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David

An update ahead of tomorrow's meeting together with suggested actions.

#### Prior approvals

This is working well as a process. There are, however, 2 programme issues in terms of the interface with the construction programme.

- (1) Some prior approvals are starting later than the construction programme requires, ie design is delivered late
- (2) The approvals programme shows, in some cases, a significant gap between the end of informal consultation and the start of formal consultation – why?

#### Technical approvals

The first 3 structures entered technical approvals today! 2 had been here for some time but couldn't progress due to lack of match up of activity ID with drawings. But we have now fixed that.

The technical approvals programme still shows too much activity in February – May 2008 and is out of synch with the construction programme.

This issue has been lingering for some time and, although progress has been made slowly, it is time to hold a "no one leaves until it's sorted" meeting to join all the dots correctly. Duncan is meeting Steve Reynolds at 8.00 tomorrow to press for assurance that the technical approvals programme is robust and to offer to subdivide the sections of road design further to get things moving. We need to follow that up with the detailed meeting with the following cast list:

- me
- Tom Hickman
- Duncan (or nominee)
- Jason/Alan
- SDS planner

I suggest that Critical Issues confirms the need for the meeting, confirms its urgency and mandates Glen to set it up.

I am free all day Monday and Tuesday and have nothing more important to sort out than this. I hope others feel equally motivated to get the programmes aligned.

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