

Residents and Business Liaison Group
12 January 2016 - 7pm to 9pm. Grace Baptist Church, 48-50 Park
Ridings, N7 OLD

Attendees

Keith Johnston (KJ) - National Grid
Paul Greateorex (PG) - Atkins
Paul Cooper (PC) - Coleman & Company
Adam Donovan (AD) - Deloitte
Abbas Raza (AR) - Local Dialogue

John Miles (JM)
Ian Robinson (IR)
Marcus Ballard (MB)
Bill Godbir (BG)

Apologies

Kate Glensman
Cllr Peray Ahmet
Cllr Stephen Mann
Felix Shaw
Gabi Ross

Programme and Japanese Knotweed update

Note: The programme update and Japanese Knotweed update were both discussed as a single item.

PC confirmed that Coleman and Company had now taken occupancy of the site and that practical works such as vegetation clearance had commenced on Mary Neuner Road.

The activities undertaken in January would include:

- The partial erection of hoardings
- A visit from the Japanese Knotweed contractor who will then identify where to treat or remove knotweed
- The casting of a concrete base for water treatment equipment near Holder 1

KJ asked **PC** to confirm what monitoring has been installed. **PC** confirmed that:

- Noise and dust monitors were being set up today (12 January 2016) and readings would be taken in the coming weeks

JM queried if the baseline readings would be taken using this equipment. **PC** confirmed this would be the case.

JM expressed a concern that vegetation clearance could affect birds at the site. It was discussed by the groups that Robins and Wrens could be affected but agreed that Wrens were unlikely to be affected. **PG** commented that we are due for a cold spell and this could affect birds at site. **PC** commented that vegetation clearance will take place ahead of nesting periods so impact on nesting birds will be avoided.

JM brought the issue of dumped waste to the team's attention. **PG** confirmed that the issue of material being dumped at site could be resolved by heras fencing that will be installed. **PG** stated that access will be required and **JM** offered access through his garden. **PG** was grateful for the offer however it would require carrying large sections of fence through **JM's** property so this may not be the best option.

Pressure Reduction Station (PRS) application

AD provided a summary of the proposals for the PRS.

Note: The current PRS controls the pressure at which gas enters the local pipe network and is located between the gas holders. The new PRS will serve the same role as the old PRS but with vastly improved equipment. It will also be contained in acoustic kiosks and will be relocated to the eastern side of the site, where Hornsey Park Road bends in, and will be protected by a new wall.

AD explained that a Section 73 application was submitted to the Council on 23rd December (application number: HGY/2016/0026). A Section 73 application allows the applicant to vary part of an application submitted to a Council.

AD confirmed that the purpose of the application was to update a plan in the application and he supplied a printout that explained what has changed. **Note:** the update plan now shows the new location of the PRS and nearby open space. The old plan showed the previously consented mews homes, which will be replaced by the new PRS.

AD also confirmed that wording in the application has been amended to allow the submission of certain details after the approval of reserved matters.

AD confirmed there had also been minor changes to clarify the planning permission being sought.

MB asked if the electrical substation (located on Hornsey Park Road) would be relocated as part of the project. **KJ** confirmed that it would remain where it is at the front of the PRS. **PG** added that the substation supplies the current PRS.

MB queried if this space would be left open. **KJ** confirmed that the PRS would remain National Grid's land but the remainder would be the future developer's responsibility. **BG** asked what could be done to prevent driving along the future pedestrian access point and suggested that bollards could be installed. **KJ** reiterated that this would be discussed when a developer is appointed however the currently consented masterplan identifies this access as a pedestrian route.

JM raised the transition to, and continuation of, the Residents and Business Liaison Group (RBLG) through development. **KJ** stated that a contract had to be exchanged first and it would be something to raise with the future developer. **Note:** This request has been raised at previous RBLG meetings.

JM reiterated that the involvement of Council Planners would be important to the future of the group. **AR** confirmed that Aaron Lau and Emma Williamson have been invited to recent RBLG meetings and will continue to be invited.

