

**LCC/SRBC3**

**Appendix 3K**

Email from NS outlining need for LCC to undertake work

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**Subject:** FW: Pickering's Farm - Meeting w/ Vectos

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**Subject:** RE: VM210430 || South Ribble Base Model Files - Pickering's Farm

Paul

As both highway authorities are disputing your model and approach, it is important that all parties attend. It is a reasonable ask that you have full regard to all concerns raised (whether prior or post planning committee). Based on your response to Warren below, am I correct to assume that you are fixed on your approach thus not willing to take on board comments received from both LCC or NH, it is important that all assist with the appeal and contribute to the SoCG.

Are you planning to share any further documentation for LCC and NH to consider as raised in:

- statutory comments and or
- within the tracker

If so when, as highlighted in my email on Friday *'As there has been limited dialogue from Vectos since the application was determined and no preapplication to agree parameters, this has resulted in many issues of significance. I unfortunately have had no choice but to commence in undertaking all analytical work from generation, distribution, assignment, modelling etc etc etc with an audit trail and will form part of my evidence, which is very disappointing.'* All analysis must be able to satisfy scrutiny whether by NH, LCC or by interested parties.

With regard to availability as progress needs to be made as a priority, limiting significant separate analysis which is stacking up by LCC, I can move meetings to be available on the:

23<sup>rd</sup> all day  
25<sup>th</sup> all day  
27<sup>th</sup> all day

With regard to meeting type I would be happy with either TEAMS or face to face at SR officers (assuming Jonathan or Janice are able to host).

Regards

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Warren,

First of all, thank you for sharing a copy of the WSP Base Model Review which builds on the actions noted in the trackers that National Highways helpfully provided input to.

Following initial inspection with our modelling team, the points noted are not necessarily unique to this model and we envisage that not all will require 'correction'. Instead, in our view, many of the points raised are more related to the 'art' of modelling which is often so much more than just what is physically constructed on the ground and requires an element of judgement based on a variety of factors. As you will be aware, we did arrange for the model to be independently audited by Systra as part of the model development process, but we do welcome your input to this.

In the first instance, what we intend to do is consider each of the points in turn and prepare a short summary on why the model has been coded in a certain way and comment on the potential impact of making certain changes where identified as 'red' in the report. Without making changes, it is hard to say exactly what the impacts might be, but some appear to have the potential to improve the results of the modelling and therefore not change the overall conclusions previously presented.

If we can share our response, ideally next week, we could then use this information to inform a meeting, perhaps w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> May? We would be happy to include Neil in the meeting and incorporate any further comments from LCC's perspective on the base model.

We're very keen to meet and run through outstanding matters. If you are happy to do so, I'd be grateful if you could let us know your availability.

Many thanks


Paul

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**Subject:** RE: VM210430 || South Ribble Base Model Files - Pickering's Farm [Filed 13 May 2022 10:46]

**Importance:** High

Paul,

As you're aware, WSP undertaken a review of the Vectos Paramics base model for the Pickering's Farm application on behalf of National Highways. This is with a view to agreeing whether it could be used as the basis for completing and agreeing the traffic impact assessment for the development.

WSP have completed this review of the base Paramics model (please see attached) and have raised a number of concerns over the suitability of the model to assess both the strategic road network and the local road network. These include:

- a fundamental concern over the suitability of the base data used in the model.
- a range of clarifications and requests for additional evidence to provide assurance on the methods adopted and to note limitations within the model;
- a model coding review, which has noted a large number of concerns across the model, including coding errors at strategic road network junctions.

Please note that the review does not include any commentary on the traffic forecasting or development appraisal, with agreement of the trip generation, distribution and assignment remaining as separate matters also still to be agreed with ourselves and LCC Highways.

Due to the extensive concerns raised within this review we suggest that a joint meeting is arranged with ourselves and our colleagues from LCC Highways to discuss the best way forward to agree a suitable transport evidence base. Alongside this, it would be useful if Vectos could provide a timeframe for when it would expect to be able to correct all of the issues highlighted in the review so that the base model can be used.

In the meantime, please let me know if you need to discuss anything about this email.

Kind regards,

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