

Appendix 4.3

Independent Cost Review

**STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL**

Stafford Western Access Route

Scheme Costs - Executive Summary

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1.0 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Faithful+Gould (F+G) were commissioned to provide an independent review of the cost estimate for the Stafford Western Access scheme. The purpose of this review was to:
- (a) identify if the rates and assumptions that had been used in the cost estimate produced by Staffordshire County Council (SCC) were appropriate
 - (b) identify any omissions or exclusions which should be included in the cost estimate; and
 - (c) provide a professional view as to whether the cost estimate is fit for purpose (taking into account the current state of scheme design and development).
- 1.2 Faithful+Gould's remit specifically excluded a review of quantities.
- 1.3 F+G received a copy of the cost estimate for the scheme on 7th May 2014 on which. F+G raised a number of comments following the review. Subsequently, on 10th June 2014, F+G received 'The estimate of Construction Costs provided by Amey' together with 'Section A & B Scheme Delivery Costs'.
- 1.4 F+G's review of the construction and delivery costs received on 10th June 2014 resulted in a number of comments being raised.

2.0 **SUMMARY**

Faithful+ Gould undertook an independent review of the cost estimate for the Stafford Western Access scheme. A number of issues were raised in relation to some of the unit rates which had been used, this review identified some areas of uncertainty as well as items which had not been included within the scheme cost. In response to F+G's comments Staffordshire County Council revised some of their unit rate assumptions, included items which F+G considered had been omitted and provided satisfactory responses to a number of the queries raised. Based upon these changes and clarification F+G are of the opinion that the current cost estimate for the Stafford Western Access Scheme is suitable for use in the development of the Business Case for the scheme.

3.0 **APPENDICES**

APPENDIX - SCC ESTIMATE FOR THE SCHEME

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