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**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Bow Brickhill Level Crossing Bridge Replacement Feasibility Study - South Caldecotte

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James

This is not entirely what you discussed with me last week.

You advised the report was now complete following updates to a few comments you had raised while you were on leave the previous week.

Also that the report had been shared with planning officers and a short stakeholder meeting had already taken place.

Who are the stakeholders? Surely we should be included in this ?

Following which, it was the view from Jon Palmer that the work commissioned and now complete should not be shared with us

and should now form part of a much wider study into potential crossing of the Marston Vale line.

You will recall I expressed concern that this approach was now being taken, particularly as the Council required us, as the major stakeholder in the matter

to work with the council to establish that the land that proposed in our application could accommodate an online bridge crossing or what additional land might be required.

The study brief that was shared with us on 21/11/19 (attached) sets out;

*“Given the likelihood the level crossing may close in future, and that the operation of both the highway network and future mass transit network will most likely require a link across the rail line, a piece of work is required to identify if a bridge on the existing road alignment is feasible.*

*This work would need to identify any third party land that needs to be safeguarded to the west of Brickhill Street.*

**Task**

*A report is required considering the feasibility of a bridge on the existing alignment of the Brickhill Street in place the of the existing level crossing. This should comprise:*

- 1. Outline the requirements of a replacement bridge (carriageways, redways/footways, mass transit lanes) through a consideration of existing traffic model outputs (2031 forecast year), emerging work on the future MK Mass Transit Network, current and planned Redway network. This should provide a clear understanding of the width requirements of a bridge.*
- 2. Undertake an engineering feasibility study on the bridge utilising the extent of existing highway land as far as possible,*

**but utilising land to the west of Brickhill Street if required. Clearly identify how much third party land will require safeguarding**

Furthermore, your consultation response to David Buckley regarding the application on 6 December 2019, confirmed;

*Milton Keynes Council is undertaking a piece of work to clarify how much, if any, third party land would need to be safeguarded to construct a satisfactory bridge in place of the level crossing, utilising existing highway land as far as possible. Any land that needs to be safeguarded would need to be to the west of level crossing, and hence would have implications for the South Caldecotte site and planning application. We aim to have clarified the land required by February 2020.*

The Council's study, undertaken by your own highway designer, is now complete.

The MKC objective of the review was to undertake a bridge feasibility study and to ascertain the extent of existing highway land as far as possible and to inform us a land stakeholder of how much land will require safeguarding from our scheme.

We therefore look forward to receiving this information.

Kind Regards

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Hi Ian,

To clarify matters. I advised Colin on Thursday we would not be sharing or publishing any of the work undertaken by our highway engineers looking at online bridge options at Bow Brickhill Crossing. This is in view of local stakeholder sensitivities, and the fact that such a bridge option currently has no status and does not represent a committed council proposal. Considerable further work is required to consider other bridge options as part of work to support the delivery of East West Rail, before we would want to publish bridge options and designs across the Marston Vale Line.

Regards

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Hi Ian

As I mentioned, Transport Strategy are leading on this work. My understanding is that the Study has not been finalised and is not yet available.

Kind regards

Jon

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Dear Jon,

Yes, James has confirmed that this work has now been completed.

Please can you therefore disclose the report and advise the extent of the land to be reserved from our site?

Kind Regards

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Hi Ian

I understand that Colin has already been in touch with James Povey (cc'd) regarding this, as the Strategic Highways team commissioned this study.

Kind regards

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Dear Jon

I understand following communications with your Strategic Highway colleagues that the feasibility work was now been completed.

We therefore look forward to receiving this information in order to confirm the land requirements that can be reserved in the event the bridge may be required in the future.

Kind Regards

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