

Birmingham Resilience Project – Richard Arrowsmith verbal address

1. Following on from the last planning meeting I would like to acknowledge the level of consultation and discussion that has gone on between Severn Trent and both the Parish Council and the Community Liaison Group around matters concerning construction traffic.
2. At this time, the focus of discussion has been the management of construction traffic in and around the location of the Break Pressure Tank just off the Bromsgrove road. Though a number of detailed items are still to be resolved this can only happen as the design finalises and I am comfortable with the current Severn Trent proposals on the proviso.
  - a. That dialogue on the outstanding issues continues during the design phase
  - b. and that during the construction phase Severn Trent has in place an appropriate review and modification process if the current plans are shown to be insufficient or ineffective.
3. The Parish Council does remain concerned about the dangers associated with speeding and the historic accident record on the B4451 in and around the Break Pressure Tank construction site. We recognise that the Highway Authority for the area, Worcester County Council, has approved the current proposals and we accept this. However the Parish Council would welcome assurances from the County Council that they will actively monitor the area frequently once the works are in place to ensure that speeds and safety have not deteriorated significantly.
4. Moving away from the Break pressure tank construction area. There are still a great number of outstanding traffic related matters concerning other constructions sites and the associated access routes across the Romsley Parish.

The Parish Council believes that these items are of significant issue because of their potential impact to residents and are still to be addressed going forward.

However given the importance of the overall Birmingham Resilience project and the need to make progress the Parish Council will accept the resolution of these wider traffic related matters as part of the planning conditions.

Severn Trent has declared that these matters will be covered in the Construction and Environmental Management Plan. Romsley Parish Council accepts this approach but would like to state for the public record that we expect this approach

to be undertaken in a similarly open and collaboratively way and we will also require as much Romsley specific detail as provided for the Break Pressure Tank Construction traffic Plan.

In particular we will require detail covering aspects such as,

- Vehicle movement times.
- Identification of routes where construction traffic must not travel.
- One way routes to avoid tight corners and avoiding problems with narrow lanes.
- Escorting of vehicles
- The movement of construction plant as well as HGV's
- Breakdown of vehicle response
- As well as those policies dealing with preventing mud and aggregate material falling from vehicles onto the highways and for the subsequent removal.

In addition, we expect a clear review policy to be submitted that states how problems and issues can be identified, reviewed and resolved over the full duration of the works.

5. Finally and moving away from Traffic related matters we would like an additional planning condition to be added that reinforces the need for Severn Trent and its contractors to continue to liaise effectively with both Romsley Parish Council and Romsley Community Liaison group on all relevant matters for the full length of the works under the terms and conditions that were agreed in May 2016.

We would particularly like the role of the Parish Council and the Community Liaison Group with regard to signing off on environmental reinstatement once the project is complete to be clearly identified and accepted.