



From Peter Downing

RE: A350 West Ashton By-Pass

QUESTION ONE

What is the current status of the project ie on time, delays etc?

RESPONSE

Whilst the project has experienced some delays historically, it is currently on track against its latest agreed schedule and is due to complete the expenditure of its LGF grant money by March 2021 which is a key milestone for the SWLEP Board (note that completion of construction for the overall project will be after March 2021).

QUESTION TWO

What is the estimated time of commencement of this project?

RESPONSE

Design work for the project has been progressing for a number of months now. Construction work on site is on track to commence in July of this year.

QUESTION THREE

Is there a possibility that Central Government funding for this project could be withdrawn if current deadlines are not met?

RESPONSE

The LGF funding allocated to this project by the SWLEP Board could be withdrawn if the March 2021 deadline mentioned above was not expected to be met, or if other significant issues with the project arose. A key issue on the project has been the need for Wiltshire Council to sign an agreement with Homes England for additional funding to supplement the LGF funding allocated by SWLEP. This agreement has recently been signed. Given this, and that the project is progressing to plan, the SWLEP Board currently see no reason for LGF funding to be withdrawn from the project.