

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 7 NOVEMBER 2013  
title: OBSERVATIONS TO COUNTY COUNCIL – CREATE NEW SIGNALISED  
JUNCTION AT A59 SAMLESBURY ENTERPRISE ZONE  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To request Committee's view in relation to a recent request for observations from Lancashire County Council with regards to the proposed creation of a signalised junction on the A59, along with an access road to form an entrance to Samlesbury Enterprise Zone.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives - To support economic growth and the delivery of employment land throughout the Borough.
- Community Objectives - To support a vibrant economy and promote sustainable economic growth.
- Corporate Priorities - To be a well run and efficient Council.
- Other Considerations – None.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Members will recall previous reports to the Planning and Development Committee regarding the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone, the most recent of which was on 10 October 2013. A Local Development Order was adopted in March 2012 for part of the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone site (known as Parcel A). Work is underway to prepare and adopt a further Local Development Order for the entire site.

2.2 The Samlesbury Enterprise Zone Masterplan been prepared on behalf of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership to establish a framework for the long term, strategic objectives of the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone. The Masterplan considers a number of key matters in terms of access, transport, travel, utilities, design, landscaping and ecology.

2.3 The Masterplan is currently out to public consultation, which commenced on 17 October 2013 and will run for a period of six weeks until 28 November 2013. The consultation includes a public meeting to be held on Tuesday 12 November 2013 at the Canberra Club (off the A59 within the BAE Systems site) starting at 7pm. Following the expiry of the consultation period and consideration of responses received, it is anticipated that Ribble Valley Borough Council and South Ribble Borough Council will adopt the Masterplan in December 2013.

2.4 Two of the 11 key objectives of the Masterplan relate to the:

- Provision and coordination of transport infrastructure within and beyond the Enterprise Zone boundary; and
- Access to the Enterprise Zone and its integration with the existing public highway network, along with proposals for on and off site works required as a result of the development.

2.5 The planning application on which observations are sought relates to the above Masterplan objectives. The application was received by Lancashire County Council on the 25 September 2013 and a letter was sent to Ribble Valley Borough Council on the 7 October 2013 requesting comments.

### 3 IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Enterprise Zone would be adjacent to the existing BAE Systems site, however the two sites will need to remain separate in order to maintain the required security of the existing BAE systems operations. A new access is therefore proposed from the A59, between the existing BAE Systems access and Mellor Brook Roundabout. This will be a signalised junction including separated right and left turn lanes into the access. The proposed junction will also include toucan crossing facilities, cycle lanes, pedestrian footways, bus lay-bys and bus shelters.

3.2 The works are anticipated to commence with the widening of the carriageway on the south side of the A59, including the spur to join Myerscough Smithy Road. Traffic on the A59 will be diverted to the widened south side whilst works are undertaken on the northern side of the carriageway. The traffic signals will then be introduced and commissioned with the necessary road marking and traffic signs.

3.3 The supporting statement accompanying the planning application was produced by Lancashire County Council and states that the construction programme will be determined by the appointed contractor, but will be delivered in the most efficient, economic and least disruptive manner. The construction period is anticipated to be 20 weeks.

3.4 Ribble Valley Borough Council trust that Lancashire County Council will closely monitor the construction programme to minimise disruption to local residents during the construction period.

### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – No implications identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal - No implications identified.
- Political - No implications identified.

- Reputation – To be designated as poorly performing would harm the Council's reputation.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

**5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Advise Lancashire Council that Ribble Valley Borough Council support the proposed enabling works and therefore raise no objections to the proposal.
- 5.2 Request that Lancashire County Council closely monitor the construction programme to minimise disruption to local residents.

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