

Residents and Business Liaison Group

**19 April 2016 – 7pm to 9pm. Grace Baptist Church, 48-50 Park Ridings,
N8 0LD**

Attendees

Keith Johnston (KJ) – National Grid
Paul Grestorex (PG) – Atkins
Paul Cooper (PC) – Coleman & Company
Ashley Spearing (AS) - St. William
Abbas Raza (AR) - Local Dialogue
Felix Shaw (FS) – Local Dialogue

John Miles (JM)

Apologies

Marcus Ballard (MB)
Bill Goodbir (BG)
Ian Robinson (IR)
Cllr Peray Ahmet (PA)
Cllr Stephen Mann (SM)

1. Introductions

Introductions were made.

2. Planning update

KJ gave an update on behalf of Adam Donovan from Deloitte. He mentioned that all planning conditions set by Haringey Council have now been met and dismantling work can commence. He added that the Section 106 (S106) agreement would be circulated for signature shortly.

JM asked how the S106 agreement related to the Pressure Reduction Station (PRS) application. **AS** responded with an update on the S106 mentioning that any changes to a planning application require additional changes to an S106 agreement. **JM** asked for a what contributions were in the S106 and **AS** agreed to provide this.

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AS added that more information on St William's reserved matters application for the site would soon be available. Consultation events are due to be held at Wood Green Library on 7 and 11 May 2016. This will be followed by a presentation to Haringey Council's Development Management Forum on 16 May. This has been updated to reflect Cllr Peray Ahmet's comments on the consultation timetable at the last meeting.

3. Programme update

PC gave an overview of current works on the site. He mentioned that site investigation work behind Fibre House and along the boundary with Hornsey Park Road had now been completed.

De-watering of the gas holders was continuing at an average rate of 321m³ per-day, with Gas Holder 1 de-watered down to base residual levels by Wednesday 27 April.

A litter pick had also been carried out on the section of land behind the lime trees next to Hornsey Park Road. A further litter-pick would be carried out soon behind Fibre House, this area has seen a very high level of littering and the work to remove it would be significant.

JM mentioned that he had inspected the area behind the lime trees and noted that there was still litter there. **PC** agreed that his team would look into it the next day.

4. Japanese knotweed update

PG mentioned that he had met with the Japanese knotweed contractor the previous week to discuss the root barrier along the boundary with 65-105 Hornsey Park Road. He advised that material would need to be taken out on the site side of the boundary as the ground had been disturbed during the vegetation clearance and this was causing new Japanese knotweed to grow.

He mentioned that initial work to cut back dead Japanese knotweed will be in early May, access would be through the site and a letter would go out to nearby residents informing them of the work.

He added that ground disturbance was necessary to promote Japanese knotweed growth in order for the contractors to identify it for treatment. The rest of the knotweed that grows will be treated over summer and dead knotweed removed in autumn after vegetation growth has stopped.

JM asked if the team was still considering the installation of a root barrier. **PG** confirmed that this was the case and the barrier was planned to be installed after the new PRS has been built and old system taken out. This would allow access so the barrier could run along the boundary with Hornsey Park Road.

JM mentioned that he still has security concerns regarding the area of the site where responsibility for the perimeter fence is still unclear. **PG** confirmed that the site will remain secure as access for Japanese knotweed treatment will always be through the site, therefore none of the temporary perimeter fences will be disturbed after they have been installed.

AR asked **PG** if the temporary fencing would be 2.4m tall as they usually are. **PG** confirmed this. **JM** asked when they would be installed. **PG** confirmed this would be in early May.

PG added that no Japanese knotweed had been identified on the the other side of the site opposite Mary Neuner Road.

JM asked if the team could ask residents to stop throwing litter over their fences onto the site. **PG** mentioned that unless the team caught anyone in the act of fly-tipping, there was little they could do.

