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For the attention of Mr W Gallagher - Chairman

Dear Willie

Thank you for your letter dated 26 September. As previously indicated, I picked this up on email while away last week in the U.S and replied in the first instance via email having first obtained the latest status from Steve Reynolds. Thank you for your reply to my email.

During the early part of this week I understand that you have spent significant time in dialogue with Steve, and that as a result you have a clearer understanding of the related responsibilities of the various parties. Saliiently the facts are that; while PB is responsible for the delivery of IFC drawings to **tie**, their production depends upon the timely provision of information from the Statutory Utility Companies, (SUCs) in accordance with their contractual obligations to **tie**, and within the timescales specified for review and approval in the **tie** MUDFA programme. I hope that that you will agree that this puts a more accurate context around the statements made in the third paragraph of your letter.

Please accept my assurances that PB will support you in working together and with all of the parties responsible for timely delivery of the utilities diversion design. To reemphasise the point made in my email, both myself and Keith Hawksworth stay very close to progress on MUDFA and all the other aspects of design delivery. I stay in contact with Halcrow's senior management to verify that they are applying adequate resources to the needs of the Edinburgh project.

Finally, please be assured that PB remains committed to reaching our mutual goals to deliver a sound and successful tram system for the people and City of Edinburgh.

Yours sincerely  
**Parsons Brinckerhoff**

  
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