

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **RAILWAY STATION CONCOURSE**

A KEY STAGE in the development of the new Dundee railway station concourse has been reached with the installation of more than 40 massive support beams.

Weighing in at up to 18 tonnes each the beams will support the new concourse and buildings over the main east coast rail line.

Will Dawson convener of Dundee City Council's city development committee said: "Anyone who has taken a train to or from the station in the past few weeks is bound to have seen for themselves the great progress being made on the new concourse and its associated hotel development.

"Within the past few weeks our contractors Balfour Beatty have been cracking on with the foundations for the development, completing substantial piling works in April.

"Recent good weather has been critical in keeping us on programme so that we can install the beams to the timetable agreed with Network Rail that lets work over the tracks take place during the night."

In total more than 500 tonnes of steel is being lifted into place by a giant mobile crane that picks the beams up in pairs to ensure stability.

At up to 38.5m long the 46 beams are only part of the current phase of construction with the lift and escalator pits at platform level progressing well, along with the main building foundations.

Work is still on track for completion early in 2018

NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS: Photos showing the first set of beams being lifted into place are available on request

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