

Community Liaison Group Minutes
05 December 2018
5.30-6.30pm

Artzone, 54-56, The Market Square, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre

Attendees

Cellina Momodu-Doswell – REACT Vice-Chair
Mary Grace Coiffice-Kamal – REACT Chair
Cllr Sinan Boztas – London Borough of Enfield, Lower Edmonton Ward
Deanna Donaldson – LondonEnergy
Stephen Wilkinson – Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
Darren Knight – Eley Industrial Estate
Quentin Given – Northumberland Park Ward Representative
Linda Miller – Enfield Town Residents' Association
Helen Price – Enfield Voluntary Action (E.V.A)
Ursula Taylor – NLWA
Martin Capstick – NLWA
David Cullen – NLWA
Trudi Axtens – NLWA
James Sachon – AECOM
Sam Mayes – AECOM
Millie Foakes – AECOM

1. Introductions

1.1 Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Role of Community Liaison Group

2.1 It was noted that the overall purpose of the CLG was to provide an opportunity for dialogue and exchange of information between the Project and the community.

3. Membership and Terms of Reference

3.1 Terms of reference (ToR) were agreed, subject to points 1.3-4 becoming subsections of 1.2 Updated ToR are attached.

3.2 It was agreed that the expectation was the CLG would continue throughout the Project, lasting approximately ten years.

3.3 It was suggested that other organisations who should be considered for membership of the CLG were:

- North London Chamber of Commerce
- Voluntary action groups in surrounding boroughs (Waltham Forest and Haringey)
- Canal and River Trust
- Enfield Local Resilience Forum

3.4 NLWA agreed the Project team would consider the suggestions.

4. Project overview and update

4.1 A question was raised about how NLWA had considered the cumulative effects of the Project with the Meridian Water development and traffic from the use of the expanded White Hart Lane Stadium development. It was agreed that NLWA would check for cumulative impacts particularly on travel. NLWA also confirmed they are in close consultation with Enfield Council to look at travel plans and other potential cumulative effects.

4.2 A query was raised about where to find the environmental impact assessment and the video which was shown at the meeting. NLWA confirmed that these can be found online on the NLHPP website (northlondonheatandpower.london). It was also noted that a newsletter was distributed to the local community on 5th November 2018 and it can also be found on the NLHPP website.

4.3 It was noted that no road closures are currently expected during the construction phases and Deephams Farm Road has been acquired to ease traffic through the southern access point in the long term.

4.4 A community representative noted that residential areas near the northern access points are home to particularly vulnerable communities; challenges for engagement include language issues and deprivation. These residents are unlikely to have a local group to represent them. It was suggested that the Project team discuss this directly with the ward councillors.

4.6 It was queried whether the sewers would remain open during sewer diversion works. NLWA confirmed that the sewers would remain open.

5. Methods of Communication

5.1 A query was raised about whether NLWA would invite involvement into the design and development of educational facilities. NLWA confirmed consultation with Edmonton Sea Cadets regarding their requirements has been undertaken. For other educational aspects, NLWA have not looked at the detail yet but there would be consultation at a later stage.

5.2 It was agreed by the group that a roadshow function that can be taken to community centres, local groups and schools, could be useful. This provides opportunity for members of the public and businesses to talk face-to-face to the Project team.

5.3 A query into the number of construction vehicles generated by construction was made. NLWA confirmed estimates of the number of vehicles would be provided.

5.4 There was a question as to whether there is a requirement to recruit locally and offer internships. NLWA confirmed apprenticeships and training opportunities would be provided by the Project, that they would be agreed in consultation with Enfield Council and that the Project team would also use experience gained by LondonEnergy through their programme. NLWA confirmed that targeted advertising locally for businesses would also be used for local procurement.

5.5 It was noted that REACT covers over 3,000 households, and that for their members, the combination of the NLHPP project and the Meridian Water development is a key concern due to the scale of development. It was agreed that an NLWA representative would attend a future REACT meeting (date to be agreed) and present the NLHPP scheme. NLWA also notes they are in close consultation with Enfield Council to look at potential cumulative effects.

6. Topics for discussion at future meeting and member feedback

6.1 The level of information currently being sent to libraries was queried. NLWA confirmed that while information about the DCO application was provided in libraries, information that is more recent has not been provided. It was agreed NLWA would review this to determine if it is suitable and possible to send other forms of information such as newsletters to local libraries.

6.2 A request for details on the Construction Management Plan was raised and NLWA confirmed more details would be provided as the plan becomes available.

6.3 The S106 requirements were queried. NLWA confirmed these requirements largely cover travel and employment and skills and can be included in relevant discussions in future meetings.

6.4 In response to a question about the experience of the team, it was confirmed that the Project team can draw on a wealth of experience to anticipate common issues associated with construction projects. The Programme Director has recently joined the team, and there is a strong team of internal staff and consultants; the Project is drawing on their significant experience. The Managing Director spent five years on HS2 and several Highways England schemes. It was noted that the interface between the construction team and the community is a key factor and it would be important to use experience from similar projects on this project.

6.5 It was noted that REACT emphasised concerns about the cumulative impacts of projects in the area, as the community are already feeling effects of the Meridian Water development. They have also had discussions with Tottenham Hotspur Football Club about crowd control and increased level of pollution.

7. Timing and location of next meeting

7.1 It has been suggested that the next CLG is to be held in February, after works have commenced at the end of January. NLWA confirmed an action list and minutes would be issued to the members of the CLG and the minutes would be uploaded onto the NLHPP website once agreed by the members. It was noted that February includes half term, which needs to be avoided.

7.2 Attendees were invited to suggest future venues for the CLG meetings - REACT put forward Enfield Community House as a future venue, which has free parking. LondonEnergy put forward LondonEnergy offices at the Edmonton EcoPark so that the group can see the site – it also has free parking.