

From: [Name Redacted – DfT Official]
Sent: 07 November 2011 12:34
To: [Name Redacted – Essex County Council Official]

Subject: RE: A13/A130 Sadlers Farm Junction Improvements

Thanks for this helpful update.

I note the position on spend for the remainder of 11/12. It goes without saying that we would encourage you to do everything possible to spend to the full allocation. In principle, we could live with a small amount of spend slipping into next year but we would like to keep this under review and reassess the position at the time you submit your Q3 return.

I suggest that any Ministerial visit would be better timed to coincide with completion of construction in May/June next year and we will bear this in mind as part of our strategic planning of visits.

From: [Name Redacted – Essex County Council Official]
Sent: 07 November 2011 09:30
To: [Name Redacted – DfT Official]
Subject: A13/A130 Sadlers Farm Junction Improvements

Further to the discussions with my colleague [Name Redacted – Essex CC Official] regarding the A13/A130 Sadlers Farm Junction Improvements. I understand that you have requested a report outlining the reasons as to why the County Council need to carry some grant funding into the next financial year i.e. 2012/13. In summary these are mainly around the severe weather we have experienced in December and January (2011/12) and also any potential weather issues the County may encounter this winter. Whilst the summer has enabled good in roads into catching up with the programme it has still required some funding being needed in 2012/13. I can assure the Department that the scheme will complete on budget and well in line with the ODA's requirement of a June deadline. Further detail can found in the attached report along with an update on progress and an invite for the Secretary of State Transport to visit the scheme and see progress to date for herself.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either myself.

I look forward to your early consideration on the recommendations contained in the report.

Many thanks