

Project Briefing Note – December 2024
C2398 South Beverley Bridleway Bridge – Progress Update

Background

Recently the Council has raised concern about the estimated outturn cost of this scheme, which based on the design consulted on in summer 2024, is currently expected to be circa £11.5m.

In consultation with the Major Infrastructure Programme Board, it has been decided that work on the detailed design and submission of a full planning application, should be paused whilst cost saving ideas are explored.

The project team have therefore recently carried out a Value Engineering (VE) workshop. This involved various internal and external attendees, including ‘critical friend’ civil engineers to peer review the proposal, drawing upon industry best practice, to assure the most optimum specification for meeting the multiple influences on the design.

Value Engineering (VE) Workshop

The VE workshop was held on 15 November 2024 at the RaisE Business Centre in Goole. 47 creative ideas were generated, which were subsequently categorised based on their estimated value and expected complexity. Whilst no ideas will be ignored, the team are concentrating on 21 high-value, low-complexity ideas first.

Specialist structural engineers, geotechnical engineers, drainage engineers and other specialists are programmed to report back on their analysis of these 21 ideas in March 2025. After this, the project team will present the results to senior officers and Cabinet, to determine, if any, which ones to progress. Many cost savings will likely require compromises to be made and all associated risks will need to be considered.

Effect on the current programme

The current VE work will have the following potential effect on the programme:

South Beverley Bridleway Bridge Programme Milestones	Status	Expected Completion
Value Engineering options review and redesign if deemed appropriate	Ongoing	May-Jun 25
Planning Submission	Pending	Jul-Aug 25
Planning Approval	Pending	Oct-Nov 25
Tender Process	Pending	Winter 25
Award construction contract	Pending	Spring 26
Start construction on site	Pending	Spring 26
Complete construction (estimated 10-12 months construction period)	Pending	Spring 27

The dates shown in the table are subject to change and dependant on the outcomes of the value engineering workshop process.

Conclusion

The current design has undergone extensive consultation and has largely satisfied all the main stakeholder requirements up to the submission of the planning application stage. A change of design will potentially require another public consultation period and may not be met with the same level of approval. It is hoped that the options which are currently being reviewed will produce savings significant enough to warrant a redesign, reach stakeholder approval and reduce the outturn cost of the project.

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