

Update from DCC 1/7/26

I have just come out of the meeting with the Principal Contractor; the prominent issues are as below:-

- 1) **Site Start Date:** Confirmed as 13/7/2026.
- 2) **Site Compound:** This will be opposite the butchers based in the garage.
- 3) **Materials:** The contractor cannot obtain the specified tubular reinforcement for the piles. The contractor is proposing an alternative which I will ask the designers to review. (The contractor's outline proposals seem reasonable to me and as the Technical Approval Authority I will advocate the proposal.) The contractor will confirm and submit this proposal in the next couple of days.
- 4) **Public Liaison:** The contractor has started to talk to some residents and will continue to update residents about the works....especially those in the locality of the works. DCC will issue a formal communication, in conjunction with the contractor, with respect to the works early next week.
- 5) **Statutory Undertakers:** The contractor has made contact with Severn Trent Water with respect to the Derwent Valley Aqueduct and will be undertaking a site meeting to co-ordinate the works.
- 6) **Land licence Agreements:** Have been signed off. Initial licence fees need to be paid by DCC.
- 7) **Site Access Route:** The contractor has assessed the Crich route to site and considers that the Leashaw route would be safer as well as more conducive for efficient construction.

The designer of the scheme did not specify restrictions on routes to site, even though the contractor initially said they would try to use the Crich route. The contractor has informed me that they have spoken to some residents to inform them of the contractor's intentions (Leashaw route) and it has not been met with objection.