

Residents and Business Liaison Group
Monday 11 July 2016 – 7pm to 7.30pm
Grace Baptist Church Hall, 48-50 Park Ridings, N8 0LD

Attendees

Keith Johnston (KJ) National Grid
Paul Greatorex (PG) Atkins
Felix Shaw (FS) Local Dialogue
Karl Lewis (KL) Local Dialogue

Ryan King (RK)
John Miles (JM)
Councillor Stephen Mann (SM)
Councillor Peray Ahmet (PA)

Apologies

Marcus Ballard (MB)
Ian Robinson (IR)
Abbas Raza (AR)
Ashley Spearing (AS)

1. Introductions and apologies

Introductions were made.

FS noted that with St. William being at a Haringey Planning Committee Meeting, the agenda for the meeting would be mainly programme related.

JM mentioned that Marcus Ballard (MB) had given updates and corrections on the previous RBLG minutes. The corrections are as follows:

Point 9. Update from St. William

- Heartlands is a High School (Alexandra is the primary school).
- Ashley Spearing said he planned to name the development Hornsey Park, noting that he thought **MB** already knew.
- Network Rail: **MB** mentioned that there was a S.106 agreement to the ceding of the railway embankment planting maintenance to the developer of Heartlands.

Point 10. AOB

- **MB** provided Local Dialogue with the contact details for Heartlands High School Head Teacher.
- The community clear-up had been deferred until the early autumn.

- The residents understand that part of the S.106 money relates to, which could include spending on HPR: we think St. William should ask that part is so applied
- Hoarding: **MB's** point was that, when the hoarding is erected, it should have a printed facing, similar to one he saw a couple of years ago in Cambridge: it would be a superb introduction advertisement and to the site from HPR (arguably, its most visible frontage).
- Dumping under the lime trees: **MB's** concern was that Veolia's contract only covers clearing rubbish from the street, not private or even council land. **MB** gave the lavender garden as an example. On a new point, **MB** stated that he personally would resist the ownership being acquired unless it was with a covenant on it to say it shall have no vehicular access over it.

JM also commented that Park Malvern Residents Association (PMRA) would like to discuss any proposals to enclose the pocket park. **KJ** advised that St. William would be best placed to provide an answer to that query.

2. Planning update

FS noted that the reserved matters application was being discussed at a meeting of Haringey's Planning Committee at the same time of the RBLG meeting, so no update could be given.

3. Programme update

PC stated that Coleman & Co had cleared the sludge in Gas Holder 3 (GH3), that there had not been any further progress on Gas Holder 1 (GH1), but that he and **PG** would be meeting National Grid Plant Protection on Thursday to discuss the plans for the removal of the lift skins. He mentioned that the work to install the Japanese knotweed barrier had begun. He noted that another round of noise and dust monitoring had been completed, and he had sent the results on to Local Dialogue. **FS** confirmed he would get the results posted onto the website. **JM** commented that work had been relatively quiet recently.

PG noted that the paperwork and approval for a different method of demolition of GH3 was moving slowly. **KJ** asked when the cranes would be on site. **PG** advised that they had been asked to set up on 4 July 2016, but that this time had passed. He mentioned that the crane operators usually need up to a week's notice, but that they were hoping two other companies could give them a crane within a week. **PC** mentioned he would be meeting with crane suppliers the following Thursday to confirm a date.

FS stated that a letter is ready to go to notify residents about the crane delivery and would be sent to the whole mailing list. **KJ** asked what time the crane would be delivered. **PG** advised that it would take place in the morning. **FS** noted that the letter

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was just to warn residents of the time and what was being done. **PG** stated that the delivery time would not be much different to a normal delivery and that the noise generated would be very minimal.

JM asked if there had been any actions on the fly tipping mentioned in previous minutes, and what had been dumped. **PG** advised that there were mattresses found along the boundary with Hornsey Park Road. He mentioned that the team were currently waiting for an asbestos expert to attend the site, as this had also been dumped. **PC** advised that the asbestos would need to be removed before the Japanese Knotweed barrier could be installed in that area. **FS** noted that a letter had been sent to residents along that side of Hornsey Park Road to reiterate National Grid's position on fly tipping and action that could be taken if it happens again. **SM** asked if anything had shown up on the site CCTV. **PG** advised that the CCTV did not go down that far. **JM** noted that a house on Hornsey Park Road that backs on to the site was currently being refurbished, and that this would be the obvious starting point. **PA** asked if there was any evidence that it was this property. **PG** confirmed that there was not, there would only be evidence if the site team saw them doing it, or if it appeared on the CCTV. He noted that there was not a lot that could be done aside from asking people not to do it. **PA** stated that if she had the suspected property number, she could see if the Council could do anything, and possibly ask Steve Russell's team to have another look at it.