5. Traffic management

FS raised a question he had received by email from Ian Robinson at the Electoral Reform Service (ERS). He had asked for an update on the council's planned activity at the Clarendon Road/Hornsey Park Road junction with Turnpike Lane to mitigate disruption caused by the closure of Wightman Road, and if the project team would be carrying out any of their own mitigation measures. **PG** mentioned that the only mitigation measure planned by the team would be the suspension of parking bays on the corner of Clarendon Road near the junction. He added that the team was having issues with getting a response from Haringey's Highways Department in order to find out what work they are planning in relation to the white lines at the junction. **N.B. The team have now received an update from the Highways Department. It has been confirmed that the only possible alterations at the junction are to use temporary signage and cones to reduce the outward route to one lane giving more space for inward bound vehicles**

JM mentioned that there had been a request for Cllr Stephen Mann to raise the issue with the Highways Department so they understood that the request for further information was also coming from local residents and businesses. He added that he would get in touch with Gary Smith another contact he knew at the Highways Department. He also mentioned that from what he had seen,

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the disruption caused by the closure of Wightman Road had not been as severe as first expected and may even ease the impact that site traffic has, with more people using routes that avoid Hornsey Park Road. **PG** confirmed that site movements were unlikely to impact on the ERS's work during the May London mayoral and local elections.

6. Air, dust and noise management

AR asked **PG** if any further data had been collected which could be uploaded onto the website. **PG** mentioned that there was nothing to send over yet. **AR** said he would ensure data gets uploaded weekly once it starts being generated. **KJ** added that noise generating activity should be starting very soon once final sign-off from the Council is received.

7. Communications update

KJ mentioned that the team had received an email from an interpretive dancer who wanted access to the site to carry out performance art on the gas holders. She was told that the team would be unable to accommodate her request on health and safety grounds.

JM raised the issue of graffiti he had spotted on signage along the site boundary. The graffiti was concerned with the destruction of trees on the site. He added that it was not an issue he had heard much concern about locally. **KJ** asked if **JM** would send him a photo of the graffiti. **JM** agreed to do so. **AR** added that the signs could be easily cleaned.

AR mentioned that he proposed an update event for the summer and a further letter to update residents on progress. **JM** mentioned that the PMRA's upcoming event was scheduled for the 14 May. **KJ** highlighted the possibility of an update event being tied in with this. **JM** added that there would be around 40 people attending and that **AR** and **AS** should liaise with Marcus Ballard about how they could get involved.

8. Update from St. William

AS reiterated the process for St. William's Reserved Matters Application covered earlier, mentioning there would be exhibitions on 7 and 11 May, with letters on these being posted soon. The application is likely to be submitted in late May and with a July or September committee hearing. St. William are looking into ideas for what to do with the Pocket Park and as of 30 April they will own the Olympia Trading Estate.

JM mentioned that he felt there was a danger of local residents being sent too much information on the different developments in the area. The PMRA is due to have a meeting with Fluid regarding Wood Green Futures and with separate materials being sent out by National Grid and St. William on top of this, it could cause confusion. **AR** mentioned that the team would coordinate with St. William as had been done on other sites in London such as the Fulham Gasworks where there had been liaison between National Grid Property, St William and National Grid Gas who have also been carrying out mains replacement work near the gasworks site.

KJ mentioned that a dialogue needed to start about retaining heritage items from the site. **PG** added that structural work was unlikely to commence until July so, ideally, a list of what items may need to be retained should be finalised by the end of May. **JM** confirmed he would liaise with **AR** and **AS** and use the contact details from the February site visit to gauge interest in retaining heritage items and get a list together.

9. RBLG/Council Liaison

AR mentioned the meetings would continue on a monthly basis unless anyone had any objections. **KJ** mentioned that a separate meeting was held the day before to look into setting up a separate relationship between local residents and businesses and St. William. **AS** envisaged that eventually these will become two separate meetings, one with National Grid to discuss dismantling issues and one with St. William to discuss the masterplan.

JM added that his main argument has always been that the Council does not have a visible presence on planning issues. He hopes this will change in the coming weeks.

10. AOB

AR set a provisional date for the next meeting of 17 May. This will be confirmed by email along with provisional dates for the next four months.

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