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Dear Ms Grice

Thank you for emailing us with regarding to the extension of the works for the A52 Nottingham Junctions Scheme at Cropwell Road Junction and the need for the restrictions to remain in place since January and what we have done and are doing to complete the works as quickly and safely as possible for both road users and road workers.

We have been unable to remove the traffic restrictions at Cropwell Road junction because sections of kerb and pavement have already been taken out. Infrastructure for the traffic signals was also removed and open excavations that were required for investigation and exploration of the utilities services remain in place. Day time lane 1 closures on the A52 which provided the public with suitable segregation and protection needed to remain in place thereby preventing Cropwell Rd from opening.

To provide further background on this issue, following commencement of the works we encountered a utility service which was located at a different depth to that which the utility company specified to us. We also encountered services which were not identified to us by the utilities companies. These discoveries meant the utilities companies required more extensive diversions than those they originally put forward to us.

We undertook trial holes to identify the line and level of these services, which we had to keep open so that the utility services could investigate in order to chart and design the diversion of the affected services.

We have taken the following actions to reduce the delays to the construction of the junction:

- Our contractors have excavated several additional trial holes to investigate the exact location and direction of the services in order to assist the utility companies to identify their services and potential diversions.
- We have engaged with all of the utilities companies involved to ensure that work to investigate, redesign, and undertake the required diversions at Cropwell junction has and is being prioritised through their various processes. This was done in an attempt to reduce their lead-in periods as we were already on site and any delays to their works would affect the construction period.
- We have worked with the relevant utilities companies to ensure that their diversion works are coordinated with each other to avoid any further delays.
- We have revised the drainage design to remove certain installations that conflict with the utility diversions, such as manhole covers and gullies, in order to minimise the utility diversions required while still providing the correct standard of drainage.

We are taking further action to mitigate the impact, including:

- Continuing to work with the utilities companies to identify efficiencies to help speed up the diversion process. For example, our contractors will excavate trenches and lay ducting for services to be fed through by the utilities companies.
- We have worked with the utilities companies to coordinate the diversions to reduce the number of excavations required across the carriageway.
- Our traffic management contractor has supplied additional traffic management equipment in the form of water filled barriers to allow safer working during the day.

I would like to confirm that the priority when making the decision to put the traffic restrictions in place, and to maintain them, was based on getting the works done as efficiently and safely as possible. Furthermore, we have assessed the traffic management to confirm that this is the safest method for both the travelling public and for road workers.

Regarding your enquiry of the land next to the RSPCA, our Principle Contractor Carnell has confirmed to us that it has been agreed with the land owner and his agent that the area we have possession of for the temporary compound will be returned to its former state, which is grassland. There was a gateway there, used for our access/egress and a gate will be erected when we vacate the site.

I trust that the above clarifies in detail the cause of the delays and the actions we are taking to complete the works safely and as quickly as possible.

I would once again like to take the opportunity to apologise for the inconvenience caused by the delay to the completion of the junction improvement works at this location.

Please get in touch if we can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Regards

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