

North Yorkshire County Council
Richmond (Yorks) Constituency Committee – 08 September 2021
North Northallerton Bridge - update

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To keep Members informed of ongoing progress on the delivery of the Bridge at the North Northallerton Development

2.0 Update on the Bridge Delivery

- 2.1 Eric Wright Civil Engineering Ltd (EWCE), the principal contractor for the works continue to make good progress on site. The bridge beam installation was originally programmed to take place from mid-August, however Cleveland Bridge UK Ltd (CBUK) who are contracted to fabricate and install the bridge beams were taken into Administration in mid-July. These are exceptional circumstances outside all parties' control.
- 2.2 Since the news regarding CBUK broke EWCE have been working to determine the exact position in relation to the delivery of the North Northallerton Bridge.
- 2.3 At the time of CBUK going into administration, the bridge beams had been fabricated and inspected by NYCC Bridges Engineers. The administrators confirmed they could be released to EWCE once full payment had been made. EWCE subsequently determined the overall outstanding contract cost relating to the fabrication and settled the account with the administrator.
- 2.4 EWCE also made contact with Cleveland Bridge's supply chain and proposed sub-contractors to see whether they could still erect the beams for the Northallerton Bridge. The majority of CBUK's sub-contractors advised that they had the available resource to install the bridge, however, the fabrication of the temporary bracing required during the installation had not been progressed by CBUK. On discovering this, EWCE progressed the production of these critical components to mitigate programme delay. As a result, the bridge installation will now start towards the end of August. EWCE have managed to organise the delivery of the bridge beams to site from 17 August, broadly in line original programme. Discussions throughout have included NYCC and Network Rail Engineers, who have assisted greatly and helped EWCE minimise the negative impact of this unforeseen event.
- 2.5 The contractor is currently approximately 65% of the way through the construction programme. They are still programmed to complete the works in late January 2022.
- 2.6 Highways officers continue to work with the developers, their contractors and Network Rail to ensure that the works are delivered in a timely manner and constructed to the necessary standards. Once the bridge is completed final works and checks on the full route of the link road will be undertaken before the complete route is opened to through traffic.

3.0 Update on the A684 Flooding issue

- 3.1 Members have also requested an update on how the work to address the flooding that has been experienced on Stokesley Road is being progressed. This work is outside of the bridge construction contract but is related to the overall North Northallerton development.
- 3.2 NYCC Area Highways and Flood Risk Management (FRM) teams continue to work closely with Hambleton District Council Planning Officers (HDC) and Taylor Wimpey Ltd (TW) to deliver an integrated solution that separates highway drainage from land drainage.
- 3.3 The NYCC element of the works are ready to be implemented. These consist of undertaking a road crossing and connecting the new pipe into a manhole constructed by TW. This will separate land drainage from highway drainage. TW will then pipe the land drainage to a ditch. The highway drainage is to be taken to the new Yorkshire Water system at the roundabout. TW have submitted detailed proposals of their work to FRM for approval in conjunction with Yorkshire Water.
- 3.4 It is still expected that works will commence on site late this summer.
- 3.5 A verbal update will be provided at the committee meeting following a further meeting of the parties, which is scheduled for later this month.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 The contents of the report are noted.

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