

Resources PDS Panel – 30th September. Questions from Anne Robbins (with answers provided after the meeting).

1. What are the key reasons for the slippage, and do the currently published dates apply to both Phase 1 and Phase 2; if not what are the dates for each, including the date or dates for the promised public exhibition?

The project team have now developed a detailed implementation programme following initial design work and consultation with stakeholders. This programme is now agreed and is in place. The initial indicative programme has therefore been superseded. A newsletter is being prepared for issue to stakeholders.

2. A new survey of the robustness of the road in Grand Parade was to be included in the project, given the problems identified in a survey some years ago. Has this taken place and, if so, what are the key findings?

The survey of the road construction has been completed. All areas that require attention now form part of the project scope and will be undertaken during the construction period for the project.

3. What are the key points raised to date by the Environment Agency relating to flood risk, and measures required to address potential issues.

The Project team have had a number of meetings with the Environment Agency to discuss the proposed development. They have agreed that restaurant use of the Vaults and Undercroft should be considered as low flood vulnerability. Technical issues suggested by the EA will be incorporated into the final designs.