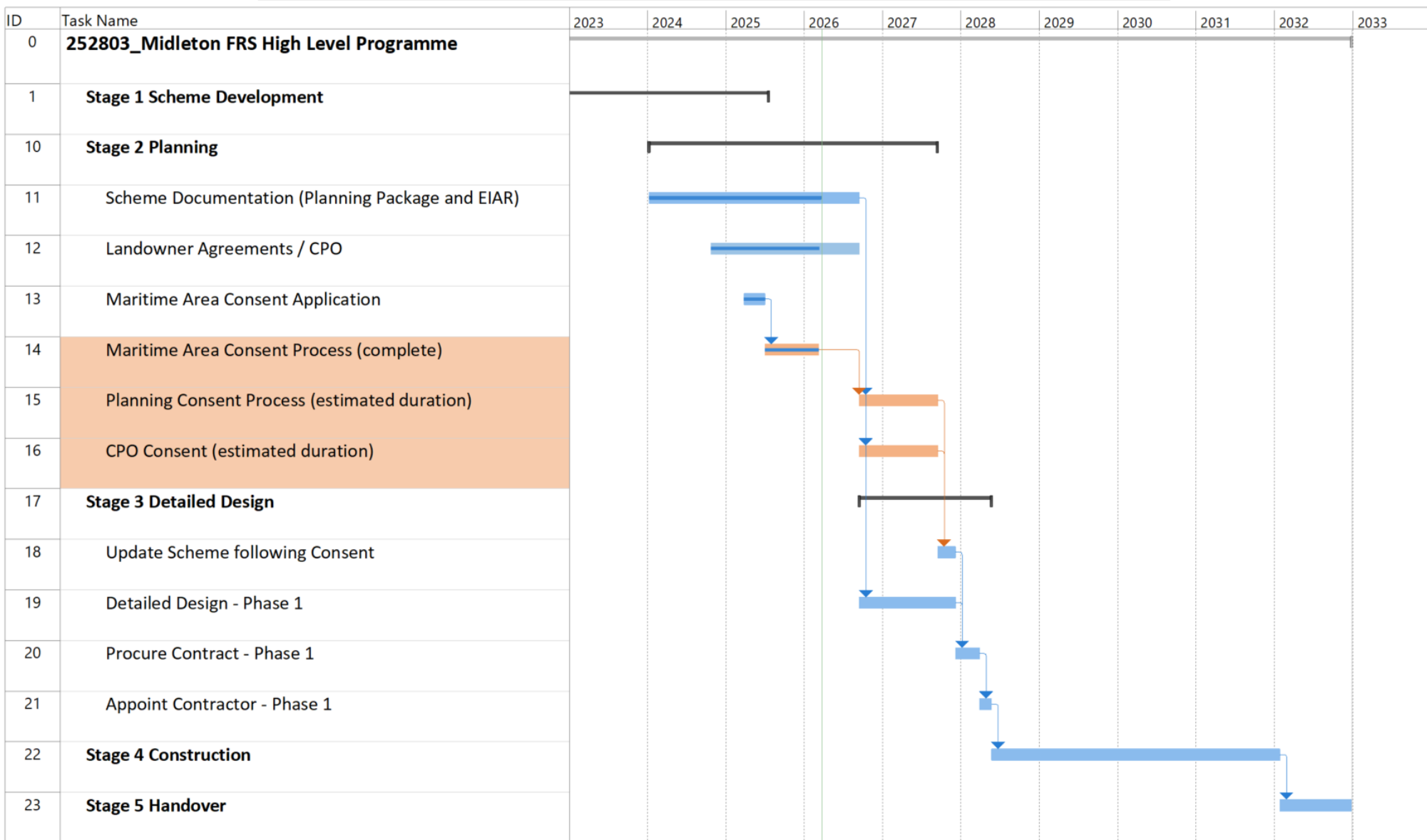


**Note:** Project programme is current estimate only and subject to revision.



**Note:** To mitigate impact on programme, Stage 3 and Stage 4 will be phased by area, therefore Stage 3 will overlap with Stage 4. Shown on this project update is Detailed Design of Phase 1.

Stage 1 Scheme Development	Stage 2 Planning	Stage 3 Detailed Design
<b>Activities in last period November 2025 – February 2026</b>		
Complete	Stakeholder and landowner engagement ongoing. Preparation of planning package, updates following stakeholder and landowner engagement. Environmental impact mitigation input to design. Commencement of EIAR. Receipt of Maritime Area Consent (MAC).	Due to commence in 2026
<b>Activities in next period March – April 2026</b>		
Complete	Stakeholder and landowner engagement to continue. CPO / landowner agreements to continue. Updates to planning package following stakeholder and landowner engagement. Finalisation of planning package. Environmental impact mitigation input to design. Preparation of EIAR ongoing.	Due to commence in 2026
<b>Key Drivers and Constraints</b>		
Complete	Environmental Protected Areas (SAC, SPA, NHA) Planning Consent Route – Planning and Development Act CPO / Landowner Agreements	Tender Process – EU procurement rules Phasing of Scheme Construction
<b>Key Risks</b>		
Complete	Planning Consent duration Interaction with other infrastructure projects Landowner and stakeholder submissions Environmental Legislation	Amendments to scheme design following Planning Consent / CPO Consent Tender process - legal challenges unsuccessful tenderers

