

NOTICE 2

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (the '2012 Regulations')

This is formal notice pursuant to Regulation 10 (3) of the 2012 Regulations setting out the reasons why compliance with regulation 9 is impracticable with regard the Re-development of Welwyn Garden Bus Station.

Reasons

1. Forward programming of the works has been undertaken to allow the majority of works to allow earthworks to be undertaken during periods when dryer weather is anticipated, avoiding weather disruption to the contract.
2. The works require the closure of the existing bus station and temporary stops erected on Bridge Road, delays to the contract commencement will increase the chances of commuters having to use the temporary stops in inclement weather.
3. Road space booking & permitting has been planned and agreed with Network Management, who has re-programmed all other works on this section of the network to ensure that the road space is prioritised for this scheme.
4. If the decision is deferred the contract works are unlikely to commence prior to mid-October and a significant period of the planned contract period will have been lost. This will put into doubt the contract works finishing before the end of the 2017/18 financial year or the works would result in having to accelerate the works at a higher cost.
5. A deferment of the decision by a month may result in increased contract costs if the contractor has re allocated workforce or plant to other jobs in the interim or the cheapest tenderer withdraws their tender due to delays in tender award.

Accordingly there is insufficient time to include this decision in the next Forward plan and wait the 28 days required by regulation 9 before making the decision.

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