

Residents and Business Liaison Group
Monday 12 December 2016 – 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Grace Baptist Church Hall, 48-50 Park Ridings, N8 0LD

Attendees

Keith Johnston (KJ) National Grid
Paul Cooper (PC) Coleman & Company
Paul Greatorex (PG) Atkins
Ashley Spearing (AS) St. William
Felix Shaw (FS) Local Dialogue

John Miles (JM)
Ian Robinson (IR)
Kate Glensman (KG)

Apologies

Alex Wilson (AW)
Beth Kay (BK)

1. Introductions and apologies

Introductions were made.

2. Programme update

PC gave an overview of current works on the site. He mentioned that at the last meeting, one crane had been delivered, the second one had been delivered since then, and both cranes had been fully rigged. He mentioned that Coleman & Co are now in the process of removing the lift skins, processing the steel and taking it to the processing area. He added that this would continue through to Christmas before closure of the site.

He also mentioned that in the New Year Coleman & Co would be cleaning the rest of the sludge, and shortly after that they would begin backfill for a period of four weeks.

KJ asked if they were still on course for the projected finish date. **PC** confirmed the target to get the structure down by was the end of March.

JM asked if there had been any complaints. **PC** mentioned there had a complaint from 99 Hornsey Park Road regarding vibration. He noted that this could potentially have been linked to the loading of vehicles near the metal processing plant, though it is was not expected that vibrations could have been strong enough to cause any

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damage. He added that monitoring station had been moved to assess the situation further.

JM mentioned that he found it regrettable that the metal processing was happening at this area of the site. **PC** confirmed that this could be moved in the New Year once the earth bund storing the Japanese knotweed has gone, however he wasn't sure it would make a huge amount of difference. He assured **JM** that the team will be reminded to be as considerate as possible and they have been reminded to avoid spotlights shining into people's homes.

JM asked if it could be moved and added that if activity would carry on at this level in New Year then it would be appreciated. **PC** reassured him that there should only be three more days until the site is closed for Christmas where work will continue at the intensity it had been at this part of the site.

JM added that he could hear the bangs and mentioned that if he lived closer it would be annoying. **PC** mentioned that it takes half an hour to load a wagon, and there are usually three visiting the site per day, so it shouldn't be a constant noise. He stressed, though, that **JM** should continue to provide Coleman & Co with feedback.

JM thanked **FS** for adding additional photos of the site to the project website (www.Haringey-Heartlands.com) and mentioned that he had put a link to the gallery on the Parkside Malvern Residents Association website.

3. Traffic management

PC mentioned that the larger cranes for the Gas Holder 3 (GH3) column removal would now be arriving in mid-January. He highlighted that when the infill commences, it would not require a large volume of material 443 lorry-loads over a 4-week period. Once the backfill is complete the cranes will sit on a platform to start taking the columns down. He added that depending on how bad traffic is Coleman & Co would potentially close off parking on Clarendon Road temporarily, but this would depend on how large the cranes are. **IR** asked when **PC** would know by. **PG** mentioned this would depend on whether they could completely remove the lift skins by Christmas. **IR** asked if they would be delivered by night. **PC** replied that they would be delivered in the early morning but that it shouldn't be disruptive at that time. **IR** mentioned that a lot of Electoral Reform Service Lorries use Clarendon Road early in the morning to beat the traffic.

KJ asked what security would be in place over Christmas and whether it would be manned. **PC** confirmed that the site would be manned. He added that the site also had 360 degree security cameras in place **JM** asked what would happen if the 360 cameras were to pick something up. **PC** assured **JM** that he would investigate and

that if necessary they would call the police and would hopefully have a response within an hour.

4. Air, Dust and Noise Monitoring

FS confirmed that the project website had been updated with the latest noise monitoring data and this had not been significantly different from previous updates. **JM** noted that there had been loud bangs but that they hadn't lasted long.

PG mentioned that there shouldn't have been any issues with dust due to rain, and that deodourisers would be in place whilst the lift skins were removed. These could be seen by some as visible smoke. **JM** asked how small fires were dealt with. **PG** confirmed they are doused with water in the base of the holder. He added that if necessary there is fire equipment in site, such as hoses etc.

