



**Glasgow Airport Rail Link  
St James Community Liaison Group  
Draft Addendum to Minutes  
Tuesday 27 June, 6.30pm  
St James Primary School, Paisley**

This addendum addresses questions raised at the meeting of the St James CLG on Tuesday 27 June, with reference to the specific paragraphs.

**2.4 McFarlane Street**

There are four mature trees on McFarlane Street located within the scheme limits (LOD + LLAU) and three smaller trees within the limits on the north side of the A726. It may be that working methods within the LLAU may enable some of the mature trees on McFarlane Street to be retained (possibly the two outermost trees) but this will depend on detailed design and construction methods within the LLAU as well as future track maintenance/overhang issues. There is a risk to trees outwith the limits if roots are damaged; however, as discussed in the ES and CoCP, the Contractor will be required to comply with *BS 5837:2005 Trees in Relation to Construction* which sets out how trees should be protected during construction works, including protection of root systems of adjacent trees.

It is technically feasible to transplant mature trees, although the survival rate is not high. The technique involves making a cut off trench around the tree's root system at a similar diameter to the tree's crown at least a year before the tree is to be moved, maintaining the tree throughout that period and then lifting the tree with the remaining root ball to its new position. However, for the trees within the GARL limits, isolation of sufficient root ball for them to survive will be very difficult as much of the rootball will be beneath roadway and hardstanding and there are likely to be services intertwined with the roots. Transplanting trees with smaller than optimal rootballs means that they are even less likely to survive, in addition to any future stability issues for the trees in their new positions. Therefore, attempting to transplant trees from within the scheme limits is not likely to be successful.

With regard to Alan Hopkirk's question on the details of the drawing, Drawing No. 39055 MKB / S240 Rev. D is dated 16th March 2006.

### **3.2 Communication with objectors**

The PBU has advised that under Parliamentary procedure, the lead objector will receive communication from SPT by electronic and hard copy, and it is the role of the lead objector to disseminate this information as appropriate.

However, if the chair of Paisley North Community council is happy to provide email addresses or postal addresses for other community council members, SPT could share copies of CLG minutes and addendums with the remaining members of the community council, for their reference. CLG meetings will be limited to invitation only.

### **4.2 Viaduct**

Trees, planting and landscaping shown on the figure within the Environmental Statement are indicative only and the precise scheme will be dependent on the detailed design. Therefore the trees shown along the line of the viaduct are 'indicative' rather than 'proposed'. Similarly, all earthworks, landscaping, planting within St James' Park are indicative only and would form part of the detailed design to be determined in consultation with Renfrewshire Council, park user groups and local residents, etc.

No fencing is currently proposed along the edges of the viaduct i.e. there will be 'free' movement beneath the viaduct. Ball catch fencing will be extended where required around the perimeter of the park.

### **6.2 Bridge on McFarlane Street**

Railtrack/Network Rail standards allow for open hand railing for a viaduct structure as currently indicated at St James Park. Solid P6 type parapets are only required for overline bridges (i.e. to stop cars falling onto railtracks). Please note that the viaduct design includes provision for a derailment wall along the viaduct. As for noise calculations, no allowance was made for any attenuation or noise barriers along the viaduct or at any other location. i.e. the calculations within the Environmental Statement are based on open hand railing.