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Subject: FW: URGENT - DPI/G1250/20/9 Bournemouth and Swanage Ferry Fees Inquiry

Good Morning Both

From corresponding with Studland Parish Council I understand that you are accepting alternative proposals to the Dorset Council one until Monday. In the spirit of this I have attached an alternative proposal for consideration.

As below, our objections still stand, but feel that this additional submission is in the spirit of looking for an acceptable solution and way forward for all.

I am a little confused as to whether we are convening on-line Monday or Tuesday now and would be grateful if you could confirm please.

Best Wishes

Tracey Churcher

From: Churcher, Tracey
Sent: 13 November 2020 13:02
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Subject: RE: URGENT - DPI/G1250/20/9 Bournemouth and Swanage Ferry Fees Inquiry

Good Afternoon Sarah

Whilst we can understand that there may be a need for longer consideration of the Dorset Council proposals and are happy for the inquiry to be opened and adjourned. I would like to ensure that responses / counter suggestions to this proposal and indeed original objections are given equal consideration in terms of the enquiry. We are happy to respond to the Dorset submission, but feel the application by the Ferry Company to raise to Tolls is the primary consideration of the enquiry and should remain so.

As it stands, the Dorset proposal does not address some of our fundamental objections to the Toll application increase, and are keen to receive your assurance that our views will receive due and equal consideration.

With kind regards

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From: Tudor, Sarah <sarah.tudor@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
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Subject: URGENT - DPI/G1250/20/9 Bournemouth and Swanage Ferry Fees Inquiry
Importance: High

Good Morning

The Inspector dealing with the application made by the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company has asked me to write to you.

She has, very recently, received a suggested alternative toll regime from a consortium of Councils (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, Dorset Council and Swanage Town Council) who are working together in response to the application by the ferry company. The Inspector is content, having regard to the provisions of Section 6(2) of the transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954, that the submitted document can be accepted to the Inquiry. She is mindful though, that should the Secretary of State take that alternative proposal into account, not all those who may have an interest in the outcome of the decision will have had the opportunity to review the alternative regime before it is discussed at the Inquiry. In the interest of natural justice therefore, the Inspector considers that the submission will need to be subject to some form of consultation, with time allowed for the applicant to consider any responses received. In order to allow time for that, the Inquiry will need to adjourn at some point. The Inspector wishes to stress that that is not to be taken as indicating that she has any views one way or the other on the alternative regime. Rather, she will need to hear informed views on it in order to be able to report to the Secretary of State. The applicant will also need time to properly consider the submission and any implications that arise from it.

The Inspector's current thinking, on a without prejudice basis, is to open the Inquiry as planned at 09.30 on Monday morning. She will take appearances and run through the formalities and then explain the proposed course of action set out above. She will then take any questions on procedural matters and ask for any views on the suggested way forward. On the basis of the information that is before her at the present time however, she then anticipates adjourning the Inquiry, without hearing any evidence, to allow for a period of consultation. The Inquiry would then resume at a later date and would proceed to hear evidence on both schemes. The likely date for resumption of the Inquiry would be Tuesday 5 January, again proceeding as a virtual event.

I would just stress again, that the above arrangements are suggested by the Inspector on a without prejudice basis.

Kind Regards

Sarah

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