

It is clear that the Milton / Eastney allotments and the Melville Rd leisure Park at Southsea are unique within this project due to HDD process going on beneath them (estimated 3 months period). Allotment holders, tenants and the occupants of mobile homes will be residing and working directly above the proposed HDD route.

For them and with regards to their peace of mind, Health and Safety Risk Assessments (H&SRA) are so important in this proposed project.

At deadline 6 in written submissions, the applicant was asked what H&SRA had been carried out with regards to allotment holders. At deadline 7 the applicant responded with regards to Bentonite breakout only and that the risk assessments and a method statement would be undertaken at 'detailed design'.

Nothing was mentioned about the caravan park. How far down this proposed project is the so called 'detailed design' stage.

Is this detailed design stage just a little too late for the tenants and should the examining authority require a comprehensive H&SRA to be in place prior to any recommendations being made?

Leaving aside the use of Bentonite for a while, what is the H&SRA strategy proposed whilst the HDD is actually taking place under the allotment holders and the leisure park?

The applicant has supplied a report from Stockton Drilling Ltd with regards to Bentonite breakout. Have this company also been asked for an opinion, or have they supplied a report, with regards to a H&SRA for the public using their allotments or living in mobile homes above their proposed drilling operation?

A further question was asked at deadline 6 concerning the use of allotment holder's vehicles going onto and move around the allotment area. At deadline 7 the applicant responded that there would be no restrictions on vehicles entering and driving through the allotments during the drilling process.

Was this same question asked by the Applicant to Stockton Drilling Ltd about the movement of vehicles and caravans around the caravan park or allotments?

In a further document submitted to the Examining Authority ' Further Written Questions Doc ref 7.4.3.4. Dated 25 Jan 2021 by the Applicant submitted a report supplied by Stockton Drilling Ltd dated 20 Jan 21.

At paragraph 6.3 entitled 'Specific Constraints to HDD2 Allotments', it states ' At HDD2 where it passes under the allotments it has been identified during consultations to prohibit vehicular access at all times'.

Can the Applicant clarify that this is in relation to their Contractor vehicles or are they those used by allotment holders in the course of their use within the allotments.

The same document goes on further to state that with regards to a Bentonite breakout and spillage to plants 'However if preferred by the allotment holder to reduce unnecessary waste into the environment a quick rinse with water is all that is required prior to consumption'.

What are the H&SRA / food standards effects if Bentonite gets into the roots of the growing plants?

The same section of this report goes on to say: ' It is recommended that the above options are used primarily and if specifically requested by the owner / holder that the top 400 mm of soil be removed and replaced with the same or higher quality top soil'. Does this also apply to the caravan park?

Does the Applicant agree with this comment from their own specialist's report and are the Applicant prepared to enter into a 'no quibble' mitigation agreement to comply with this advice. Will this also apply to the Leisure park?

What are the diameter of the bore holes for each of the four power cables. What is the minimum distance that each cable or pair of cables have to be separated in the HDD proposed route?

Will there be any restriction for the public to access to the adjoining Milton Locks Nature Reserve during the HDD process, if so what are those restrictions?

How will the public alert contractors of Bentonite breakout during none core working hours at evenings and weekends?

It is clear that the applicant has, in reality, absolutely no idea what their proposed route over Milton Common is at this stage. Is this yet another issue for so called 'detailed design'. In other words, ' we are not sure, let see what happens'. Is that any way to apply for a planning application?

Should the tenants at Southsea caravan park residing in static mobile homes also be included in the book of reference as were the permitted to the allotment holders?

Please reject this proposal.

Thank you.

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