

Table 6-1 : Draft Programme from Inception to Construction

| Key Stage | Anticipated Date |
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| Annex E Submission | July 2004 |
| Decision on Funding | December 2004 |
| Completion of Environmental Statement and Preliminary Outline Design | May 2005 |
| Planning Application Submission | May 2005 |
| Publication of draft SRO and CPO (Highways Act/ Acquisition of Land Orders). | May 2005 (CPO could be June 2005) |
| End of objection period for SRO and CPO | August 2005 |
| Determination of Planning Application | September 2005 |
| Decision to hold a Public Inquiry | September 2005 |
| Pre Inquiry Meeting | December 2005 |
| Public Inquiry | February 2006 |
| Inspector's Report | May 2006 |
| Start Procurement Process for Contractor (Notices and Pre-qualification only) | May 2006 |
| Secretary of State Decision | July 2006 |
| Invitation to Tender | August 2006 |
| Return of Tenders | December 2006 |
| Award of Contract | March 2007 |
| Start of Construction | April 2007 |
| Completion / Open to Traffic | December 2008 |

To enable the project programme to be maintained as prescribed in this document, it is proposed that project programme will be maintained by the preparation team through the use of Microsoft PROJECT software, which will ensure that the interactions between key elements of the design and construction programme are recognised and so that actions are enabled and taken at the appropriate time.

The programme that has been developed has been produced with the benefit of the knowledge of engineers experienced in both preparation and construction activities. A detailed construction programme has been developed with input from contractors, which takes into account the risks to the programme identified at the risk workshop for the scheme.

The key risks to the programme will be mitigated to a large degree by further ground investigations and environmental surveys and the identification of those aspects of the project with lead in times which might otherwise affect the programme, for example, railway possessions; translocation of species, and location and preparation of receptor sites; services diversions; and agreement with the local authorities, including the emergency services, of traffic closures and diversions during construction.