Environment Agency

Boston Barrier

February 2016

Approvals and Assurance

Outline Business Case (OBC) was submitted to the EA's Large Project Review Group (LPRG) in December 2015 and presented to a combined LPRG / Defra meeting on 7th Jan 2016. It was well received. Acceptance of the OBC will assist us in securing OGC Gateway 2 approval (Delivery Strategy) which initiates the Design & Build tender process.

The EA met Defra on 13th January 2016 to specifically discuss Defra's comments on the OBC and to review Defra / HM Treasury approval and assurance requirements.

Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) Application

We programme submission of TWAO Application in May 2016.

Project Team currently addressing concerns of local fishermen and river leisure users; with our consultants Motts undertaking further computational modelling of specific river flow scenarios to give these stakeholders confidence in the design.

Port of Boston (PoB)

The PoB is a key stakeholder and potentially the stakeholder most significantly affected by the works.

We have been working closely with the port to mitigate impacts on their, and their customer, operations. We have agreed Heads of Terms with the Port and are working towards reaching a legal Agreement with the Port (likely to be secured prior to the submission of the TWAO application).

Delivering the project

We have awarded CH2M Hill a contract to support the EA as an Independent Technical Advisor through the delivery stage of the project. This role will support the EA in appointing the remainder of the delivery team and review designs produced by the Design & Build supplier.

We plan to hold the Design and Build Competition for the project later in 2016; programming to appoint them before the end of the year.

Still on programme for 2019 completion.



