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Strategic Road Network (SRN) M5 Improvement Scheme Work Stream

Collaboration and engagement		
<p>Senior level strategic engagement between authorities and transport bodies, to agree the importance of addressing junction capacity issues at M5 J12 and J14, the need for a strategic solution through local plans and a commitment to deliver material progress with a funding and delivery programme within 6 months.</p> <p>Current confirmed date: Gloucestershire Chief Executives Meeting 14 September</p> <p>Initial discussions to agree a strategic approach during September/October 2023 A review of progress and agreeing outputs during January/March 2024</p>	<p>NH GCC SGC SDC Gloucestershire local planning authorities WECA</p>	<p>September - October 2023</p> <p>January - March 2024</p>
<p>National Highways Liaison Meetings with District Council (already diarised)</p>	<p>NH GCC SDC</p>	<p>14 November 2023 and 13 February 2024</p>
<p>M5 J14 Public Bodies Meeting (already diarised)</p>	<p>NH GCC SDC SGC WECA</p>	<p>16 October / 28 November 2023 / 23 January 2024</p>
<p>Stroud Local Plan Transport Group (SLPTG) to be re-established, with two subgroups: J12 technical working group (J12TWG) and J14 (J14TWG) technical working group to progress the detailed work programme</p>	<p>NH GCC SDC SGC WECA</p>	<p>SLPTG to meet September and December 2023, January, February and March 2024</p> <p>J12TWG and J14TWG to meet monthly from October 2023 to February 2024</p>

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Design and costing – M5 J12			
Confirm parameters of the scheme required - confirmed through SDLP evidence base		Completed	
Traffic data and forecasting		Completed	
Acquire topographic survey data and as-built plans for existing junction - likely to be available from NH/GCC due to recent works. Refresh may be required at a later design stage.	SDC and partners (J12TWG)	September 2023	
Land ownership data - Land Registry and Highways Records search		September – October 2023	
C2 stats requests - can be undertaken alongside option development		October 2023	
Concept design options - assume 3 x variations		October – November 2023	
Review and agree preferred option - by J12TWG		November 2023	
Update preferred concept design – based on feedback from J12TWG		December 2023	
Modelling of preferred option to confirm performance - utilising NH approved Vissim model for J12		December 2023 – January 2024	
Initial Order of Cost Estimate (OCE) - costing parameters to be agreed with NH		December 2023 – January 2024	
Review and refine OCE - based on feedback from NH and J12TWG		January 2024	
Benchmarking exercise of comparable schemes delivered on NH network - based on out-turn costs of schemes agreed to be comparable, with inflation allowed for		November 2023 – January 2024	
Agree scheme budget for cost apportionment - based on OCE, with appropriate contingencies and optimism bias		January 2024	
Design and costing – M5 J14			
Confirm parameters of the scheme required- confirmed through SDLP evidence base			Completed
Traffic data and forecasting		Completed	
Produce concept design option - option exists from previous NH work		Completed	
Acquire CAD version of NH scheme drawing	SDC and partners (J14TWG)	September 2023	
Acquire topographic survey data and as-built plans for existing junction - likely to be available from NH due to recent production. Refresh may be required at a later design stage.		September 2023	
Land ownership data - Land Registry and Highways Records search		October 2023	

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C2 stats requests - can be undertaken alongside option development		October 2023
Review concept design, and identify variations if required – assume 2 x variations		October 2023
Review and agree preferred option - by J12TWG		November 2023
Modelling of preferred option to confirm performance - utilising NH approved Vissim model for J14		November – December 2023
Initial OCE - NH provided cost review direct to Examination. NH preferred parameters to be used to produce new OCE		November – December 2023
Review and refine OCE - based on feedback from NH and J14TWG		December 2023 – January 2024
Benchmarking exercise of comparable schemes delivered on NH network- based on out-turn costs of schemes agreed to be comparable, with inflation allowed for		December 2023 – January 2024
Agree scheme budget for cost apportionment - based on OCE, with appropriate contingencies and optimism bias		January 2024
Funding and cost apportionment exercise		
Agree most appropriate source of public funding for each scheme.	SDC and partners (SLPTG)	October 2023
Apportion costs based on mathematically robust method included within Funding and Delivery Plan		October 2023 – January 2024
Define and agree sensitivity test methodologies for apportionment exercises.		October – November 2023
Undertake c.3 x sensitivity testing exercises to determine the range of potential apportionment percentages.		December 2023 – January 2024
Confirm costs to apportion based on scheme budget and 15% private funding requirement - J12		January 2024
Undertake cost apportionment - J12		January – February 2024
Confirm costs to apportion based on scheme budget and 15% private funding requirement - J14		January 2024
Undertake cost apportionment - J14		February 2024
Deliverables		
Agree Delivery Programme, including the timing of the need for schemes	SDC and partners (SLPTG)	November – December 2023

