

**MOBUOY REMEDIATION PROJECT SEPTEMBER 2021 ERC COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

Project Update – July / August 2021

Remediation

As previously reported, Tetra Tech has now been appointed as the Integrated Consultancy Team (ICT) and has completed the initial phase of team mobilisation as well as setting up project management / information systems and other contractual requirements in line with NEC3 and Prince II.

The ICT has developed its programme and this projects the Optimum Remediation Strategy (ORS) and the Outline Business Case for the Works (OBC2) to be complete by December 2022 as required.

The development of the Risk Register is currently underway and will be shared with the Mobuoy Task and Finish Group for input.

Scoping and specification for the detailed Ground Investigation to supplement the existing site information and facilitate development of the Optimum Remediation Strategy has been completed and the Ground Investigation work is due to start on site late September / early October 2021 following procurement of the Ground Investigation contractor.

Work is ongoing with the DfI A6 team and their ICT to ensure continuing alignment between the new A6 and the Mobuoy remediation. This includes the technical and logistical aspects to ensure that the works phases are coordinated as efficiently as possible in relation to drainage, road formation treatment, site access, accommodation works and land boundaries to allow for both construction and future maintenance requirements.

Criminal trial

Following the postponement of the previous trial date that was set for the end of June 2021, no trial date is currently set. A scheduling hearing is to take place 10 September 2021 in the Belfast Crown Court and this may provide a trial date. The trial date is decided by the Court as a matter of law.

Joint Project / D&SDC Task and Finish Group

The Task and Finish group has met via conference-call on 22 July and 26 August 2021, the next meeting is scheduled for 23 September 2021.

During these meetings a full project update including all the topics covered in this report was discussed.

Stakeholder Governance

Further to the July update, the Mobuoy Remediation Team has carried out a number of internal workshops in relation to Mobuoy communications. The team has recognised the disengagement of the Stakeholders and is developing a framework to encourage Stakeholders to take part in more active and regular engagement moving forward so as to contribute to both the Optimum Remediation Strategy and the Vision for the Future Use of the Site through a co-design process (as detailed in previous updates).

The next step in this is for the team to engage with the nominated DCSDC Elected Representatives and have a discussion about the Remediation Project and the co-design process moving forward. The team would be grateful if the ERC could provide the names of the Members nominated to take part in this engagement and co-design process and will liaise with Council officers to arrange suitable meeting dates to take the process forward.

Continued protection of the River Faughan and drinking water supply

Maintaining an effective Mobuoy environmental monitoring programme over the period of Covid-19 has been and remains a project priority. As previously reported, throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, a comprehensive Environmental Monitoring Programme (EMP) has continued to be implemented at the site including site and river bank inspections and river water quality testing weekly, together with daily laboratory testing of water from the NI Water public drinking water abstraction. No incidents have arisen requiring response by the Mobuoy emergency response officer and no pollution incidents in the River Faughan have been reported by members of the public or identified through the monitoring carried out under the EMP during this period.

Covid-19 Pandemic

While Covid-19 has had a significant impact on normal business, the Mobuoy team has been working to ensure that effective environmental monitoring on the site has continued and that the project remains on course to the extent that is possible in the current circumstances.

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