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Trudi/Gavin

I was at a meeting with SDS and the Council planners yesterday to discuss the latest prior approval consultation submissions. A number of issues cropped up, some of which are quite critical. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these with you and whoever else sometime soon.

1. **Records of Review** - SDS have not yet received formally the RORs for Murrayfield and Russell Road. I know I have done my bit with these a couple of weeks ago, but they have not been cleared/finalised by tie. Can something be done to release them?

2. **Applicant for Prior Approval Submissions** - I think we have completed our discussions about this and agreed that tie should be the applicant. The question is - what happens next? We thought that Council needs to send a letter to tie officially authorising you to undertake the submissions on their behalf. Is this a matter for the Tram Project Board, or for Duncan Fraser? Do you want me to chase it up?

3. **Tram Stop Names** - I had agreed some time ago that Council would expect a paper about tram stop names as there should be a report to Council Exec and probably to Planning Committee to sign it off. Duncan had certainly advised that such a report would be advisable (and probably expected by CEC). I also recollect writing out a list of criteria. SDS say nothing has happened to progress this as far as they know. Does this need a formal instruction from tie? Can I do anything to assist?

4. The continuing occurrence of "**Newhaven Road**" - I got a bit snippy about this at the meeting (and apologised to Laurie afterwards). SDS have now advised that the use of this term will not change unless SDS receive a formal instruction from tie to amend it (presumably it appears somewhere on contract documentation). Can this please be done forthwith? And can I do anything to assist?

5. **Future consideration by TDWG of pre-application Prior Approval Submissions** - we think collectively it would now be prudent to rein in the remit of the TDWG to focus on matters for which they were originally set up. In other words, we think they should see only the PAs for World Heritage Site, in Conservation Areas, affecting the fabric of listed buildings, and affecting the setting of category A listed buildings. Do you agree? If so, do you want me to do a short paper for consideration by the next TDWG on this? (By the way - I shall draft an Agenda for you to consider later today).

6. The **letter of response to Alan Henderson from tie** - I must ask once again if this has gone out. As matters currently stand, tie will be unable to make any formal Prior Approval submissions to Council - except for substations - because there are no details of pole design. We urgently need progress on this matter otherwise the impact on the programme will in my view bring the whole project to a halt. You had hoped the letter would go out yesterday - any progress?

7. **SDS' general approach to design process** - while matters are moving forward reasonably well, I have some concerns about the incremental approach being taken by SDS. For instance, with structures they intend to roll out designs bit by bit during the consultation phase. In my view this kind of approach will increase risk (complexity of multiple sets of comments and lack of time for SDS to take account of CEC views once final details presented) and be resource hungry (especially for Council who will have to go over the plans again and again). I think we need to put pressure on SDS Halcrow to ensure they will record these things effectively - I know they have concerns about the process. I can take this up with Laurie but would appreciate your views first. Maybe a brainstorming session on the process would be helpful?

Hope to catch up later today. Any news of Gavin and Daniel? Are they still off?

Regards

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