

# NWRR Executive Briefing

## 28th July 2023

**Present:** Cllr Dan Morris, Gary Dymond, Matt Johnson, Mark Barrow

### AGENDA

#### 1. Planning & Environmental Issues

- a. Planning
  - i. Focussed work underway to address outstanding objections from EA
- b. Natural England
  - i. Some concerns continue to exist re the novel approach - impact and compensation
  - ii. Their planning process appears to be iterative
  - iii. ACTION:
    - 1. MJ: Need revised letter from [REDACTED] re changed position to planning - it is a matter of detail re compensation strategies - Our aim is to get that resolved by end of this month.

#### 2. Background

- a. Dan keen to understand some of the wider background to help him frame the context
  - i. ACTION: MJ: Dig out original route alignment agreement with [REDACTED] send to Cllr Morris

#### 3. Economic Impact

- a. Benefit Cost Analysis
  - i. Still calculating at a ratio of over 5
  - ii. lots of head room to claim additional money
- b. Wider economic support
  - i. MB is picking up wider business community public support

#### 5. Climate Change Strategy

- a. MJ believes our carbon story is strong
- b. we will primarily focus on offset
- c. We will claim this is the first road scheme to achieve net zero carbon

#### 6. Partner relationships

- a. MJ confirmed there are weekly meetings with [REDACTED] invited [REDACTED] but they have not attended, we have sent minutes.
- b. We have been held back by their lack of partner capacity and knowledge.

#### 7. Key Risks

- a. Key risks at this stage relate to reassurances re addressing outstanding environmental concerns
- b. It was noted that construction inflation has been abating and procurement may time well with an improved supply market
- c. LEP monitoring re Oxon Link Road

#### 7. AOB

- a. Dan said he approached this meeting feeling that we have'nt been proactive enough but is now assured
- b. Reference back to [REDACTED] meeting with [REDACTED] 16th May. They are saying not something new.