ACTION LOG

Meeting: North Staffordshire Local Air Quality Plan Joint Advisory Group (JAG)

Date: Thursday 11 February 2021

Attendees (by MS Teams):

Cllr Carl Edwards (Chair), Phil Cresswell (Interim SRO), Pete Price (PM)

Stoke-on-Trent City Council - Cllr Daniel Jellyman, David Stubbs, SECTION 40, Harmesh Jassal

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council - Cllr Trevor Johnson, Dave Adams, Nesta Barker, SECTION 40

Staffordshire County Council – SECTION 40, Sweco – SECTION 40

Apologies:

Cllr Stephen Sweeney, Cllr David Williams, SECTION 40

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Notes: Pete Price

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1	Introductions and Apologies				
2	Re-analysis of sensitivity of preferred option to Covid - update	JAG members accepted the findings of the Covid sensitivity re-analysis, and the assumptions on which the work was based, which in conclusion has found that the revised assumptions make little difference to traffic flows, resulting in significant exceedances still occurring at all three sites. This work will be finalised and confirmed with JAQU on Wed 17 Feb, who will then present the findings to the Minister. Presentation to be shared with JAG.	PP	15 Feb	

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3	Preferred option – identification of variant option for Victoria Road	In view of 2, the City Council needs to progress either with the bus gate preferred option or identify a viable variant, for discussion with, and agreement by, the Minister.			
		Pete shared the emerging CAZ C variant proposal, which will need to be tested to determine whether it delivers NO2 compliance. It does not meet the shortest possible time criterion.			
		JOG to negotiate with JAQU to secure funding for additional Model run on variant. Dave and Pete to establish the precise scenario to be modelled.	PP/DS	17 Feb	
		Feedback to JAG following this work.	PP E	End Feb	
		The A53 bus gate proposal is to progress as planned and be delivered in the shortest possible time. Implications for project management and delivery arrangements will be agreed with JAQU.	PP	End Feb	
4	Project finances, including funding for current review work, bus retrofit and FBC phase	£800k funding approved and released by JAQU to city council, additional funding for bus wraps and staff costs will be added to FBC funding request.	PP	When FBC funding request is prepared.	
		£29k has been issued to City to cover Covid reanalysis costs (item 2, almost completed), and a further £14k may be available for testing of CAZ C variant (item 3) – to be confirmed after minister decision.			
		Remaining OBC funding will be handed over to City by Newcastle, following final budget reconciliation after paying staff costs and retaining an allowance for ongoing project costs up to FBC submission.	NB	End Feb	

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5	Update on media engagement (if any)	No specific actions identified.	None		
6	Action Log from JAG 20 Jan 2021, and Matters Arising	All actions addressed or covered above.	None		
7	Date of next meeting	TBC based on JAQU and Minister feedback.	PP		