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Produce Report for Examination, setting out the agreed designs, costs and apportionment for the schemes	SDC	January – February 2024
Update Statements of Common Ground to reflect agreements	SDC and partners (SLPTG)	February – March 2024

Housing Supply (including Potential Further Sites) Work Stream

Updating the housing trajectory to take account of latest survey data (summer 2023) and changes to expected delivery identified during examination hearing sessions	SDC	September 2023
Assessing the potential for additional housing supply from existing allocated sites not impacting on M5 junctions 12 or 14 (i.e. increasing densities);	SDC	September – October 2023
Discussions with site promoters of existing allocated sites re: deliverability	SDC and site promoters	October 2023
Assessing the potential from other sites already taken through the Sustainability Appraisal process, and not impacting on M5 junctions 12 or 14, but not included in the final draft Plan	SDC NH GCC	September – October 2023
Discussions with site promoters of other potential sites re: deliverability	SDC and site promoters	October 2023
Updating the Infrastructure Delivery Plan to take account of any additional sites or housing capacity	SDC	November-December 2023
Updating viability and deliverability evidence to take account of any additional sites or housing capacity	SDC and site promoters	December 2023
Updating housing trajectory showing Local Plan supply with and without sites impacting upon M5 Junctions 12 and 14 (including and excluding any additional new sites/increased supply from existing sites)	SDC	December 2023- January 2024
SDC decision to consult upon additional sites (subject to the identification of additional sites)	SDC	January 2024
Public consultation on any additional sites, including potential changes to draft Local Plan and updated evidence base (subject to the identification of additional sites)	SDC	January-March 2024
Document setting out tasks undertaken and results of housing supply work stream	SDC	March 2024

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Wisloe New Settlement Work Stream

<p>Initial Meeting with National Highways and GCC</p> <p>Set out process and programme to meet requirements.</p>	<p>Site promoters NH GCC SDC</p>	<p>September 2023</p>
<p>Confirm design principles and arrangements for construction of the bridge</p> <p>Seek to confirm that the bridge will be a single span over the M5 and will not impede the normal operation of the motorway.</p>	<p>Site promoters</p>	<p>September 2023</p>
<p>Review the scheme masterplan and phasing of delivery</p> <p>Confirm the bridge to be completed during an early phase.</p> <p>Produce a time slice diagram, confirming the strategy and programme for the bridge approach and bridge works.</p>	<p>Site promoters</p>	<p>September - October 2023</p>
<p>Update draft cost plan</p> <p>Update the initial cost plan. Including a simple illustration detailing the cost and scope of the bridge, the approach and wider enabling works.</p>	<p>Site promoters</p>	<p>October 2023</p>
<p>Follow up meeting to discuss the scheme and draft cost plan</p> <p>National Highways and GCC</p>	<p>Site promoters NH GCC SDC</p>	<p>October - November 2023</p>
<p>Finalisation of scheme and cost plan</p> <p>Formally ratified by National Highways and GCC.</p>	<p>Site promoters NH GCC SDC</p>	<p>November 2023</p>

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<p>Update viability appraisals</p> <p>Demonstrate viability.</p>	Site promoters	November - December 2023
<p>Prepare documentation for submission to Examination</p> <p>Submission by SDC with support of site promoters</p>	Site promoters SDC	January 2024

Sharpness New Settlement Work Stream

Next Key Steps towards Network Rail in Principle Support for Reintroduction of Sharpness Vale Passenger Rail Service		
<p>Scoping meeting with Network Rail Strategic Development Team and Project Delivery Team to review the project delivery and costings – 7 August 2023</p> <p>Actions arising: Network Rail have already agreed the Sharpness rail timetable study which demonstrates that a passenger service can be operated on the Sharpness Branch Line and main line. It is accepted that a service can be built and delivered on this line and the next steps are to assess the costings set out by Arcadis and validate these accordingly. The site visit revealed that the existing branch line was in good condition and accordingly would not need significant upgrading, nevertheless, the promoters' costings needed to be validated.</p>	Site promoters NR	August 2023
<p>Follow up with Network Rail (NR)</p> <p>Follow up with Network Rail (NR) to obtain confirmation of the commencement of a process to enter into a services agreement and collaboratively map out the steps required to reach in principle support following the meeting between Sharpness Development LLP and NR on 7 August 2023.</p> <p>Agreed to enter into a working agreement with NR that will govern the rail service development process and delivery of the new service. The agreement will also define an</p>	Site promoter NR	September 2023

