

# Minutes

## M4 J18a Link Study Project Board

Location: Highways England, Temple Quay

Chair: Emma Blackham.

Attendees: [REDACTED] Alistair Rice, [REDACTED].

Apologies: [REDACTED], Andrew Birch.

Item	Description	Action
1.	Welcome and introductions.	
2.	Minutes of last Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved.</li> <li>• Actions outstanding:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assumptions &amp; Actions Log (attached);</li> <li>○ Appraisal Specification Report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	HS HS
3.	Progress report submitted to DfT 30 <sup>th</sup> March; no response to-date.	
4.	Highlight Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taken as read.</li> <li>• 4 scheme options tabled by CH2M:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All options require significant improvements to Ring Road junctions (Hicks Gate to Dramway inclusive), such as a 'hamburger' layout and extension of managed motorway from M4 J19 to J18a;</li> <li>○ Option 1 Western alignment                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New offline J18a north of M4 in Green Belt</li> <li>▪ Westerleigh Rd / Folly Brook Rd grade-separation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Significant improvements to Ring Road Lyde Green and Rosary junctions;</li> <li>○ Option 2 Central alignment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Historic alignment</li> <li>▪ Online J18a west of old railway</li> <li>▪ Adverse impact on consented development and Green Belt</li> <li>▪ Joins Ring Road at Dramway;</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Option 3 East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Online J18a at B4465 north of Pucklechurch in Green Belt</li> <li>▪ Three alignments through Green Belt to a junction with the Ring Road at/adjacent to Dramway;</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Option 4 East &amp; West <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As for options 1 and 3, but with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East-facing slips only north of Pucklechurch</li> <li>• West-facing slips only at Westerleigh Rd.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Take forward Options 1,2 and 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> round of events with the following actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discard Option 3a</li> <li>○ Simplified plan of options (HE to provide examples);</li> <li>○ Key information (and what we don't key know);</li> <li>○ Press release &amp; FAQs (for use if needed);</li> <li>○ Next steps.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Plan of action for April leading to Board approval of documentation by 26<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• Dates for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of events are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3<sup>rd</sup> May, South Glos Lead Members;</li> <li>○ 8<sup>th</sup> May, stakeholders;</li> <li>○ 16<sup>th</sup> May, South Glos Councillors;</li> <li>○ 17<sup>th</sup> May, local businesses;</li> <li>○ 18<sup>th</sup> May, Town and Parish Councils;</li> <li>○ 19<sup>th</sup> May, MPs (postponed).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>HS, BS</p> <p>HS, BS</p> <p>HS, BS</p> <p>AR</p> <p>AR, HS, BS</p> <p>HS, BS</p> <p>All</p>
5.	<p>DONMs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DONM, 10:00/15, 7<sup>th</sup> June, SGC, Yate.</li> </ul>	All
6.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RO (probably) retiring June.</li> <li>• JD secondment finishes mid-May, [REDACTED] joining.</li> </ul>	
Attachments	tbc	

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