

HALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Ben,

Cllr Hartas attended the most recent meeting of the VIP SRG on 13th December 2018 and gave a report of points of interest to the meeting of Hale Parish Council on 8th January.

Attendees at the Stakeholder Reference Group were told at the meeting on 13th December that the option to use a 'tunnelling' method rather than direct burial had been discussed at a previous VIP Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting where the cost of tunnelling was demonstrated to be '50% more expensive' than the direct burial method. The SRG meeting was also informed that the Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting had considered tunnelling as an option but expressed clear support for the direct burial method.

Hale Parish Council would like this letter taken as a formal request that you share the following information as soon as possible:-

1. Minutes of any Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting where the tunnelling option was discussed and
2. Cost analysis and projections shared with the Stakeholder Advisory Group showing the calculation of the 50% cost differential between the two methods

I hope that the above request is clear; please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like any clarification. Hale Parish Council would appreciate a prompt response from you as all information requested is already in existence.

Without sight of this supporting information, the Parish Council continues to believe that the case for reassessment of the tunnelling option is compelling and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Miss Kathy Cleary
Clerk to Hale Parish Council

cc. Stuart Fox, Camargue