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Boston Borough Council's response on the Indicative Construction Programme.

Dear Sir / Madam

Chapter 5, Project Description, of the Environmental Statement submitted on the 20th April 2021 refers in paragraphs 5.5.8 to 5.5.11 to diverting a water main, providing a foul sewer connection, grading the site and preparing lay down areas and fencing.

It then says in paragraph 5.5.12:

"Delivery of raw materials to the Principal Application Site will be via both ship and road. The first phase of the wharf construction will be undertaken to allow a proportion of the raw materials to be delivered by ship rather than transportation by local roads. It is estimated that it will take approximately six months to construct the first section of the wharf to allow raw materials to be received by ship. The remaining section of the wharf will take a further 12 months (approximately) to complete."

The Indicative Construction Programme submitted as document 9.18 at submission deadline 1 shows preconstruction enabling works as item 3 in the table. The schedule for this work is November 2022 to August 2023. This obviously relates to paragraphs 5.5.8 to 5.5.11 in the project description submitted on 20 April 2021.

It is assumed it may also include the first stages of the wharf construction as referenced in paragraph 5.5.12 but that is not clear. The wharf construction is shown to commence in June 2023 along with other site activity. This does not support the contention that the construction phase will have a reduced impact by using the partially constructed wharf because the wharf is shown to be completed in April 2025 after other items of construction are already completed.

We question whether it is proposed to create temporary berthing arrangements, or simply move straight to the final wharf solution. If it is the former, then this could come in as part of pre-construction enabling works.

Assuming the previous paragraph is correct, item 3 "Pre-construction enabling works" needs amending to "Pre-construction enabling works including the first phase of the wharf" to make this clear.

Alternatively, if our assumption is wrong, the Indicative Construction Programme submitted as document 9.18 requires amendment to explain this issue more clearly.



The Applicant is requested to provide greater clarity on this. It is imperative that wharf facilities are provided as early as possible to manage construction impacts.

Yours faithfully



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