

Meeting Title:	Code of Construction Practice Consultations		
Project:	Glasgow Airport Rail Link	Job No/Ref:	39055 IEDE
Location:	Renfrewshire Council, Gilmour House	Date held:	23 November 2005
Duration:		Time:	16:30
Present:	Graham Biggerstaff, Renfrewshire Council Russell Anderson, Renfrewshire Council David Gardner, SPT Brian Cuthbert, FM	Distribution:	Attendees Charles Hoskins, SPT Ian Dudgeon, FM Ian Watson, FM

No.	Item
1.	The objective of the meeting was to advise RC that a Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) was being prepared as part of the GARL scheme and to ask RC if there were any issues that should be addressed in the CoCP. In addition, some of the issues raised in letter from RC (dated 12 August 2005), in response to the Draft GARL ES issued in June 2005 were discussed.
2.	DG appraised GB and RA of the timescales with regard to introduction of the GARL scheme Bill to the Scottish Parliament.
3.	DG advised that it was likely that the preferred method for piling for the proposed viaduct would be bored rather than driven piles. It was thought likely that such a methodology would be less noisy than driven piling.
4.	The issue of dust from the area of red blaes at the south-eastern corner of ST James' park was discussed and the alleged nuisance that it caused to certain local residents on Greenock Road. It was considered that mitigation measures proposed by the scheme, i.e. realignment of pitches at the park would remove this area of red blaes and therefore that particular dust problem.
5.	The issue of stripping topsoil from the area of the park that would be used as the construction compound for the scheme and bunding this was discussed.
6.	CoCP Noise issues: RA advised that the Council does not generally set noise limits as such but rather preferred to restrict hours of working, in this case Monday to Friday 0800 to 2000, Saturday 0800 to 1300 and no working on a Sunday or public holidays. GB also suggested that the timing of heavy plant movements should be restricted to minimise noise impacts.
7.	BC advised however that some night working would be required, e.g. in the vicinity of the White Cart Viaduct and the also at the Arkleston Junction / Wallneuk Junction areas. GB advised of the importance of keeping the public informed of the timing of works that would be potentially noisy and/or at night. Use of the Council's internet portal and a link to the SPT website was discussed. Early consultation on the above works was thought advisable.

8.	DG advised that possession would generally Piggy-back with Network Rail possession so that disruption to services and the number of periods of disturbance would be minimised.	
9.	Vibration. GB suggested that a specific vibration report may be required, particularly with regard to already vibration damaged property at Greenhill Road, which may have a Dangerous Building Order already served on it (?). The issue of road repairs during construction so that any road damage caused by construction vehicles would be monitored and patched to reduce vibration issues, was discussed.	FM / SPT
10.	Temporary road restrictions at the Murray Street Bridge and at Clark Street, both within the Murray Business Area, were explained. Work at Elderslie was also highlighted.	
11.	Dust Control – temporary measures along the edges of construction compounds and work sites were discussed. High boarding and netting set above was discussed (cf. cricket nets). Use of bowsers and other methods for dust control were discussed.	
12.	Public Consultation/Liaison: Use of the portal, leaflets, etc. discussed. GB suggested contacting Community Councils (Alex Hewitson of the Council would have details), also local Council Members who could provide information at their surgeries, etc.	SPT
13.	Haul Routes: GB suggested that Ian Hamilton be contacted to discuss construction haul routes in more detail. Delivery times and other potentially noise related issues would have to be defined so that work did not take place outside of acceptable hours.	FM
14.	GB asked that a copy of the CoCP be made available to Renfrewshire Council for review as soon as possible.	SPT/FM