

Meeting: Bedford Borough Council/EWR – Highways Working Group #4

Held on: 21/01/2026

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Jo Branson-Budd (JBB) – Head of Capital Projects, Infrastructure and Sustainable Travel, Bedford Borough Council
- David Bennet (DB) – Engineering Services, Bedford Borough Council
- Andrew Prigmore (AP) – Head of Fleet, Highways and Traffic Operations, Bedford Borough Council
- Matthew Soper (MS) - Manager for Engineering Services

Also present were representatives from EWR Co.

Meeting minutes:

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1.	Introductions, agenda run through, and a safety moment was presented – ‘a self-compassionate path to a better you.’	
2.	Review of action log	
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	EWR to send a list of all assets to DB.	EWR
	EWR to send a test SharePoint link to DB with a view to sharing information via SharePoint where possible.	EWR
	EWR to reach out to GC (Gavin Chinniah, BBC, not present at the meeting) to discuss timeframes of the BBC local plan (the latest version is 2030).	EWR
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3.	<p>Broadmead Road overview</p> <p>EWR ran through the slides, previously provided to BBC.</p> <p>JBB raised a concern that had come up at a public meeting the previous evening, that wider traffic impacts across Bedford as a whole, as a result of EWR, are not being taken into account.</p> <p>New action: EWR are working on the programme and mitigations and took an action to update BBC on traffic modelling approach and construction impacts. Meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>DB asked a question about Green Lane. New action: This was discussed at a previous meeting. EWR took action to recirculate minutes</p>	<p>EWR</p> <p>EWR</p>
4.	<p>Construction approach</p> <p>EWR ran through some slides around the project’s construction approach, including mass haul routes and construction planning.</p> <p>JBB raised a point from a recent public meeting about residents concerns about construction traffic.</p> <p>New action: EWR to arrange a dedicated workshop to work through this issue.</p> <p>JBB asked to see a high level construction programme. This will be discussed at the workshop.</p> <p>MS asked whether the town centre work would be happening at the same time as other areas of the route. EWR confirmed that all work would be carefully coordinated, and will be treated as a whole, not in isolation.</p>	<p>EWR</p>
5.	<p>Temporary road closures</p> <p>Managing construction impacts on the highways network, and an overview of diversion plans.</p> <p>New action: EWR to set up a meeting with the T&T team to give a more detailed overview of this topic, including programme, timings, schedule, closures etc.</p>	<p>EWR</p>

Action log:

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8. Broadmead Road: Meeting to be arranged to update BBC on traffic modelling approach and construction impacts.	EWR
9. Green Lane: EWR took action to recirculate minutes	EWR
10. EWR to arrange a dedicated workshop to work through construction approach.	EWR
11. Meeting to be set up with the T&T team to give a more detailed overview of this topic, including programme, timings, schedule, closures etc.	EWR