MB asked what noise impact the PRS could have. **KJ** confirmed that the background noise generated by the PRS would be much lower than the current PRS, which is older and not housed in an acoustic kiosk.

MB queried the size of the PRS in relation to other PRS. **KJ** confirmed that the proposed PRS is broadly the same size as other similar PRS and that it had standard equipment including a fogger unit and telemetry displays.

MB asked if the PRS is lit at night. **KJ** confirmed that the PRS wasn't lit but that there may be a bulkhead light installed for engineers to use on site visits.

JM sought further detail on changes to improve the clarity of the permission being sought. **AD** confirmed that policies around sustainable homes had been superseded. **MB** asked if the height of the proposed PRS has been increased. **MB** also raised the same point. **AD** stated that no heights were being altered through the Section 73 application.

MB queried where the lost Mews homes would be replaced. **AD** confirmed they will not be replaced elsewhere.

MB stated that the provision of the open space was positive.

Communications update

AR provided summary of an information event that took place on 16 December 2015. The event was hosted at the Grace Baptist Church between 4pm and 8pm. 10 residents attended to find out more about the project and speak to the community relations team. **Note:** on 13 January 2016 the event was hosted again and a further 11 people attended.

The event was promoted via a newsletter that went to over 700 addresses around the site and an accompanying letter.

At the event banners summarising the project and the PRS application were provided.

AR also set out how residents were consulted on the PRS through a letter inviting them to the events and offering a one to one meeting. **Note:** The number of residents who were written was queried by **JM** but not confirmed. It is confirmed that 36 addresses were written to and sent copies of a presentation explaining the PRS application.

JM suggested door knocking could have been used to increase turnout and that, in some homes in the area and on Hornsey Park Road, there is a high turnover of residents who may not have the same stake in the area as permanent residents.

Note: The Park Malvern Residents Association will host its AGM on 27 January 2016.

Traffic Management

PG confirmed that he had spoken to TfL but was waiting for a response on regarding traffic movements from the site.

MB noted that a traffic count had been conducted on the Hornsey Park road. This was not conducted by National Grid.

IR reiterated his concern about the London Mayoral Elections and the possible for National Grid's site traffic to contribute to traffic issues on Mary Neuner Road. **PC** confirmed that traffic will be co-ordinated to avoid causing delays. **IR** stated that we should plan now for the rush in three months time.

JM suggested that National Grid could attend a transport forum on 8 March 2016. This can be arranged and **AR** or **FS** would be the likely attendees.

Air and Dust Management

Note: As this matter was discussed earlier in the meeting, it was only asked by **MB** when base line readings will be taken. It was confirmed that these would be taken w/c 18 January 2016.

Proposals for a site visit

JM suggested a number of local stakeholders who would be interested in a site visit and that any items of local historical could be deposited at the Bruce Castle Museum.

MB queried if an archaeologist would be on site. **PG** confirmed that there is an archaeologist with a watching brief for the site.

MB queried what could be reincorporated into future development. **PG** stated that items on site could be of interest such as geodesic nodes and nameplates. **Note:** the form of future development will be the responsibility of the developer.

Site visit

2 February 2016 was confirmed for the site visit **JM** to coordinate a list of attendees and National Grid/Coleman and Company to provide PPE including boots.

KJ reiterated that 10 to 12 visitors would be the maximum. **JM** to coordinate a list of attendees.

RBLG/Council Liaison

It was agreed that there might be value in inviting an environmental health officer from Haringey to meeting closer to works on the gas holders commencing.

It was confirmed that the RBLG should continue to meet on a monthly basis.

Any other business

JM stated that Turleys had submitted a response on behalf of St William to Haringey Council. **AD** reviewed this and noted that it was comment on policy related to Wood Green and their interest.

MB asked how the open space opposite the PRS would be enshrined. **AD** confirmed this would be through the plans approved as part of the planning process.

MB raised a question around the number of homes proposed on the site. **AD** confirmed that future development should be discussed with the developer.

AOB

The next meeting was confirmed for 9 February 2016.

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