - Original Scaffold

R/21/35131 - 09/06/2021 - 15/03/2022 - Scaffold with Pit Lane added

R/22/37015 - 16/03/2022 - 26/09/2023 - Scaffold and Pit Lane Permit Extension

R/24/40891 - 27/09/2023 - 11/02/2025 - Scaffold and Pit Lane Permit Extension

R/24/41508 - 12/02/2025 - 02/01/2026 - Scaffold and Pit Lane Permit Extension

R/26/43918 - 03/01/2026 - 02/01/2027 - New Complex Site Permit (Per SQM)

Copies of extension applications and approvals.

Please see documents attached. Third party personal information has been redacted from the documents provided.

The current planned removal date for the scaffolding.

This information is not held, but we can advise that the current permit runs until 02/01/27.

An explanation for why the scaffolding remains in place beyond the originally anticipated removal date (which I understand was expected during 2025).

Information not held. Should you wish to access information related to the length of this project, please contact the contractor, Sir Robert McAlpine, or the building owner Aberdeen Group PLC.

Details of what actions the Council has taken to ensure removal within agreed timescales, including any enforcement, compliance checks, or penalties considered or issued.

Officers from Transportation services continue to work with the owners and contractors of the G&V Hotel to bring the project to completion at the earliest opportunity. We are assured that the owners and contractors require the existing road occupation for safety purposes and as such there are no enforcement or compliance measures that we can take.

Confirmation of whether the Council has received any complaints regarding:

The duration of the scaffolding.

Obstruction of the public highway CCTV operating beneath the scaffold tunnels.

No complaints have been identified on either issue.

Confirmation of whether the Council is aware of CCTV cameras operating beneath the scaffold structure that capture images of members of the public on the public pavement. If so:

The CCTV operating beneath the scaffold structure is not owned or operated by the City of Edinburgh Council.

Who is registered as the Data Controller for that CCTV system?

Whether the Council has assessed compliance with signage requirements under data protection law.

Whether the Council holds any correspondence relating to CCTV compliance at this site.

Not applicable.

Copies of any risk assessments, safety reviews, or compliance inspections carried out in relation to this scaffold structure during 2024–2026.

No information held.