

**This update is within the minutes taken from the meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The Full Minutes are on the Council website.**

**Kings Dyke Crossing – Cllr David Connor reported as follows:**

**Land Acquisition.**

Attended a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December regarding land negotiations which are progressing well, there are some encouraging signs that a contract exchange with one of the main land owners may be completed before Christmas. There are some minor issues to resolve with land and conditions of access with the remaining parties, but these are not considered onerous and should reach a conclusion in late January 2018.

**Design and construction phase**

Once the exchange is completed permission is expected to follow to allow Kier the appointed contractor to undertake further and more detailed land and ground survey work. This will feed into the detailed design of the scheme. On completion of design work, the scheme can progress to the construction phase, subject to committee approval. It is the intention to report to the committee in the spring of 2018 on detailed design, the revised costs and the construction programme.

The first of the ground investigation works are expected to start early in the new year, this will involve trial holes in the existing A605 to locate and survey the public utility services within the road and verges.

**Funding and Budget**

As previously reported to the Economy and Environmental Committee the estimated cost based on the revised land costs and design could increase against an earlier budget value of 13.6 million. An upper cost figure of 16.9 million was indicated

Stage one of the design is based upon the more detailed work by Kier and will provide an opportunity to access in more detail the potential risks including ground condition, statutory costs, Network rail requirements and any associated construction difficulties. Should additional funding be required this will be reported back to the Economy and Environmental committee and the General Purposes Committee.

A report in the spring of 2018 will be provided and will finalise the cost and provide an update on the overall scheme costs. The Communication plan has been drafted and will be finalised soon, the public will be notified regarding traffic management which will be used to carry out the surveys. A roadshow event in Whittlesey and Peterborough will be held where members of the public can ask questions and find out more about the scheme before construction is started.

A meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> December has been scheduled with the Land Owner, his barrister, Cllr Connor, Cllr Boden, CCC officers and their legal representative. This meeting has been convened to clarify time scales and to iron out any problems