<u>**Member Briefing Note**</u>**:**   JULY 2008

WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - MAJOR HIGHWAY SCHEMES

PETERSFINGER PARK & RIDE

Scheme Development

Planning Application
Planning approval was given on 18th September, 2007.
Conditions discharged to allow tree clearance work.
Meeting held with SDC Planning Dept. to discuss conditions required prior to "main works".

Detailed Design
Detailed design of the civil engineering work completed.

Procurement
An invitation to pre-qualify was advertised in the European Journal on 11th October, 2007.
Pre-qualification questionnaires (PQQ's) have been evaluated and a select list of 6 contractors has been drawn up. (Contractors have been notified)
Full tender documents are completed and subject to successful land negotiations* will be issued to the short listed companies at the middle of April 2008.
Completed tenders have been returned by 5 of the 6 Contractors and the tender assessment is underway, with tender interviews to be held next week.

Land Acquisition

'Heads of terms' have been agreed with all landowners, with 2 of 3 land purchases completed.

Following advice from our Legal team the insurance policy to cover any potential claim regarding the ditch ownership will not be taken out. This is because it was felt that it was omitted as an error during the conveyancing of the land.

Proposed Construction Programme

Advanced Works / Tree Clearance have been completed.

The main construction could therefore commence in August 2008, subject to agreement and compliance with SDC Planning. Anticipated completion August 2009.

Funding

The DfT have confirmed that the funds will be released to enable construction next year. The funding is set at £3.2 million.

Profile of expenditure for the whole "Salisbury Package" needs to be supplied to DfT detailing what has been spent and the profile of remaining grant to be claimed.

Risks

Procedures required to enable works to commence need to be established with SDC Planning Department – meeting held, discharge of conditions to be undertaken asap.