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Sent: 29 July 2016 09:49
To: kev.ryder@btinternet.com
Cc: Sargeant, Dean (Place); Alex Yendole
Subject: Stafford Western Access Route (SWAR)

Dear Kevin,

You won't be surprised that we've received several similar emails on this theme. Hopefully this text will give you the confidence that this scheme will be delivered by SCC in the short term.

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- Early works Sept 16 (as above)
- Main Works summer 2018
- Scheme open 2020

Obviously timescales will shorten considerably if there is no CPO Inquiry but we have to cater for this possibility.

I trust this addresses your questions?

Kind regards

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From: Kev Ryder [<mailto:kev.ryder@btinternet.com>]
Sent: 28 July 2016 17:55
To: Chell, Annabel (E,I&S)
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Dear Annabel,

I hope you are well?.

I would be grateful if you could please assist me in updating me on the current situation with regard to the above.

Specifically, i am interested to find out the following information please if i may;

I understand that previously, Sections A and B were to be publicly funded, with Section C to be privately funded by the developers of the Stafford West SDL (yet delivered by SCC via a Section 278 agreement).

Is this still the case, particularly in respect of Section C?, or is there now a different strategy in place?, and if so, is this agreed by all parties concerned?

I understand that Section A was to commence construction in April 2016, and be completed by October 2017 (subject to land acquisition).

Has this now commenced?, and has it been subject to any slippage?

Has all of the land, as identified within Appendix 6.2 of the SCC Major Scheme Business Case (January 2015) been successfully acquired, and therefore under SCC control?, or are SCC pursuing CPO powers in this regard?, and if so, do SCC have an estimation of time for resolution of the same/ slippage in delivery?

I understand that Section B is to commence construction in September 2017, and be completed by January 2018 (subject to land acquisition).

Has all of the land, as identified within Appendix 6.2 of the SCC Major Scheme Business Case (January 2015) been successfully acquired, and therefore under SCC control?, or are SCC pursuing CPO powers in this regard?, and if so, do SCC have an estimation of time for resolution of the same/ slippage in delivery?

I understand that Section C is to commence construction in January 2018, and be completed by September 2018 (subject to the developer contributions being available and land acquisition).

Has all of the land, as identified been successfully acquired, and therefore under SCC control?, or are SCC pursuing CPO powers in this regard?, and if so, do SCC have an estimation of time for resolution of the same/ slippage in delivery?

Are all the necessary developer contributions now either committed or in place?, and if not yet, are SCC satisfied that they will be in time to facilitate the projected commencement date of January 2018?

Are these contributions a matter of dispute?

I understand that, in respect of Section C, SCC were to seek an agreement to indemnify them against associated costs in securing land through the CPO process, and, if this could not be secured, CPO powers would not be exercised in respect of Section C.

Is such an indemnity agreement in place?

Perhaps, in conjunction with the above enquires Annabel;
I understand that to enable the successful completion of Section C, will require the successful acquisition of the Sidings from Network Rail, and that these may be decommissioned by December 2015.

Are these Sidings still timetabled to be decommissioned by December 2015?, and have the same been successfully acquired to date?, or is this a matter of dispute?.

Are all three, A, B and C Sections, still timetabled to be completed by September 2018?, or has this timetable been the subject of slippage?, and hence, a revised timetable produced?.

I would be grateful for any assistance and clarification you can provide please Annabel, and thank you in advance for your kind attention.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards,
Kev Ryder



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Kevin,

My responses in blue

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From: Kev Ryder [<mailto:kev.ryder@btinternet.com>]
Sent: 29 July 2016 12:53
To: Dawson, Nick (E,I&S)
Subject: RE: Stafford Western Access Route (SWAR)

Dear Nick,

Many thanks for your prompt reply in response to my email to Annabel.

I felt it is easier if i tagged my responses to your comments below in your email Nick, which is what i have done, so please see said responses and questions below in Red ink please.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards,
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Noted

The SWAR has been designed in 3 sections A, B and C and will now be delivered as one scheme. It was granted planning permission in November 2015 and we are in the process of discharging conditions with flood compensatory works starting in September.

This now being the case Nick (delivery as one scheme), is this agreed by all parties?, including the developer contributions in respect of Section C?

Given that the project will now be delivered as one, contributions will be for the whole route and not Section C. It is envisaged, following extensive dialogue, that the mechanism for funding will be finalised in the coming weeks. The monies secured through the S&SLEP and Government needs to be spent by 2021.

Detailed design for the whole route is almost complete.

Noted

As I am sure you can appreciate the phasing for constructing individual sections has not been finalised, but logically for the main works, we would begin with Section A followed by B and C within the indicative timescales shown below.

Appreciated and Noted

The outline programme for the SWAR is currently as follows:

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This being the case Nick, am i to assume that all of the land, as identified within Appendix 6.2 of the SCC Major Scheme Business Case (January 2015) has not yet been successfully acquired, and therefore not yet under SCC control?

I am unable to expand further for reasons of commercial confidentiality but negotiations have been on-going for over 12 months.

Further, as I understand matters, to enable the successful completion of Section C, will require the successful acquisition of the Sidings from Network Rail, and that these may be decommissioned by December 2015.

Are these Sidings still timetabled to be decommissioned by December 2015?, and am i to assume that these have not yet been successfully acquired to date?

See above

- Issue CPO – by end of 2016

You make provision for the use of CPO powers, and quote the end of 2016 for issue. Has SCC then already determined this date – December 2016 – to be the 'cut off' in terms of negotiations to purchase?, and subsequent issue of CPO?

This is the date we are working to and as with all CPO's, negotiations will still continue alongside the CPO process for the whole route

Further, as I understand matters, in respect of Section C, SCC were to seek an agreement to indemnify them against associated costs in securing land through the CPO process, and, if this could not be secured, CPO powers would not be exercised in respect of Section C.
Is such an indemnity agreement in place?, or has SCC determined not to use CPO in respect of Section C?

I reiterate, the intention is to deliver as one scheme and if all land cannot be acquired it will be necessary to invoke CPO powers

- Assume CPO Inquiry – 18 month allowance.

Noted. Based on your comments, this period runs from December 2016 to June 2018.

- Early works Sept 16 (as above)

Noted.

- Main Works summer 2018

Noted. I have assumed this to be June 2018 at this time.

- Scheme open 2020

Noted. Based on your comments, and SCC previous construction period schedule – April 2016 to September 2018, if commencement was June 2016, completion would be November 2020, at current estimations i appreciate.

Obviously timescales will shorten considerably if there is no CPO Inquiry but we have to cater for this possibility.

Noted. If this is removed due to successful land acquisitions, including the Section C Sidings by December 2016, this would mean a revised completion date of June 2019, at current estimations i appreciate.

I trust this addresses your questions?

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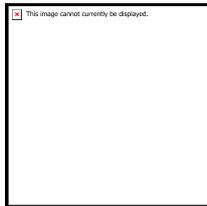
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