

Residents and Business Liaison Group
Tuesday 9 August 2016 - 7pm to 8pm
Grace Baptist Church Hall, 48-50 Park Ridings, N8 0LD

Attendees

Keith Johnson (KJ) National Grid
Paul Cooper (PC) Coleman and Co
Ashley Spearing (AS) St. William
Felix Shaw (FS) Local Dialogue
Hannah Anderson (HA) Local Dialogue

John Miles (JM)
Ryan King (RK)
Marcus Ballard (MB)
Kate Glensman (KG)

Apologies

Paul Greatorex (PG) Atkins
Bill Godber (BG)
Councillor Stephen Mann (SM)
Ian Robinson (IR)

1. Introductions and apologies

Introductions were made.

2. Programme update

PC advised that the materials that had been fly tipped, including the asbestos had been cleared from site. He mentioned that at the last meeting, Coleman & Co were due to have a meeting with National Grid Operations about cranes for Gas Holder 1 (GH1). This had since gone ahead, the cranes were approved and were brought onto the site on Tuesday 2 August. He noted that the cutting of the gas holder superstructure started on Friday 5 August, and that the team had completed around 10-15% of the demolition. He advised that by Friday 19 August, it is likely that the demolition of the columns will be completed down to ground level, however they may leave diamond sections of the frame at ground level to reach with a machine once the backfilling has been done. **JM** asked if the demolition included the columns. **PC** confirmed that it did, and that the structure is being taken down in diamonds. **AS** asked if GH1 was close to completion. **PC** replied that demolition on GH1 was around 15% removed, and that the target for ground level would be the end of the week commencing 15 August 2016.

JM asked if it would be okay to take photographs of the structure being demolished for the Parkside Malvern Residents Association (PMRA) website. **PC** replied that Coleman & Co didn't mind, but that the images had to be approved by the Managing Director. **KJ** highlighted that there was a photo gallery on the Haringey Heartlands website <http://www.haringey-heartlands.com/photo-gallery.html>. He noted that if there were pictures people wanted to see they could be posted here. **JM** stated that this was to take responsibility for what goes on their website, and that they had no influence on professional photographers. **PC** advised that they only vet for professional sites. **JM** suggested that if the team were getting photos that they would not post of the PMRA website, but offer the link to the Haringey website in a post on Twitter. **MB** and **FS** agreed that it would be good for the PMRA to tweet these images. **Action: JM to coordinate with PC and FS on the images for the Haringey Heartlands website and the PMRA Twitter and blog post.**

PC advised that at the last meeting, they had completely removed the sludge from Gas Holder 3 (GH3). He stated that the lift skins in four of the bays at the end of the road between the two PRS compounds had been removed but that no more work would take place on this area while GH1 was being dismantled. He noted that once this work was completed, GH3 would be cleaned, and backfilling onto the dumping would begin, this would be in around 2-3 weeks. **JM** asked where the backfilling material was coming from. **PC** replied that the backfilling material is made up of recycled aggregate bricks and rubble, and that this was currently in a yard in Erith. **JM** asked if this was only the first bulk of backfilling. **PC** confirmed that it was and that it was a small amount to enable the team to drive onto the dumping. **KJ** drew a circle and dumping diagram showing where the backfilling would go, and explained that it would create a bridge to get across onto the dumping. **JM** asked what impact this would have on traffic movement. **PC** advised it would be minimal, as there would not be much aggregate going onto the site.

3. Japanese knotweed update

PC gave an update on the Japanese knotweed, and advised that the root barrier had been placed, and that the spraying and injection treatment was underway. He noted that the contractor had been on site on 20 July, and that further treatment would take place at the end of August, September and a final treatment in November/December. **JM** asked if the part at his back wall had been done. **PC** replied that it had not yet been done, and was due in November/December. **JM** stated that he felt that the letter about the knotweed gave the impression that the treatment was going to happen quite soon. **AS** asked if there was a separate areas were give specific treatments on different days. **PC** confirmed, and noted that when the vegetation had finished growing in the autumn, the access will be better, and more of the knotweed will be treated.

FS highlighted that the letter notified about increased activity on the site during knotweed removal, rather than when it would take place. **JM** asked if there had been someone on site the previous week. **PC** confirmed, but stated that they had missed two treatments because of the rain. **JM** noted that the impression that the letter gave was that work was imminent, which had surprised him as it had been confirmed that it was not until November. **FS** confirmed that the main period of work would take place in November, but that a belt and braces approach had been taken with the letter to cover any work in between, as it was assumed that work could be weather dependant.

PC advised that a letter had gone to 123 Hornsey Park Road asking them for access to their back garden to treat the knotweed. **KJ** and **FS** confirmed that the meeting was due to take place on Monday 15 August.

