

From: Samantha Kelly
Sent: 02 October 2006 15:11
To: 'RASM Bourne'
Cc: Councillor Iain Whyte; Andy Conway
Subject: RE: Noise Mitigation Measures
Dear Richard,

Thank you for your most recent email, below. I'm sorry that the design process wasn't explained clearly enough at the meeting you attended, and hope I can now clarify a little further.

In the Preliminary Design, a number of basic elements will be fixed: these elements include track alignment and level, road alignments, tramstop locations, access routes, and major structures – however, depending on the complexities at individual locations, some of these elements may continue to be slightly modified through the Detailed Design stage. Then, following the forthcoming consultation on the Preliminary Design, the Detailed (or Final) Design will fix all remaining elements, and will include the technical detail necessary for construction.

The precise nature of this process will be different for different sections of the route, and where significant design elements (such as noise mitigation measures) are not included in the Preliminary Design, these will be discussed through separate consultation meetings, as mentioned in my last email to you, before the final design is produced.

The final design is due to be available at the end of this year or early in 2007, depending on the individual route section, and we will be organising further meetings, and community consultation events, to give the designers the opportunity to explain the decisions which have been made, and answer questions.

Essentially, there is some flexibility between Preliminary Design and Detailed Design, and the designers will be able to discuss with you in more detail when you meet with them.

I hope this is helpful, and will call you shortly to arrange a meeting.

Kind regards,

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To: Samantha Kelly
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Subject: Re: Noise Mitigation Measures

Dear Sam

Thanks for your prompt e-mail, which clarifies a number of points.

I fully appreciate that the design process involves a large number of different elements, which all impact on each other. This is very similar to design process for the type of work that I am involved in.

From what you say, the material that will be on show in October will be a Preliminary Design and any feedback received will be used in the subsequent Detailed Design process. I am pleased to hear that noise mitigation measures will be seriously considered and that residents will have at least one opportunity to comment and make input. I hope and trust that residents and locals will be able to provide input in relation to other aspects of the design.

However, I have to tell you that I am rather confused with regard to your reference to Preliminary Design and Detailed Design. At the residents' meetings in May, SDS made it very clear that what was supposed to come back in August was the final design. From what you are now describing, it would seem that there has been some slippage in the design programme if it is just the Preliminary Design that will be presented in October. Can you advise when it is envisaged that the Detailed Design will be completed?

As mentioned previously, I will be away during the October break. I would, therefore, like to take up the offer to arrange a subsequent meeting, so that I can view the Preliminary Design and give my views, especially in relation to the Roseburn Corridor. I would also want to discuss noise mitigation measures.

With regard to the wider community meetings, I appreciate that there will be drop in events for locals to attend and discuss. I am aware that a fair number of people in the community are still very interested in the detail of the tram scheme and will, therefore, hopefully attend these events. However, I am disappointed that no proper public meetings, at which people can gather to hear issues discussed and share views, will be held. Perhaps you can advise if a presentation will be made to the Council's Local Development Committees - this would be a good opportunity for the public to learn about the scheme and also let Councillors know how their constituents feel.

I trust the above comments are of assistance to you. No doubt we will meet up in October.

Regards

Richard

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From: [Samantha Kelly](#)

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Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 5:26 PM

Subject: Noise Mitigation Measures

Dear Richard,

It was good to talk to you on Friday and, as promised, I have now discussed your email of the 20th with the System Design Services team.

They have stressed that the design process is essentially an iterative process: each element is being designed in the light of other elements, and the impact of each element on the others is then assessed to see whether there is any need to revisit aspects of the design as the process moves forward.

The designers are well aware of the need to mitigate the noise impacts of the tram in line with the provisions of the Noise and Vibration Policy, and are taking this into account throughout the design process. The design of noise mitigation measures has not been programmed into the Preliminary Design stage because it unlikely that the pivotal elements of the Preliminary Design will need to be changed in order to accommodate whatever mitigation method is chosen (from the designers' point of view, pivotal elements are issues such as bridge structures and tramstops).

Our intention is for the design teams to present the Preliminary Design for the Roseburn Corridor during October, and the feedback received from these meetings will

help the designers to make progress on the Detailed Design. It is at this stage that the designers will turn their attention to specific mitigation measures, and we will then arrange separate meetings to enable the proposed measures to be presented to affected residents. The feedback received from these discussions will then help the designers to complete the Detailed Design.

The design team has asked me to emphasise their commitment to ongoing, productive consultation. Through focused discussion with residents on specific noise mitigation measures, they will strive to reach a solution that is both satisfactory to affected residents, and appropriate for the tram project. They will be open to the possibility of more than one consultation session on noise mitigation, if this is likely to help reach a consensus.

I hope that this will help to reassure you that there will be an opportunity for those residents who will be affected by noise mitigation measures to influence this aspect of the design.

Thank you for your reminder of the school holiday dates. The dates currently scheduled for Preliminary Design Consultation for the Roseburn Corridor do fall within this week, and so we will be offering a further meeting, to make sure that everyone who wishes to input into the design at this stage has the opportunity to do so. You also asked about the public consultation events, and I can confirm that the event in your area is scheduled for the last week in October. These will be widely advertised nearer the time, and will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. The purpose of these events is the same as that for the frontager consultation: to present the Preliminary Design (by way of an exhibition of plans and drawings), to allow direct discussion between designers and members of the public, and to record feedback, to be taken into account during the final stages of the design process.

I trust this information is helpful in addressing your concerns, and we will look forward to meeting with you in October. If you have any further comments or queries in the meantime, however, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

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