

A96 Corridor Masterplan – Newsletter

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Interim Reporting

Following hard work with stakeholders through Collaboration for Success and appropriate technical considerations, Framework options for Inverness East and Nairn South have been developed.

In addition, a draft Green Framework for the Corridor as a whole has been prepared.

The above have been submitted to The Highland Council in the form of an interim report. This will allow the Nairnshire Committee on 8 August, the Inverness and Area Committee on 14 August and the Planning, Development, Tourism and Europe Committee on 16 August to consider matters and agree that wider public consultation should be undertaken.

Subject to the Committees' considerations, the options and draft Green Framework will be reported in the August issue of this newsletter.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

The scoping report for the supporting SEA has been prepared and submitted to the Consulting Authorities (e.g. SNH, SEPA, Historic Scotland, etc). Strategic environmental assessment is progressing in tandem with the development of the Green, Inverness East and Nairn South frameworks.



Collaboration for Success

The second CfS sessions have been organised as follows:

Nairn South on Wednesday, 20 September in the Nairn Community Centre.

Inverness East on Thursday 21 September in the Spectrum Centre, Inverness.

Both sessions will run from 10.30am – 4pm and will be stakeholders' opportunity to assess the options.

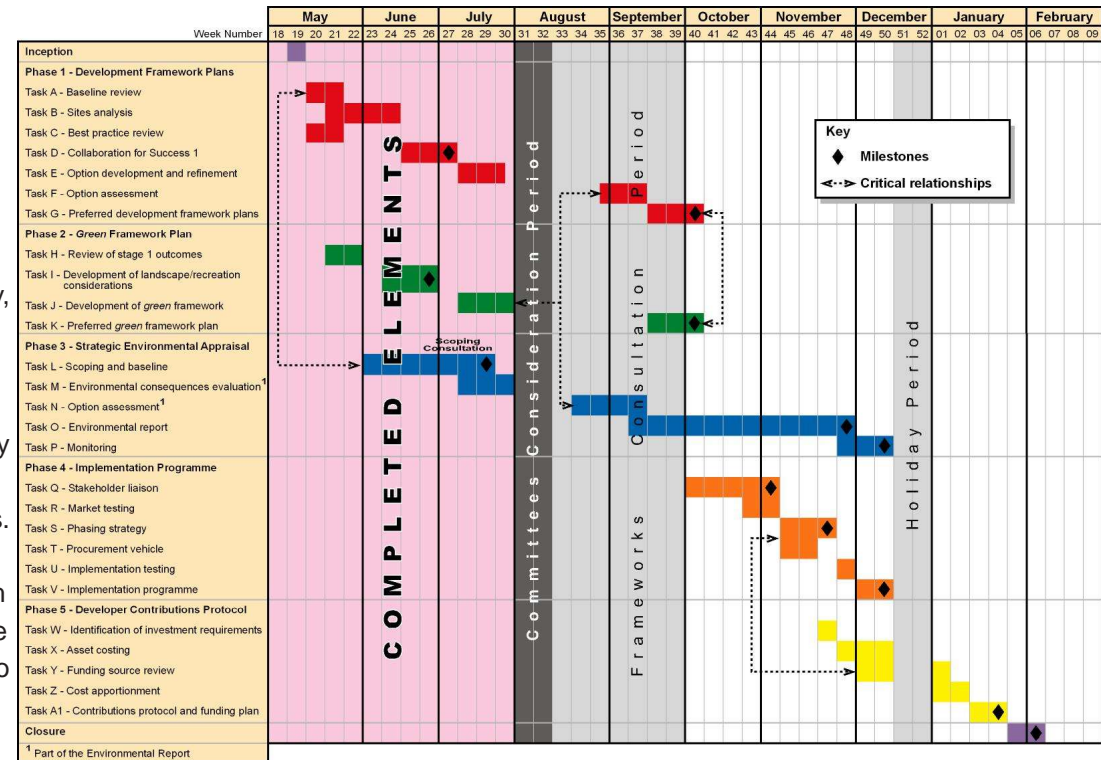
Please email

A96masterplan@halcrow.com to register for either session.

Technical Assessment

Also during August and September technical assessments of the options relating to service provision, commercial aspects, planning matters, landscape impact, traffic, etc will be considered.

Liaison with the infrastructure consultants at this time will be important.



The revised indicative project programme

Programme

The project has progressed to programme with completion of the framework options and draft framework meeting the target.

Holiday Season

After some hard work over the last few weeks Halcrow's Project Manager – Scott Davidson will be taking some well earned leave. He will be back on Tuesday, 15 August.