

Haringey Heartlands Residents and Business Liaison Group

Minutes - 06 October 2015

Venue: 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW

Time: 7pm

Attendees

Abbas Raza (Local Dialogue) - AR
Keith Johnston (National Grid) - KJ
Adam Donovan (Deloitte) - AD
Paul Cooper (Coleman and Company) - PC
Paul Greatorex (Atkins) - PG

John Miles - JM
Kate Glensman - KG
Bill Godbir - BG
Jane Goodsir - JG
Ian Robinson - IR
Cllr Stephen Mann - SM
Cllr Peray Ahmet - PA

Apologies

Marcus Ballard

1. Introductions

Introductions were made.

Note: **AR** explained that he and his colleagues Felix Shaw and Gabi Ross would facilitate and chair the Haringey Heartlands RBLG.

Note: **KG** has been elected to the Parkside Malvern Residents Association.

2. Site update - Status of planning conditions

AD explained that all conditions relating to the Site Preparation Works application have been met and signed-off by the Haringey Council, enabling work to commence.

KJ added that the last required formality is a Section 80 notice, which needs to be prepared and submitted by the contractor, Coleman and Company.

PA queried whether planning officers were required to attend the RBLG meeting and if they had been invited. **AR/AD** stated that, with the conditions having been met, planning officer involvement would not be required. **AD** had raised attendance with officer, Aaron Lau, who would not be attending.

Note: **AR** can confirm that Aaron Lau and Emma Williamson were invited to this RBLG meeting.

JM raised the matter of an archaeology informative, which was submitted in March 2014. **PG** confirmed that an archaeologist will be on site for excavations at the site. He also confirmed that a consultant from Montagu Evans (Dr Tim Tatlioglu) would document the above ground structures and make a record before works commence.

JM requested that artefacts from the site be salvaged for the benefit of the local community. **KJ** confirmed that this approach would be adopted as it has been done at other sites. **AR** provided additional details of how the history of gasworks/holder sites had been presented to other community. This included the donation of crests and production of history boards. **PG** provided some background to the history of the site specifically that an engineering firm Cutlass had built the geodesic holder and that there were plates on site that could be salvaged.

JM and **PA** requested a site visit before dismantling and remediation work commences. **PG** and **KJ** confirmed that the site is an operational gas site and that visits had to be managed in line with this. **KG** confirmed that there are likely to be 10 to 20 residents interested in a site visit.

ACTION: **AR** to review site visit requirements with the team and how a site visit can be arranged. Note: any site visit must be conducted in the correct PPE.

JM raised the matter of who will be the point of contact for the community as there has been confusion around this. **AR** confirmed that Local Dialogue will be the primary point of contact. Please see 'RBLG/Council Liaison' and Appendix 2 for more information.

3. Planning Update

Note: The Site Update agenda item dealt with the planning matters arising as these related to conditions on the planning consent.

4. Programme of works

PC provided ran through an indicative timetable that is supplied as Appendix 1 of these minutes.

PC said Coleman and Company is currently applying for a Discharge License in order to dewater the gas holders and this requires an 8-week notification period. **KG** queried this process and where the water would be discharged. **PC** confirmed that water would be treated at site and discharged into to the sewers. **KG** asked for the license period and **PC** confirmed that the license lasts for six months at which point Coleman and Company will renew it. This will continue for as long as the license is required.

JG asked who will monitor the monitoring equipment once it has been installed. **KJ** and **PC** confirmed that specialist consultants will conduct this.

PC confirmed that there is a 5-day turnaround for a response from the Environment Agency on submitted water samples.

SM asked what would be monitored in the initial stages of the project. **KJ** confirmed that the site would be monitored to establish the base level readings for dust and noise. **KJ** also stated that noisier work will not start until around March 2016 when dismantling, and then infilling, commences.

JM queried the programme for remediation works. **PG** confirmed that further site investigation work would take place after the demolition of Fibre House (the call centre building). Once this is complete the remediation works can be planned in greater detail.

SM queried site working hours and whether weekend or evening work was required or not. **PC** provided the hours agreed with Haringey Council (8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturday). **PC** confirmed that work will take place on weekdays. Coleman and Company prefers not to work on Saturdays and the working hours are only set for Saturday's as a contingency. In the unlikely event that any Saturday or extraordinary working hours are required, the community will be given notice by Local Dialogue.

5. Japanese Knotweed

PG ran through the locations of the Japanese Knotweed infestations. This is primarily at the rear boundary properties on Hornsey Park Road share with the site. It spans from 123 to 143 Hornsey Park Road.

PG explained that NGP would treat the knotweed in the garden of 123 Hornsey Park Road but not get involved with the knotweed infestations in the gardens south of 103 Hornsey Park Road. He had already explained this to a council official who had wanted NGP to undertake treatments but explained that it would be too complicated to negotiate agreements and that there was a risk of intervention making the problem worse. **PA** was keen to follow this up and concerned about the impact of these infestations on local home-owners.

