

Connect roads

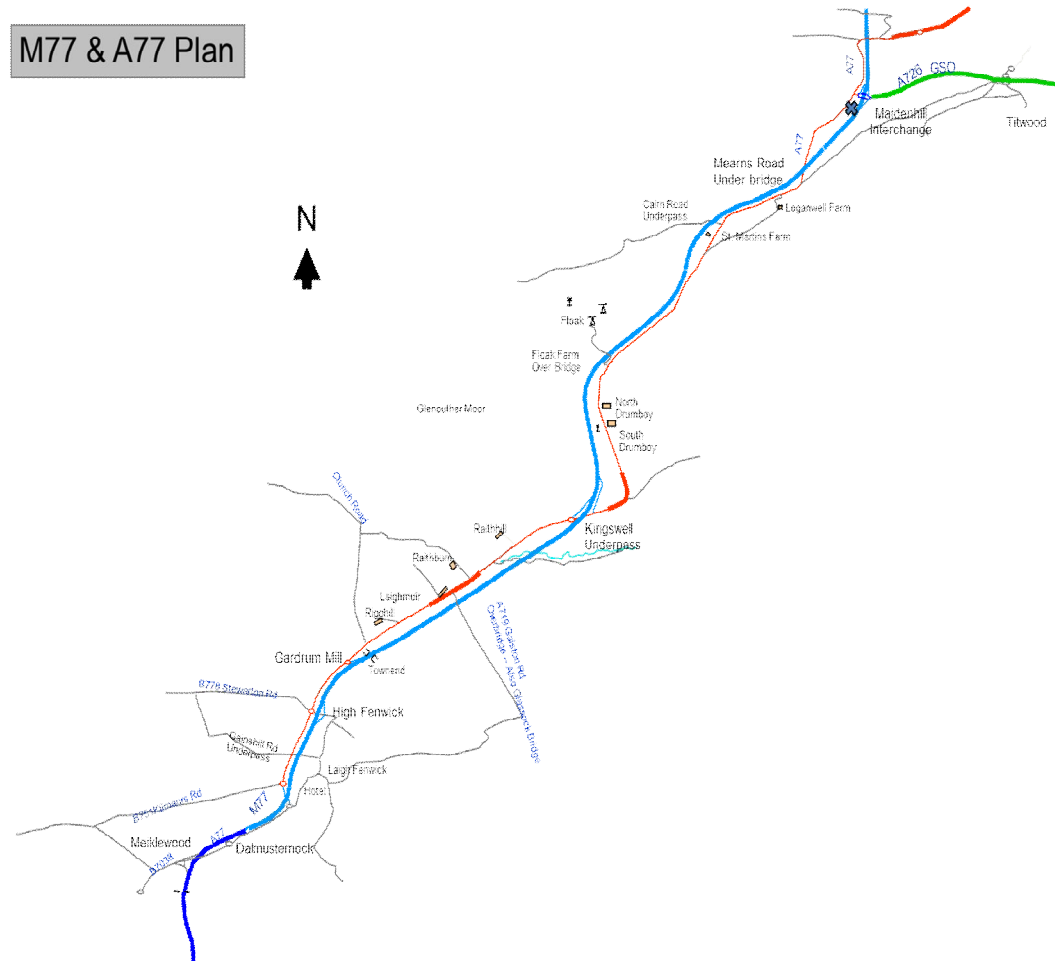
Connect M77/GSO plc is the concession company for the M77/GSO DBFO project.

The contract commenced in 2003 and saw Connect finance and build the M77 extension from Junction 5 to Junction 8 along with the A726 Glasgow Southern Orbital. In addition to the initial construction, Connect will operate and maintain these roads until 2035.

Connect has appointed Balfour Beatty to deliver the Operations & Maintenance element of the DBFO Contract.

The roads that comprise the project are a mixture of Motorway (M77), Trunk Road (A77 & A726) and non-Trunk road (A726 GSO & A727). East Renfrewshire Council is the Client for the DBFO contract and acts on behalf of Transport Scotland (motorway & Trunk Roads) and South Lanarkshire Council (non-Trunk Roads within South Lanarkshire area).

M77 & A77 Plan



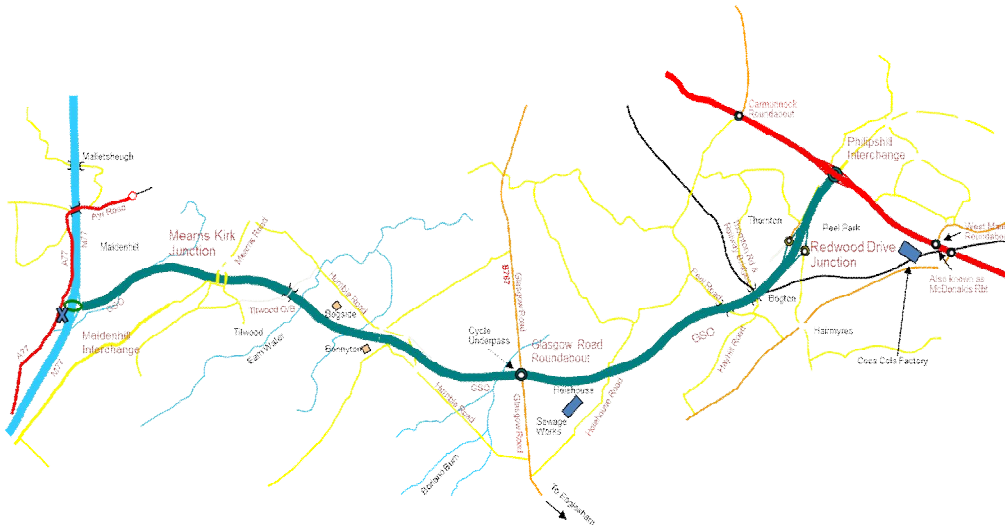
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GSO and A726 Plan



Under the contract Connect is responsible for maintaining the following roads:

M77 From just north of Junction 5 Maidenhill (A77 Ayr Road overbridge) to the end of the motorway at Fenwick (on behalf of Transport Scotland)

A77 From the end of the M77 at Fenwick to just south of the junction with the B7038 Glasgow Road junction at Meiklewood, Kilmarnock (on behalf of Transport Scotland)

A726 Glasgow Southern Orbital From the junction with the A77 Ayr Road near M77 Junction 5 to Philipshill Roundabout, East Kilbride (on behalf of ERC & SLC)

A726 From Philipshill Roundabout to West Mains Roundabout, East Kilbride (on behalf of Transport Scotland)

A727 From Philipshill Roundabout to Carmunnock Roundabout, Thorntonhall (on behalf of South Lanarkshire Council)

Connect is responsible for operating and maintaining almost all aspects of the road infrastructure within the contract area. This maintenance can be broken down into the following three categories:

Cyclic Maintenance—this is maintenance required on a recurring timeframe such as grass cutting, litter picking, drain cleaning, road sweeping and sign cleaning.

Routine Maintenance—this is maintenance required to repair defects identified during regular inspections such as repairing damage caused by collisions to items of road furniture like safety barriers and traffic signs; repairing road lighting outages; or repairing surface defects such as potholes.

Periodic Maintenance—this is maintenance required to replace assets at the end of their usable life such as re-surfacing the carriageway.

In addition Connect undertakes regular surveys and inspections; carries out winter maintenance (monitoring weather forecasts, salting the road ahead of predicted frost or ice and ploughing any accumulations of snow); and provides assistance to the police at emergencies such as road traffic collisions.

