

**Residents and Business Liaison Group**  
**Wednesday 14 September 2016 – 7.15pm to 8.15pm**  
**Grace Baptist Church Hall, 48-50 Park Ridings, N8 0LD**

**Attendees**

Keith Johnston (KJ) National Grid  
Paul Cooper (PC) Coleman and Co  
Paul Greatorex (PG) Atkins  
Ashley Spearing (AS) St. William  
Felix Shaw (FS) Local Dialogue  
Alex Wilson (AW) Local Dialogue

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

**Apologies**

Marcus Ballard (MB)  
Councillor Peray Ahmet (PA)

**1. Introductions and apologies**

Introductions were made.

**2. Programme update**

**PC** advised that Coleman & Co had completed removal of the lift skins on Gas Holder 1 (GH1) and the removal of the remaining guide rails would be completed by Friday 16 September. He added that once these works were completed, the cranes would leave the site, and there would be a final clean-up of sludge from the dumping. **JM** asked if there was two weeks' worth of work before the team began work on dismantling the frame of Gas Holder 3 (GH3). **PC** confirmed that there would not be, and that the work that would be taking place in the meantime was to the dumping and steelwork removal at the base of GH1. **PG** noted that the steel frame of GH3 would be the last part of the gas holder to be dismantled. **KJ** added that this was because the frame would need to be removed from the inside.

**JM** asked if the work to remove the columns on GH3 would be the same as GH1. **PC** confirmed that it would be the same process of burning the columns from a steel bucket in a crane. **JM** asked if these would be the same cranes used to dismantle GH1. **PC** replied that the cranes would be taller 'crawler' cranes, as GH3 is higher than GH1 was.

**JM** asked what the process for sludge removal work on GH3 would include. **PC** advised that it would involve removing the sludge at the base of the brick lining, noting that it would be similar to the sludge removal process for GH1. **PG** added that the next stage of works would also include the start of infilling on GH1.

**JM** raised concerns about the early start of works on site. **PC** confirmed that **FS** had passed on **JM's** concerns and that action would be taken to reduce the noise on site at the earlier part of the morning. **PG** added that the early starts were the result of the team aiming to get as much done within the agreed working hours as possible. **JM** highlighted that it was not a major issue, but that those who are against the work could use it to influence other residents who are concerned.

**PG** asked if **JM** had heard anything about the site works from other residents since GH1 demolition began. **JM** advised that he had not, but that residents may notice more as GH3 is dismantled as many have a stronger connection to the gas holder. He added that many people have been impressed with Coleman & Co's work on site.

### 3. Japanese knotweed update

**PG** mentioned a meeting with 123 Hornsey Park Road to discuss treatment of the Japanese knotweed. He advised that the meeting had gone well, and it was agreed that Three Shires (knotweed contractor) would carry out treatment work in their garden. Treatment on the knotweed along the back of 123-151 Hornsey Park Road would begin on Friday 16 September. **AS** asked if Zohra Hammoudan (ZH) (123 Hornsey Park Road) had asked for the treatment to be carried out inside her garden. **PG** advised that the Council had asked National Grid to carry out the treatment on the unregistered land in her garden, however after discussing with her she was happy for treatment to go ahead. **FS** noted that Jay Laljee (Hornsey Park Road resident) had been very helpful in facilitating the meeting. **PG** added that **ZH's** son had also been present at the meeting, and had helped to reassure **ZH** that Three Shires would not sterilise the land. He noted that it was also agreed that they would notify her in advance of when they would be coming to treat the knotweed. He mentioned that the first treatment should kill most of the knotweed, and the second treatment would remove the rest, and that the injections would not damage the other trees in her garden.

**PG** highlighted that one of the Hornsey Park Road lime tree was affecting **ZH's** house. **AS** advised that the lime tree has a TPO. **JM** noted that the arboricultural report suggests that lime trees can be managed. **PG** suggested that the management of the lime trees could form part of the pocket park jurisdiction. **AS** agreed that this would be possible. **PG** noted that St. William would need to find out who was responsible for the unregistered land where the lime trees are sited. **AS** stated that St. William may want Haringey Council to take ownership of the land, as

they would be able to navigate the legality of tree maintenance and management much more easily than they could.

**KJ** asked how the treatment of the knotweed was progressing on the southern part of the site. **PG** advised that the knotweed had been treated and the root barrier was down, but that it still needed further treatments. **AS** asked if knotweed was common in Wood Green. **JM** confirmed that it was very common, and that many people had found that it impacted their ability to get a mortgage for properties. **SM** added that knotweed was a big problem all over the borough, particularly on Noel Park estate.