Made up of several people who made it to the last RBLG meeting and would

PA asked how Japanese Knotweed is treated. **PG** summarised that Roundup (a brand of herbicide) is injected into the plant to contain it. This process is repeated over three seasons. It was asked if the herbicide is toxic. **PG** confirmed that it does not pose a risk to residents as it is injected directly into the plant.

Note: an extensive discussion took place about Japanese Knotweed infestation, which is not on National Grid land, and what the Council and residents could do about it. **KJ** stated that National Grid is happy to assist with the removal of rubbish from the earth bund behind of 139 - 147 Hornsey Park Road, where it reasonably can. **JM** stated that support would be very welcome.

6. Traffic management

PG confirmed that he had been in touch with Tony Casalis and that discussions are underway with TfL around the right turn onto Turnpike Lane. **PG** reiterated that site traffic will not be making this right turn.

IR asked when the council traffic study will take place. **PG** confirmed that this is being progressed by Haringey Council, who will also need input from TfL.

KJ added that traffic generated by the project between now and Christmas will be minor and that an increase can be expected in March 2016 when dismantling, and then infilling, works commence. **IR** set out the traffic implications of the Mayoral Elections and the Electoral Reform Services' need to have unobstructed access to its premises. Postal ballots are sent out about three weeks prior to elections and are then followed by ballot papers.

Note: a discussion about delays to the Community Streets Project took place. **PA** apologised on behalf of the Council.

7. Air and dust management

PC provided further detail on noise and dust mitigation. This includes covering vehicles arriving at site, the process of damping down the site during drier months and using street sweepers to keep adjacent roads dust free if necessary. This approach has been used at other sites and has been effective.

PC confirmed that the removal of each gas holder's crown (the 'roof' section of the holders' tanks) would be done using ripper chisels and that this will generate some noise. This work will take place over a period of six weeks. The work will not be continuous, requiring the chisel operator to set up before removing every section of the crown. Working with the ripper chisel is required, as hot cutting cannot take place on a live gas site. He reiterated that noise monitoring at the site boundary would ensure that work would cease if the set decibel limit was exceeded and this would be applied to all 'steel on steel' work.

BG asked if this was 'dosage' decibel limit. **PC** confirmed that the limit is considered broken if the daily average exceeds it.

KG asked how neighbours would know if noise levels have been exceeded as it cannot be judged without access to the monitoring equipment. **KJ, PC, JG** and **KG** discussed how the monitoring would be reported to residents. Resident and businesses attendees felt that a weekly or daily update would help with oversight. **ACTION:** The project team will discuss this in further detail.

JG stated that Turnaround Publishing are particularly affected by the work on the crown of the gas holders as they back directly onto Gas holder 2. Turnaround need to provide their yard staff with a safe working environment. **JG** also expressed

concern about meetings with its clients could be disrupted by noisy work. **KJ** and **PC** stated that the noise levels would not be exceeded. This was the case during the removal of gasholders at Battersea, where Battersea Dogs and Cats Home's administrative office and some animal pens backed onto two holders.

JM stated that businesses at 157 and 159 Hornsey Park Road currently generate noise. Work that takes place includes panel beating and plastering. **JG** stated that local businesses do try and manage their operational impacts.

KG suggested that Twitter be used to provide updates on noise emissions. **KJ** stated that a Twitter feed would need to be signed-off by National Grid's Corporate Communications team.

ACTION: **AR** to contact Corporate Affairs about approving a Twitter feed.

8. RBLG/Council Liaison

AR set out how National Grid intends to engage with the community living around the site and suggested producing a note setting this out in writing. This is provided in Appendix 2 of these minutes.

PA requested that the RBLG reviews the engagement zone. This is the zone to which information about the project will be distributed. **ACTION:** **AR** to circulate plan of engagement zone.

KG queried if 0800 Freephone telephone numbers are free to dial from mobiles. **AR** can now confirm that the 0800 number is free to dial from a mobile.

JM stated that there had been confusion around which numbers to dial in the past.

KJ stated that there would be an additional point of contact at the site, which would be the site manager. However, all calls and enquiries should be made through Local Dialogue's 0800 number and email address.

PA queried whether further involvement would be required from officers. **AR** reiterated that planning officers will likely become less involved as Haringey Council has signed off the conditions on the planning application. **PG** clarified that ongoing engagement with other council officers will be required around noise reporting, treating Japanese Knotweed and contaminated land.

9. Any other business

KG asked if any vibration monitoring will be put in place. **PC** confirmed that vibration generated by this kind of project, for example Battersea, has proven so minimal that monitoring will not be necessary.

PG confirmed that holes in the site fence have now been repaired and this should lessen the chance of further fly tipping on the site. **JM** mentioned that fly tipping continues to be a local problem and that he regularly reports dumped waste from nearby streets.

PG stated that site cabins would now be located at the north end of the site.

AR thanked IR and the ERS for hosting the meeting.

AR asked that if attendees would like to review the frequency of the RBLG. It was agreed that the RBLG would continue to be held on a monthly basis for now as per the Terms of Reference.

Dates for next meeting

The next RBLG meeting will take place on 2 November 2015 at 7pm. The venue for the next meeting circulated ahead of time.

An RBLG meeting will also be held on 7 December 2015.

ENDS