

MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise on the status of the project.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are noted.

3. DETAILS

It is intended to invite tenders for the project in April 2010. Access to the supermarket has yet to be agreed and therefore a decision will have to be taken, in mid April at the latest, to either include or exclude the supermarket chamber works. This will depend on whether it is expected that the date of entry to the car park will be agreed before the expected tender return time of the end of May. The intention is to get as much of the works constructed as soon as land deals will allow.

If entry to the supermarket ground is expected to be granted then the tender will include for the works in this area – chamber plus river training walls upstream, together with the pipe below John Street. If it is expected that entry will not be cleared, then the tender will include for the pipe below John Street and the remaining river works will be completed as soon as entry allows thereafter.

The works in John Street would take about 8 months and the supermarket chamber about 5 months. These could be done concurrently, if access to the necessary ground was available. There are about 7 months of works to complete the training walls upstream of the supermarket. These could be done concurrently with the chamber/John Street constructions.

Estates colleagues have been in almost weekly contact with the supermarket seeking a meeting to discuss the proposals. So far only telephone discussions have taken place about how the proposals affect the supermarket and they have indicated that January/February is their preferred time for any disruption to the car park.

There are other agreements, consents and licences required from various authorities relating to the new pipe outfall to the beach and also for public utility alterations which would require to be obtained before a tender could be accepted and consultations with these authorities is ongoing.

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