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## Gate two query process

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### Query

In response to 3 in query MIN003 you state "For Minworth to support STT, the proposed works (tertiary treatment and pipeline) does meet the NSIP criteria given the larger scope of works which is inclusive of a 31km pipeline. Therefore, we have assumed the DCO consenting route is applicable in this scenario and this is reflected in our project plan for this element of the project."

However the project plan (figure 7-1 of the main doc) only shows the DCO route for the element of Minworth that will be consented as part of GUC and does not show the plan for a separate DCO for the STT pipeline. It also does not show the procurement plan for the STT pipeline.

Can you confirm:

- the DCO timeline for the STT pipeline and whether it is expected to be the same as that for the GUC.
  - The procurement timeline for the STT pipeline.
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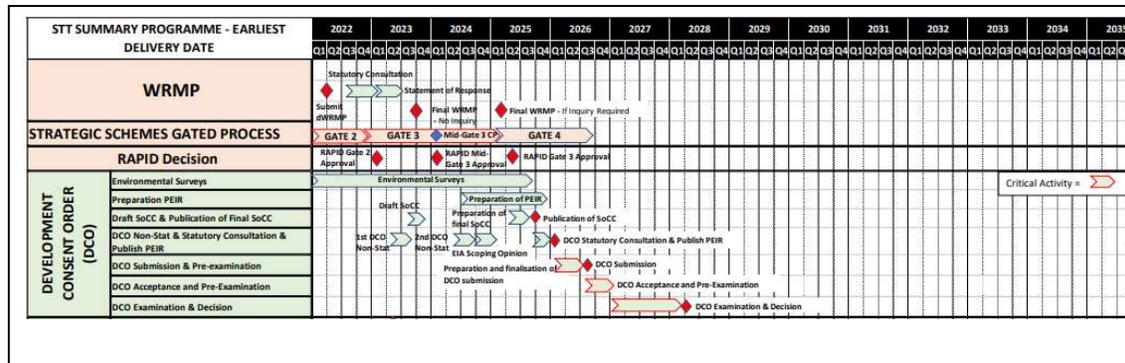
## Solution owner response

We have assumed that the DCO timeline for the STT pipeline element of Minworth SRO will run in parallel to the STT DCO application. This is because:

- This element of the project is only required should the STT SRO proceed
- The timing will be dictated by the STT SRO
- The two separate DCO applications will be linked.

However, the DCO process for this SRO could be offset from STT if the two separate applications can be delivered and the Competitively Appointed Provider (CAP), appointed as part of the DPC process, is comfortable they can be run independently.

The timeline for the STT SRO is shown in Section 7, Figure 7.1 of the Gate 2 submission. However we have include the relevant DCO extract below for completeness:



As outlined in Section 7, Table 7.4, the STT Pipeline element of the Minworth SRO meets the current DPC criteria. The size test has been carried out based on £100M TOTEX and we would review this against any revised values. This is also covered in paragraphs 7.52 to 7.55 inclusive. Figure 7.5 shows two indicative timelines:

- An optimistic DPC timeline of approx 18 months
- A conservative DPC timeline of 24 months

As a result our Procurement timeline will range between these periods. As with the DCO examination process, this will be programmed to coincide with the STT DPC process which is outlined within that Gate 2 submission. However, as we have stated above in connection with the DCO process, these could also be offset and run independently.

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