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<p>agreed methodology to analyse the costs associated with the delivery of the service in terms of both capital and operating cost.</p> <p>Enter into formal services agreement between Sharpness Development LLP and NR.</p>		
<p>Agree with NR</p> <p>To undertake process mapping with NR regarding appropriate Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment (PACE) stages to reach in principle approval by NR of the implementation of the Sharpness Passenger rail service including infrastructure upgrade requirements and costs as well as a defined and agreed operating model with a Train Operating Company.</p> <p>ES1 - Client requirement defined and baselined ES2 - Constraints identified and feasibility confirmed with NR and Operator ES3 - Single option identified and endorsed ES4 - Design standards approved and approval in principle</p>	<p>Site promoter NR</p>	<p>October 2023</p>
<p>Identify and agree requirements for each PACE stage and commence compiling data/documents and undertake additional work to achieve requirements where necessary</p>	<p>Site promoter NR</p>	<p>December 2023 – January 2024</p>
<p>Develop and submit requirements for each PACE (ES) stage and reach agreement with NR</p>	<p>Site promoter NR</p>	<p>January - February 2024</p>
<p>Single Option endorsement and/or in principle approval by NR and Operator</p>	<p>Site promoter NR Relevant operator</p>	<p>March 2024</p>
<p>Write up and submit report for transport evidence base and relevant authorities</p>	<p>Site promoter</p>	<p>March 2024</p>
<p>Prepare documentation for submission to Examination</p> <p>Submission by SDC with support of site promoters</p>	<p>SDC Site promoter</p>	<p>March 2024</p>
<p>Next Key Steps Towards Refined Operational and Financial Design of Road Based Public Transport for Sharpness Vale</p>		
<p>Refine Trip generation, distribution and mode share calculations as required</p>	<p>Site promoter SDC</p>	<p>September 2023</p>

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Refine passenger demand to key destinations	NH GCC	
Assess and define operation requirements for local Demand Responsive Transit (DRT) and Express Coach Services and update operational model	Site promoter	October - November 2023
Continue discussions with Zeelo (and potentially other operators) and discuss and agree operational requirements and viability of proposed services, start-up subsidy requirements and timeframes	Site promoter Zeelo SDC	December 2023 – February 2024
Obtain in principle agreement with Zeelo (and potentially other operators) for a service that will meet anticipated passenger demand and ensure that the service is tailored to meet this demand	Site promoter Zeelo SDC	February 2024
Confirm proposed operational aspects of local DRT bus service and express coach services including transitional arrangements for Gloucester express coach and the passenger rail service	Site promoter Relevant operators	March – April 2024
Write up and submit report for transport evidence base and relevant authorities	Site promoter	March 2024
Prepare documentation for submission to Examination	SDC Site promoter	March 2024
Submission by SDC with support of site promoters		
Key Next Steps in Developing and Defining a Mobility as a Service Solution for Sharpness Vale Multimodal Transport		
Refine Trip generation, distribution and mode share calculations as required	Site promoter	September 2023
Refine passenger demand to key destinations	Site promoter	September 2023
Assess and define operation requirements for local Demand Responsive Transit (DRT) and Express Coach Services and update operational model	Site promoter	September 2023
Assess and define operation requirements for Sharpness Passenger Rail Service and update operational model	Site promoter NR	October 2023
Identify and define requirements, functionality and coverage for the Maas platform.	Site promoter NR Relevant operators	November 2023
Compare with Sharpness MaaS requirements with additional existing and successful integrated ticketing systems and MaaS solutions in the UK.	Site promoter	November 2023

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Write up and report final MaaS proposals including design and cost details related to development timeframes and submit report for transport evidence base and relevant authorities.	Site promoter	December 2023
<p>Prepare documentation for submission to Examination</p> <p>Submission by SDC with support of site promoters</p>	SDC Site promoter	December 2023