

Update from DCC – 7/1/26

Position with the project.

1. **Delivery of Contractual Documents:** DCC's consultant (Jacobs) will deliver documents 19/1/2026.
2. **Procurement:** Procurement on standby to issue contract documents at end of January.
3. **Site Topography Survey:** DCC has completed the site topographical survey and passed the information onto consultant.
4. **Site vegetation Clearance:** DCC have completed preliminary site clearance.
5. **Ecology Survey:** Completed; remedial actions may be required during construction.
6. **Highways inspection:** DCC have completed inspection confirming final highway drainage design.
7. **Highway Design:** DCC have passed on the highway reinstatement drawings to the consultant.
8. **Land Ownership (Permanent Works):** – Still being progressed. Initial conversations with the landowner have been amicable and may require land purchase. If an agreement cannot be made DCC will pursue a licence agreement which will allow the works to proceed while land purchase negotiations go on.

(Note that the initial solution for the works was to build a retaining wall at the back of the footway, this would have required a simple easement agreement for access onto private land. Due to the requirements of STWA the works have been moved substantially into private lane which no require more substantial discussions.)

9. **Land Ownership (Potential Construction Access):** – Meeting has been scheduled to discuss use of land.