JM noted that residents don't seem to know much about knotweed, and believed that only 1 in 10 residents along Hornsey Park Road know what it is and that it is a statutory requirement to treat it. He felt that residents had gotten concerned because they weren't sure about the issues with it, and were worried about it spreading. **KJ** stated that it's illegal to let it spread, but not to have it in your garden. **FS** advised that any future communications on knotweed would stress that it is not something to worry about. **RK** added that many people didn't even know what Japanese knotweed looks like.

4. Traffic management

KJ stated that the alterations to the Clarendon Road/Hornsey Park Road junction were less than previously anticipated, and would not be needed until the stone was being brought to the site. **FS** advised that a letter was already in place to go to the businesses along Clarendon Road ahead of this beginning. **KJ** highlighted that this would only be in place when large volumes of aggregate were coming in. **KG** asked what the change to junction would be. **KJ** replied that one of the lanes would be taken away with temporary cones to allow the larger lorries to have a better sweep from High Street and Wightman Road. **KG** asked how long it would be in place for. **KJ** advised that it would be a couple of weeks, and that three or four parking bays would be closed. **JM** added that the footpath was also suspended at the back by the call centre. **PC** advised that the traffic management for the footpath would be removed on Wednesday 10 or Thursday 11 August.

PC noted that the hoardings at the Lime Trees had been installed and had started to be painted. **JM** asked if the hoardings on Hornsey Park Road would be painted. **PC** confirmed that the hoardings should have been painted including across the gates and boarding. **JM** noted that it had not been painted yet, but it would give a good impression if it were.

5. Air, dust and noise management

KJ asked if anyone had noticed any increases in noise. **JM** stated that there had been a gentle hissing from the site, however this is almost unnoticeable compared to the noise that comes from the Screed Force premises. He highlighted that he was still waiting for significant noise, but didn't seem like it would happen, and that the biggest noise was the Midlands accents from the Coleman & Co staff.

FS provided a hand out of the noise monitoring data, and noted that Cllr Ahmet had requested this data at the last meeting. He explained that the hand out showed that on the two rounds of noise monitoring, there had been minor increases of noise after January. **KJ** asked what the limit of noise was. **PC** advised that there was no limit to noise levels but any activities that reach over 65dB had to have prior agreement with Haringey Council. **KJ** noted that from the monitoring data, the site activities had been below this level. **JM** stated that the only work that could have been louder than the data provided were the unexpected noises from demolition works such as bangs. **PC** agreed, and stated that this was possibly not picked up, as the monitoring may not have been done at this time. **FS** advised the data would be amended on the website to describe what work was taking place alongside the noise data, so that residents could compare with upcoming activities on site.

JM noted that there had been a discussion at the last meeting about odours and asked if anything been done about this. **FS** advised that no action had been taken, as there had been no further complaints. **PC** advised that as there had been no sludge removed recently, there had been no release of odour. **KJ** also noted that there were no works being carried out at present that created dust. **JM** asked if the delivery of the aggregates for backfilling was going to be dusty. **PC** replied that it can be dusty but with mitigation such as wheel washing and a road sweep, the dust should not be noticeable.

JM asked how the tipping lorry worked. **PC** replied that the lorry reverses to the space, opens the tailgate, tips and the aggregate falls out. **JM** asked if this could be a source of dust. **PC** advised that the aggregate would be sprayed with a jet wash to suppress the dust. **KJ** added that the suppression methods depended on the weather conditions; if it is raining there will be less need for mitigation. **PC** highlighted that the backfill at Battersea that was close to the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home had been successful and there were no dust complaints. **KJ** noted that all dust and noise levels are monitored at the boundaries. **JM** mentioned that it would be interesting to see if there is a difference in noise and dust levels when GH3 came down because it was much closer to people's houses and gardens. He asked if this work would begin in a few weeks. **PC** confirmed it would and added that because the sludge removal is at the bottom, dust shouldn't be noticeable. **JM**

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stated that because of the foliage and leaf cover you couldn't see much activity on site until the cranes arrived.

6. Communications update

FS advised that no complaints or queries had been received over the last month. He added that a couple of letters had been sent since the last meeting about the crane arrival - on the day of arrival. **JM** noted that he felt that the crane letter was nice and thought it had been good that it arrived on the day of delivery. **FS** noted that the other letter to residents was about the knotweed, and was sent to 123-153 Hornsey Park Road.

FS mentioned that there had been discussions about the size of the history boards that had been installed on Hornsey Park Road, and the potential to get larger versions printed to replace them. **JM** stated that the boards had been smaller than expected, but that he had seen people reading them. **FS** noted that **PG** had pointed out that they are difficult to read from the road. **JM** agreed that the boards would look better if they were bigger, he also noted that they currently read from right to left, not left to right, and should start with the history of gas and then the gas holders. **FS** confirmed that they were supposed to be placed in that order. **KJ** added that they must have been installed the wrong way, but that if the size was changing, this could be rectified as well. **MB** asked if there was anywhere else the boards could go. **KG** suggested that there could be A-Board by the alleyway to the shopping centre. **MB** suggested that this could be installed near the shopping centre. He added that there might need to be an explanation as to why it is there but could be a feature. **AS** agreed and noted that those who didn't go down Hornsey Park Road missed the information. **FS** also agreed and asked if **MB** could look into installing an A-Board outside the coffee shop. **MB** advised that he would be seeing the General Manager of the shopping centre at the weekend and would confirm if it would be okay.

