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This information is not held in a recorded format. However, I have included some background information.

Any minutes of meetings, emails, memos or similar held by or on behalf of Edinburgh Council regarding "Technical Note 5 - Geotechnical" provided with the Consultation documents for the North/South tram relating to: - the potential acceptance of non code compliant slopes

All relevant information regarding the potential acceptance of non-code compliant slopes is contained within "Technical Note 5 - Geotechnical." We do not hold any additional records, minutes, emails, memos, or communications on this matter.

The decision not to fully investigate possible contamination prior to proposing the Roseburn Path as a tram route for public consultation.

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I can however advise the following:

At this early stage of the project, specifically during the strategic business case phase, there is no requirement to conduct a full investigation into potential contamination prior to proposing the Roseburn Path as a tram route. The focus at this stage is on strategic planning and assessment, with detailed investigations to be undertaken as the project progresses and moves into subsequent phases.

The "significant engineering measures" that would be required to bring the slopes to compliant condition, and why this has not been taken into account in costing exercises.

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I can however advise the following:

Based on current geotechnical and environmental assessments, the slopes are deemed to be inherently stable owing to their composition and the established presence of mature vegetation, which provides reinforcement through root systems. Although the slopes do not currently meet full compliance, their natural stability is expected to be maintained under typical loading and environmental conditions.

As a result, it is considered unlikely that substantial engineering works will be required, with only minor remedial or reinforcement works potentially necessary should issues arise and these have been factored into the costing exercise. Further detailed geotechnical investigations and engineering analysis will inform any necessary interventions as the project advances into subsequent phases. It should also be noted that at this stage of the business case, there is a high degree of contingency applied to cost estimates to account for any additional uncertainties.