#### 4. Traffic management

**KJ** asked **JM** if he thought that the residents would need another letter to notify that the cranes would be leaving the site on Friday. **JM** noted that he felt this would not be necessary, but would be needed when the big cranes were brought onto the site. **FS** confirmed that he would send a letter in two months time ahead of the large cranes arriving on site.

**PG** advised that towards the end of September, the infill materials would be brought to the site, and that while the delivery is taking place, the parking bays along Clarendon Road will be suspended. He added that once the date was confirmed, a letter would be sent out to notify residents and businesses of the temporary closure.

#### 5. Air, dust and noise management

**FS** advised that the Haringey Heartlands website – <http://www.haringey-heartlands.com/environmental-monitoring.html> had been updated with the August noise monitoring data. He noted that the levels were around 60dBA, which were similar to background noise levels, and not near the 80dBA noise limit. **PG** noted that noise levels had been better than expected for the demolition, and had not seemed to cause a nuisance to the residents or businesses around the site. **JM** suggested that the level of noise possibly touched on 70dBA for a couple of seconds when the skins were taken down, but this would presumably not register on the average noise levels.

**JM** advised that there had been an issue with residents experiencing an odour in the last week. **PC** replied that Coleman & Co would ensure to utilise the deodourisers when sludge removal work on GH3 is carried out and that the team would look at placing the deodourisers in the gas holder itself. **JM** noted that he thought that the odour last week was different to sludge removal smell, as there appeared to be a cloud of dust followed by a heavy odour, which smelt almost like soot burning and settled in the air. **PC** highlighted that there was no change in the operation of works; but that often there can be an increase in noise and smell when the final lift skin was removed, as it would have been the most exposed to the

elements over a long period of time. He added that there tended to be rusted sections which flake off, and that the team had to dampen the skin down, which then created a smell, but that this process was vital to prevent a fire breaking out. **JM** noted that it had been a humid day when the odour was particularly bad.

**Action: FS to inform residents ahead of the outer skin removal on GH3.**

## 6. Communications update

**FS** explained that the site history boards' text was being reworked and that he was waiting for **MB** to advise whether the history boards could be installed in the centre. **RK** agreed to liaise with **MB** about the history boards to get an answer.

## 7. Recording of recovered items

**PC** advised that the guide wheels had been put to one side, the plaques and gas holder signs were still to be recovered, and that the gas holder column items and the big valve had been left where they were as that was the best place for them while work continued. **AS** noted that the signs have potential to be an early 'win'. **JM** suggested that Eugene McConville should be involved in the conversation as to where things could be used.

**JM** asked if the trip to Stepney Green was taking place. **AS** advised that St. William were keen to organise the Stepney Green trip, however they were conscious of the historic desire for the Park Malvern Residents Association (PMRA) to lead on things such as this. He added that **MB** commented that it was too much pressure for the PMRA to organise and so St. William were looking at ideas, and it could be in four weeks-time, but that no decision had been made yet.

## 8. NGP planning update

**KJ** advised that the architects were still preparing the Pressure Reduction Station (PRS) drawings that would go into the Reserved Matters Application. **AS** added that St. William were keen for the brickwork to match the development and have some humanising features. **KJ** noted that this was quite a lengthy process, and will have taken 15 months to design and construct once complete, but that the internal dimensions had been fixed.

**JM** asked when the old metal pipework that linked to the existing PRS would be removed from the site. **KJ** advised that the pipework would remain until the existing PRS is decommissioned, but that both himself and **PG** would decide how it was removed and who by. **JM** highlighted that the residents would need to find out who would be carrying out the work, to get an idea of their working programme and planning conditions.

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**Action: KJ to bring the elevations for the PRS to the next RBLG meeting.**

**JM** asked if the remediation and PRS contractors would be represented at the RBLG. **KJ** confirmed that it was intended that they would. **PG** added that the tender process for the PRS construction work would begin in the new year.

**PG** noted that the remediation work would begin on the south of the site next month. **JM** asked if this would disturb the habitat of any wildlife living there. **PG** confirmed that it would, as the work consisted of digging holes either side of Moselle Brook, so the old process plant and tank could be removed and treated. He added that these were underground and that the remainder of Gas Holder 2 would also need to be removed. **JM** asked if the Birch Coppice would be affected by the work. **PG** confirmed that the Birch Coppice would need to be removed over the winter. **JM** highlighted that he felt this could pose a challenge for the song thrush that had been in the area. **AS** noted that it was an obligation on Network Rail to share the management of landscaping on the railway sidings with National Grid. He added that he was not sure when this would come into effect as National Grid have not been offered this space yet, although St. William had indicated their interest in the area to Haringey Council.

## **9. RBLG/Council liaison**

No update was given.

## **10. AOB**

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 12 October (**N.B.** this meeting will begin at **6pm** rather than 7pm)
- Provisional date – Tuesday 15 November

**Ends.**