Action: FS to have history boards reprinted in A1 size.

JM stated that by the sealed gate with the steps up, there was a steady fly tipping site along the fence and that it was time it was reported. He added that this was not related to the site, but that the team might want to keep an eye on it, as it is underneath National Grid's notices, and it was quite unsightly. **KG** advised that a report could be filed to the Council with an image of the fly tipping and its location via an app on a mobile. **PC** stated he would ask Clive Shearing inspect it tomorrow.

7. Recording of recovered items

FS advised that the team had been keeping the items recovered on-site so far, and had saved a large number of items. **KJ** added that this included all of the plaques.

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PC noted that this also included the numbers, guide wheels. **KJ** advised that the four braces were still to be recovered, and that the team would recover all in case any broke, the big valve was also yet to be recovered. **MB** asked if photos could be taken as the items go to the repository, as it would be nice to see what's collected and stored, commenting that it was a story. **FS** advised these could be added to the gallery.

JM noted that the item recovery was currently in process between National Grid and St. William. **FS** noted that as the dismantling happens, the team are saving items as they go. **AS** advised these will be stored until it is decided how to incorporate them into the redevelopment. **MB** raised a concern that some items could go missing or get broken during this process. **KJ** suggested that the items could be stored in a container on site, as was done with Battersea, and then hand this over to St. William.

JM mentioned that one action that had not been progressed since the last meeting was the tour of the former Stepney gas holder site. **AS** agreed that this needed to happen. **KJ** advised that he would leave the visit to **AS** to organise.

JM stated that in the site history boards there had been a reference to people living in the area who worked on the site when it was a functioning gas works, and asked what the source of that information had been. **FS** advised he had been told this at an event last year. **JM** suggested that there may be a common interest in letting them know about the works, and that other than two men who had lived in Hornsey Park Road he was unaware of anyone living in the area that had worked at the site. **FS** noted that it had been an older couple that came to the event and advised that he would look up their details and let **JM** know. **JM** noted that they might have ideas for memorialising the site. **MB** suggested placing a table display in the town's shopping centre to attract local residents who may know someone that worked there. **AS** agreed and added that there may be sons and daughters of those that worked there who could help get former workers involved. **JM** suggested that there could be an advert on the website. **KJ** agreed that this would be a good idea. **JM** added that the Industrial Society also had connections that could help. **KJ** noted that a table display had been done for another site in Coventry, and that a former worker had brought a box of plates and handed them over as he had been unsure what to do with them, they were now stored in an archive in Warrington.

8. NGP planning update

KJ advised that preparations of the detailed drawings for the Pressure Reduction Station (PRS) had just started; this was a condition of the Reserved Matters Application, which still needs to be discharged. He added that a new architect had been reappointed to carry out the detailed drawings. **MB** asked if there would be a heritage theme. **KJ** advised that they were working with **AS** for something that will

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be sympathetic to the new development. **AS** added that the application for the elevation of the PRS had been accepted. **KJ** advised that this application didn't include the pocket park but that there would be a three-meter non-development zone around it. **MB** asked if this would be part of the park, and if there could be any shrubbery on it. **KJ** confirmed yes technically it would be part of the park, no trees could be planted but shrubs would be okay. **AS** added that it needed to be something that wouldn't get ruined, so they needed to find a middle ground. **MB** raised concerns that this would be a sterile space. **KJ** confirmed that it wouldn't, and that once the park was built, residents wouldn't even notice that it is distinct from the park, but that it needed to be on the title for protection, so nothing is developed over it.

9. St. William planning update

AS advised that the Reserved Matters Application went to committee at the same time as the last meeting, and was approved. He noted that St. William were looking to arrange a fete for 10 September to look at ideas around community building and linking the scheme with the surrounding area. He mentioned that this would also be an opportunity to get ideas on meanwhile uses for parts of the site during construction. He stated that once the date had been finalised Ryan, Marcus and John, would be given a preview of material for the fete. This event would likely take place nearby the Lime Trees, with some road cones to prevent parking.

10. RBLG/Council liaison

No update was given.

11. AOB

FS highlighted that dates for the next meetings needed to be set.

There was some discussion as to what dates would be best, and it was agreed that the next meetings would fall on:

- Confirmed date – Wednesday 14 September
- Provisional date – Wednesday 12 October
- Provisional date – Tuesday 15 November

Ends.