

Summary of notes from Cllr Hatchett from meeting with PC and DCC on Tuesday, 24th March 2026.

- During the tendering process, there have been meetings with potential contractors to answer queries, including regarding access, but no “show stoppers”.
- The main landowner is prepared for work to go forward under licence. Another landowner owns a very small piece of land and agreement to use it is less certain, but there is an option to truncate the scheme to avoid it if necessary.
- The deadline for tenders was extended to 27th March. The evaluation panel will meet w/c 30th March to assess the quality of the tenders. The full evaluation process is expected to take 2-3 weeks. It was not known how many tenders were likely to be received.
- As raised by Cllr Farnsworth, it was confirmed that access through the works for pedestrians/cyclists will be a condition of the contract, and efforts will also be made to manage pedestrians/cyclists to minimise impact on nearby residents.
- Nevertheless, some disruption to residents during the work is unavoidable. There will be no night-working and it is not expected that any resident will have to be temporarily rehoused.
- We discussed communications – residents will receive a letter which will include contact details for residents’ concerns. Advanced notices (yellow and black signs) will also be erected prior to work starting.
- Arrangements for site access – **DCC will confirm that this will be from the Crich side, not through Holloway.**
- Regarding the wall on the Hollywell Cottage side of the road, which is in danger of collapsing, the owner is receptive to the suggestion that it should be rebuilt as part of the overall project.
- Work to investigate potential problems opposite Ivy Cottage (barrier/handrail and subsidence of the footway) is outstanding. **DCC to follow up and advise.**
- It had been agreed that the tender documents would be shared once the tender period had closed. DCC explained that there have been some amendments following the discussions with potential contractors. As a result, DCC now need to compile them into one document but his first concern is to evaluate the tenders that have been received so that they can go forward through the contracting process. This means that the “tender pack” is not immediately available but DCC will share it as soon as possible.
- DCC will keep the parish council and other stakeholders informed about progress with awarding the tenders.
- Representatives from DCC will attend the public meeting on 21st May and will present a programme/timeline together with visuals to explain the planned work.