

Leashaw Site Meeting; Thursday July 23rd 2026
9.30~ 10.10am

There were four DCC representatives, three CT Construction representatives and four Parish Councillors

Main CT reps:

Oliver Tolputt: Director

Jim Fox: Contract Manager

Main DCC reps:

John Malikowski: Commissioning Engineer

Gaurav? Project Manager

- JM outlined the impasse DCC had reached: CT have declared a Health & Safety issue with access from the Crich side owing to the perceived difficulty in reversing to a turning point. This allegedly places DCC in the position where they either accede to this declaration or void the contract and re-tender and re-commission;
- Councillors voiced their concerns about disruption for residents: risk, danger, nuisance etc and that they had received assurance throughout the process that access would be carried out from the Crich side;
- Whilst sympathetic, JM felt DCC was in an impossible position. He had offered additional funding to ameliorate any safety concerns (employing banksmen for example), but CT were more concerned about possible accidents and prosecution by the Health & Safety Executive;
- After some discussion of the pros and cons of the two possible access points, the contractor agreed to:
 - Only bring in/despatch heavy goods vehicles between 10am and 3pm
 - Not allow the use of Bracken Lane
 - Use the Cromford Bridge route/Mill Lane; it was claimed that there is no weight restriction on Cromford Bridge
 - Provide a weekly schedule of works involving HGV movements. This would be overseen by Jim Fox liaising with Gaurav? Output from Comms Officer Julian Austin.
- JM apologised to Parish Councillors for the position that the project had reached, but was very clear about the difficult position that DCC was in. He very much wanted to see the project undertaken and completed by the year end or just beyond.
- Parish Councillors thanked JM for his continuing efforts and the meeting closed.