***EA Update Jan 2022***

* *Detailed Design of the embankment and realignment of Ham Lane was completed in 2021.  WCC will start  preparing the target cost for the realignment of Ham Lane in the next week.*
* *The Project Team is in the process of closing out planning conditions associated with the Full Planning Approval for the Scheme of which there are 17.*
* *We are initiating enabling works to clear the site of suitable habitat for nesting birds and Great Crested Newts this will be carried out in two stages pre March 2022 and after September 2022.  Construction will take place in phases in the cleared areas.*
* *Our Consultant BWB is making an application for a Great Crested Newt License which will allow us to trap and relocate the GCN affected by the works, this we hope will be in place to allow completion of site clearance in September.*
* *In February the Final Business Case for the scheme will be submitted and subject to its approval I currently anticipate being able to start a phased construction in late April or early May.*
* *Below is a high level programme illustrating construction against site clearance during 2022:-*

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| Month | Jan 22 | Feb 22 | March 22 | April 22 | May 22 | June 22 | July 22 | Aug 22 | Sept 22 | Oct 22 | Nov 22 | Dec 22 |  |
| Site clearance N and S of wooded area around pond (EA Ops Team) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GCN Trapping |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nesting season |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Site clearance of wooded area around pond (EA Ops Team) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Phased Construction over this period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*The above programme is high level and will be revised as we have more certainty following approval of the Final Business Case and more clarity on permitting and timeframes associated with mobilisation to site. -end-*