4. Japanese Knotweed update

PC noted that work has been going on to create a Knotweed barrier since Tuesday 5 July, and that it should be complete by Wednesday/Thursday. **KJ** asked if the work was going well. **PC** stated that the contractor had found the ground a little harder than they had anticipated. **KJ** asked if there had been any interest from the houses. **PC** confirmed there had been none. **JM** advised that this was possibly because 87 – 105 Hornsey Park Road were aware of the work that was being undertaken.

KJ asked how the crane delays affected the completion date of the works. **PC** advised that Coleman & Co were still looking at mid-March 2017 finish.

5. Traffic management

FS mentioned that there had been a request from Ian Robinson for a sketch of the parking suspension plan at the junction between Clarendon Road and Hornsey Park Road, and dates of implementation. **PG** agreed to action this. **JM** asked when the cones on Clarendon Road and Hornsey Park Road would be in place. **PG** replied that it would be around September and that a letter would be sent out a couple of weeks ahead of the cone installation and parking bay closure to notify of the actual date that this will start.

6. Air, dust and noise management

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FS advised that the latest round of monitoring had been provided and would be on the website soon. **PG** noted that there had been no significant impacts noticed since the last round of monitoring such as the odour issue prior to the last meeting.

JM asked if the noise records would include the increase noise levels when Fibrehouse was being knocked down. **PG** replied that this would depend on where the monitors were. **PC** added that the data might not capture the particular day of the increase in noise. **PA** asked if at the next meeting a table of the results could be provided for discussion. **PG** confirmed this would be possible. **FS to provide table of results at next RBLG meeting.** **PG** mentioned that the noise and dust levels had not gone above background levels.

7. Communications update

FS advised that Local Dialogue had carried out a round of door knocking, and talked to residents along Hornsey Park Road about the noise levels and odour. He highlighted people had noticed the noise and odour, but no one had been adversely affected by it. He noted that there had been no clear correlation between where people live and whether they had noticed the noise and odour, as some residents closer to the site had noticed nothing, but some further away had. He mentioned that residents were pleasantly surprised to see this level of engagement. **JM** stated that the plain speaking and informative letter that went with the door knocking was well received. **KJ** asked how far Local Dialogue covered. **FS** advised that it was the homes on bordering the site on Hornsey Park Road.

PA asked if there had been any response to communications sent. **FS** advised there had only been communications around the odour. **JM** noted that it was a complaint to Haringey Council that was forwarded to Local Dialogue. **PG** advised that Abbas Raza contacted the resident to get more information, and confirmed the smell was coming from the site. He stated that Coleman & Co installed an odouriser to reduce the smell, and completed the works with no further complaints. **PG** highlighted that on the day of the complaint, the wind direction had blown the smell towards the residents, and that going forward, they would let residents know when the sludge removal starts again and have an odour plan before it goes.

JM noted that it could be very unpredictable about where odour goes. **KJ** agreed, noting that odours often rise, move and then drop, and that this would be exacerbated in the summer period with hot weather and windows open. **PG** noted that this would be taken on board for the next round of sludge removal.

FS noted that the site history boards are on the site and would be going up Tuesday 12 July. He advised that the agreed locations for installation are near the lime trees and the site entrances. He mentioned that there are 3 sets of 3 panels that are A2 size. **JM** asked if the left hand section of the fence would be used. **FS** advised that

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he would emphasise that this was the preferable option to Coleman & Co. **JM** welcomed this and noted he felt this would connect things up in the neighbourhood. **KJ** stated he hoped that people read the site boards. **JM** felt that only a minority would read them.

8. Recording of recovered items

FS noted that St. William are handling the recovery of heritage items. **KJ** confirmed this and noted that there is a list of what is being kept. **JM** asked if this included ladders and platforms. **KJ** advised that this had been discussed, but that they could not be used. **JM** noted that he felt it was a shame that there had not been better continuity. **KJ** stated that it had not been decided if the items were going to be kept on site or taken away, which was in relation to the planning of the pocket park. He mentioned that it might be good for a walking tour of the former Stepney Gas Holder site to be arranged as a representation of where similar items have been retained. **JM** noted that he would be watching for correspondence about this.

9. Update from St. William

FS noted that there were no representatives from St. William at the meeting but a small update on their progress was given.

KJ advised that a summer fete had been discussed; Marcus Ballard had suggested it could be in September. **JM** noted that a lot of work was to be done in order to engage with people. **RK** suggested holding the fete this month. It was agreed that holding it in July would not give enough time to plan and notify residents, and that September would be a better date.

JM suggested linking the summer fete to the PMRA's 'community clear-up day' and rubbish amnesty, as it would be a good period where the neighbourhood was lively. He noted that it was likely that the community clear up would be in mid-September, however the date for this has not been confirmed.

10. RBLG/Council liaison

FS noted that the next meeting was **Tuesday 9 August 2016** and provisionally **Tuesday 13 September**, but this would depend on the date of the summer fete.

11. Any other business

PA advised that it would be useful to get a number on the amount of complaints that had been raised. **PG** noted that there had only been one in 9 months of work, but that this could be brought along to the next meeting.

Ends.