

**MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME**

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**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**

Morrisons have agreed to our proposals and the Council has written and accepted the terms of their offer to allow temporary access to their land to carry out the works. The agreement stipulates that that work is to commence within the car park no earlier than the 17 January and no later than 10 February 2011.

The actual and anticipated key dates are as follows;

Written Agreement obtained with Morrisons	01 November
Tender Issued	03 November
Tender Return	01 December
Review of tender and issue of Standstill letter to tenderers	09 December
Award Contract	20 December
Site start	10 February 2011 (latest date, earlier if possible)
Works complete	December 2011

The current main risks to the project are as below:-

Cost	- the current estimate of costs is at the limit of budget. Most of this uncertainty will be resolved upon receipt of tender prices.
Weather	- the flow in the burn is the main risk, but low temperatures will prevent concrete/surfacing works being undertaken.
Ground	- Unexpected ground conditions may be encountered.
Legal	- As with any tender process there is a low risk of challenge in terms of process and ultimate appointment of a successful contractor.
Contractor	- The contractor may not keep to programme.

Utility diversions in John Street are agreed and alterations to British Telecom apparatus behind Regent and Salisbury Terrace have also been agreed.

Written agreement is in place with ACHA for temporary access to their land to carry out the works and terms have been agreed with Crown Estates for the construction of the new outfall and although the paperwork for this has not yet been completed it is understood that this would not delay the start of the works.

All other necessary consents are in place.

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