JM mentioned an incident on Saturday with white smoke, which he thought came from the car dealership nearby, between the railway sidings and the site. **PG** thought this could have been due to a recent car crash that hit the bollards near the site entrance on Mary Neuner Road. **JM** mentioned that people go too fast and miss kinks in the road, hit walls and people's homes and this happens quite regularly.

KG mentioned that this is part of an ongoing issue residents had with Highways. **JM** added that there were enough small incidents to make it an issue, but they are frequently unreported.

There was a discussion on which ward councilor would be best to approach regarding this. **JM** wasn't sure who would be most appropriate.

5. Communications update

FS gave overview of communications activity, mentioning that the key activity would be the resident update letter, that would now go out in the new year ahead of the crane deliveries and road closures associated with Pressure Reduction Station (PRS) works.

AS spoke about Christmas tree, winter drinks and Christmas quiz. **JM** replied that the event was a success, however he mentioned that it was getting harder to organise due to difficulties in getting interest from the other side of Wood Green.

KG asked if there was a requirement for employing local people on site, **AS** confirmed that there was on St. William for the construction work. **PG** added that there was no requirement for National Grid work due to the technical and specialist aspects of the dismantling and remediation.

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6. Site Remediation

PG gave a short presentation on the remedial works. **(N.B.** This presentation has been provided as an addition to these minutes. It is also available to view online using the following link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B4G7DyGY-nHBZlp5QklGSFR0MFE>)

JM asked how contaminated earth would be safely removed from the void of the buried Gas Holder 2 (GH2). **PG** mentioned that all soil in the dentifrice areas will be tested and if treatable they would be sent to the National Grid treatment facility in Peterborough and then reused.

JM noted that this work would present different kinds of issues for noise and dust than the current work. **PG** mentioned that the way it is managed would remain the same. He added that there would be monitoring equipment in place, with an increased focus on testing the air for any chemicals.

PG added that a wooden hoarding would be going up around the remediation area. This will give contractors enough room to bring large deliveries in. He added that there are some trial pits to dig and work to reroute gas mains and unfortunately this means the coppice of trees at the center of the site will have to be cleared.

JM asked when the coppice would be cleared. **PG** confirmed this would be before the end of February. **JM** noted that this timetable is shifting into early nesting season for birds. **PG** confirmed that there would be an ecologist on site. **JM** mentioned that the earliest bird nesting on site would be the song thrush, however was unsure whether they had ever nested in the coppice. **PG** added that the remediation contractors would be brought along to the next meeting.

IR thought the contractors would be very likely to find asbestos. **PG** confirmed this winter was the best time to carry out asbestos clearance and the contractors will be closely monitoring for asbestos particulate levels, in case they find anything. He added that it would also be important make sure there wouldn't be two contractors working on the same part of the site at the same time. **KJ** added that this would be done through designated clean and dirty areas. **PG** clarified that the first phase of remediation work would be between January and April 2017 on the southern part of the site, to the east of Mary Neuner Road, with the second phase of work on the west side of Mary Neuner Road from April to June 2017.

7. PRS update

PG gave an update on the PRS work using a map of connections required to move connecting infrastructure. He mentioned that this would mean a road closure early in the New Year. He added that it was expected just one lane of the road would be closed rather than all of it.

KJ mentioned that there would be another period of road closures as part of work to locate concrete piles under the road.

JM asked if the team would be liaising with Gary Smith, one of the senior transport management engineers working for the Haringey Community Streets programme. He mentioned the upcoming project to upgrade Hornsey Park Road, and that this could have a much more significant impact if the road closures happen at the same time as the closures on Mary Neuner Road

PG mentioned that they didn't have the full programme yet; they are expecting it before Christmas.

AS asked how long these works would last. **JM** mentioned that it was unlikely to take more than 2-3 months. **KJ** asked what the nature of the work was. **JM** mentioned that it was to improve access and remove a chicane at the end of the road near the shopping center.

8. Update from St. William

AS mentioned workshops on the pocket park and boundaries, dates will be confirmed on this in the New Year.

JM added that it was about how it can be linked in with Haringey's ambitions for the future of Wood Green. Parkside Malvern Residents Association wants to be part of both the discussion and immediate details.

9. AOB

A provisional date was set for next meeting on **Wednesday 18 January 6.30pm.**

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