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Duncan

Thank you for your comments. Regarding the QRA we believe that the allowances are adequate if the mitigations referred to in my presentation and QRA are applied. Is there anything specific that you have in mind that would result in tie being required to grant an extension of time BBS? My understanding is that the arrangements for the closure of Princes Street has been agreed with CEC at the programme finalisation meetings held with BBS, tie, yourselves (yourself, Andy, Alan and Tom) and TEL. Therefore we have not allowed for the 18 month option as this would seriously compromise programme and project cost objectives. I'm sure you will understand that changing the settled construction methodology and traffic management arrangements in this area will also affect the programme in other areas. However, if CEC were to reconsider their requirements for the scope of road re construction in this area then we may be able to accommodate this option within our current targets.

I have previously explained the interrelationship between emerging detail design, Employer's Requirements and Infracore Proposals works and how price certainty is obtained out of this process and are in the process of delivering such certainty. Therefore, please advise what scope changes you anticipate arising out of the prior approvals and technical approvals. The overall scope of the scheme is surely now fixed, is it not?

Regards

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I have reviewed your excellent presentation of yesterday. Three issues emerged from this namely:-

The QRA does not provide adequate funds for extensions of time
Specifically the programme assumes Princes Street closed for six months and this has not been agreed by CEC are you allowing for the 18 month option
The scope of the works is not clear to CEC and specifically the quality and quantity and status of designs on which BBS have based their price. Also none of the designs are approved (none technically and only 4 out of 61 prior approval packages) hence the scope is likely to change, hence provision for this should be made

Can you advise the Council if tie propose to amend the QRA to take account of the above comments?

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