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Meeting:	Delivery Steering Group
Date:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul 2024
Location:	MS Teams
Chair:	R. Bull
Attendees:	R. Bull SZC (Chair) D. Peacop SZC P. Ridley ESC M.Moll SCC
Apologies:	None

### Meeting Notes:

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

RB opened the meeting and summarised that the Transport Review Group (TRG) on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 had escalated a decision on the SZC Water Resilience Strategy to the Delivery Steering Group (DSG). The reason for the escalation was to allow the DSG to fully consider the broader reasons for the strategy and the balance between transport impacts and wider implications to the project. The TRG had some concerns around the transport impact of utilising the proposed access route and were therefore unable to approve the strategy purely from a transport perspective.

#### 2 SZC WATER RESILIENCE STRATEGY

- An available supply of 40Ml of water held in storage at Sternfield is proposed to be used over summer/autumn 2024 as a contingency when onsite water supply licenses are insufficient, for example in a prolonged period of dry weather, to allow for dust suppression during initial bulk earthworks to be carried out within the Main Development Site.
- The SZC Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) acknowledges that there may be instances that HGV movements in the local area will have an origin/destination off the CTMP HGV designated routes and in these instances the HGV route between the origin/destination and the CTMP HGV route will need to be approved by the TRG (now escalated to the DSG in this instance).
- The supply of water at Sternfield would generate 56-88 HGV movements (17-27m3 tanker size) in a worst case scenario to manage dust suppression. As stated, this is a contingency measure for prolonged dry periods and is unlikely to be required every day. However, utilisation at the maximum level would provide a total supply of 47 days of water. All HGV movements will be included in the overall HGV caps and managed on the Delivery Management System.
- The proposed HGV route for the water tankers is via Sternfield, B1121, A12 and B1122 to the MDS. The majority of the route is the prescribed DCO HGV route however the 2.5km of largely small rural roads between Sternfield and the A12 does not form part it.
- The water resilience strategy is only in place to manage dust suppression from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 until the 31st December 2024, noting the volume of available water in this location.

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- SZC Ltd noted that alternatives have been considered, but any suitable alternative was considered to have a greater impact than the proposal put forward.

### 3 DSG DECISION

- The DSG approved the utilisation of additional 2.5km of highway between Sternfield and the A12 for the movement of water tankers as a contingency measure to manage dust suppression, in 2024 only while the water management infrastructure on the main development site is not yet completed. Whilst understanding the concern raised by TRG of the impact of additional HGV movements in this location, it was recognised that a local source of water that is available to be used in dry conditions to mitigate potential dust impacts was critical to the project moving forward efficiently.

The DSG approval is **subject** to the following:

- In advance of any tanker movements SZC must agree with SCC Highways any required mitigation to the highway or proposed method to manage vehicles between the water source and Church Hill.
- This approval is based on water tanker movements up to the 31st December 2024 only.
- Use of this water supply, as part of this resilience strategy, will not be permissible in future years. SZC Ltd will keep the DSG updated on the water supply strategy for future years to ensure that there is increased on-site resilience from 2025 onwards.
- SZC develop and implement a communication programme to update relevant Parishes, Council representatives and local community prior to commencing water tanker movements.

### 4 AOB

- None.

#### Actions raised during the meeting:

Date Raised	Ref.	Description	Lead	Date Due
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	1	Agree with SCC Highways Update any required mitigation to the highway or proposed method to manage vehicles between the water source and Church Hill.	SZC	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	2	SZC to develop and implement a communications strategy to relevant Parishes, Council representatives and local community	SZC	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	3	SZC to update the DSG on the proposed 2025 water supply strategy in future meetings	SZC	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024