

Community Liaison Group Minutes – Meeting #9

29 September 2021

6.00-7.00pm

Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams and in person at Berol House, 25
Ashley Road, London N17 9LJ

Attendees

Councillor Kate Anolue – Upper Edmonton (Enfield)
Cllr John Bevan – Northumberland Park ward councillor (Haringey)
Councillor Elizabeth Baptiste – Valley (Waltham Forest)
Councillor David Holliday – Broxbourne and Hoddesdon South (Broxbourne)
Cellina Momodu – REACT
Peter Ley – Lee Valley Regional Park
Robert Poole – Barnet Council
Trudi Axtens – NLWA
Martin Capstick – NLWA
David Cullen – NLWA
Rebecca Gilbert – NLWA
Ursula Taylor – NLWA
Christian Cosby (Chair) – AECOM

1. Introductions

1.1 Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Safety moment

2.1. NLWA began the meeting with a safety moment, which focused on the risk of prostate cancer in men and the issue of lower treatment rates since the start of the covid-19 pandemic. The importance of men referring themselves to their GP was highlighted.

3. Matters arising and review of previous meeting minutes

3.1. NLWA provided a progress update on the actions from the previous meeting. The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

4. Project and construction updates

4.1. NLWA provided an overview of the advanced emissions control technology that will be deployed within the replacement Energy Recovery Facility. An update was also provided on NLWA's future plans for carbon capture and storage technology at the Edmonton EcoPark, which could make the facility carbon negative.

4.2. NLWA gave an overview of the facilities being built as part of the NLHPP, and provided an update on construction progress since the previous CLG meeting. The key updates were: the completion of sewer diversion works beneath the site; the start of structural

steelworks for the Resource Recovery Facility; and completion of northern area clearance works.

- 4.3.** NLWA gave an update on the progress that has been made by Energetik, Enfield Council's energy company, to build an energy centre at the EcoPark. The energy centre will use heat from the Energy Recovery Facility to supply up to 50,000 homes in the area, including the Meridian Water development to the south of the A406.
- 4.4.** NLWA updated the CLG on the NLHPP apprenticeship programme. As of September 2021, 18 apprentices had been appointed, 10 of whom are Enfield residents. NLWA is advertising additional roles through posters at local train stations and inside Transport for London busses. A CLG member requested that future adverts be placed in Fore Street and Silver Street stations in Upper Edmonton, and NLWA confirmed that it would investigate these locations as part of its next apprenticeship recruitment campaign.
- 4.5.** A CLG member asked NLWA to provide more information about trainee career progression after their completion of the NLHPP programme. NLWA explained that all participants are requested to complete a survey by the further education college which coordinates the programme, but response rates have been low. NLWA confirmed that it would re-engage the college regarding other ways in which this important feedback can be secured.
- 4.6.** A CLG Member requested that NLWA contact officers at Haringey Council to discuss apprenticeship opportunities. NLWA confirmed that it would do so before the next CLG meeting.
- 4.7.** A CLG Member requested more information about NLWA's work to promote equality, diversity and inclusion internally and externally on the NLHPP. NLWA agreed that a specific presentation on this topic would take place at the next CLG meeting.
- 4.8.** NLWA provided an update on the NLHPP on-site training programme. 72 placements have been provided so far, with 90 per cent being fulfilled by residents of Enfield, Waltham Forest and Hackney. A CLG member asked for information about social value activities taking place specifically in Waltham Forest, and NLWA confirmed that it would provide a follow-up written briefing on this point after the meeting.
- 4.9.** NLWA updated CLG members on its schools' programme. A CLG member said that the programme was an excellent way to engage local people, including BAME communities, and asked whether primary schools were being considered in future. The member also noted that EcoPark House could provide opportunities for community outreach. NLWA confirmed that engagement with primary schools is being considered and more information would be provided at a future meeting.
- 4.10.** NLWA provided an update on opportunities for local businesses as part of the NLHPP programme. A case study was provided on Newlifes Catering from Walthamstow, which is providing catering to contractors at the Edmonton EcoPark.
- 4.11.** With regard to the ERF procurement, NLWA confirmed that Acciona, supported by technical expertise from Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI), has submitted detailed solutions to tender. The tender being taken to NLWA Members in December 2021 is the final one that was submitted in October.

5. Community update

- 5.1.** NLWA gave an overview of its engagement with the local community in relation to the NLHPP. The community roadshow programme has now resumed, with an event taking place on 23 September in Edmonton Green Shopping Centre. CLG Members were asked for ideas on future venues, and it was suggested that NLWA should consider Fore Street library in Upper Edmonton. NLWA also updated Members on the August community newsletter, which was hand delivered to 28,000 properties near the Edmonton EcoPark. A member of the CLG said that more direct engagement is required with residents in Upper Edmonton, to address a lack of awareness about the NLHPP and concerns about certain issues, such as air quality. NLWA confirmed that it will carry out more engagement activities in Upper Edmonton, as part of its wider engagement programme.
- 5.2.** Regarding the community newsletter, a CLG Member asked whether NLWA could consider translating information about the project into key community languages. NLWA confirmed that it would liaise with Enfield Council to confirm their approach to translation and report back to the next CLG meeting.
- 5.3.** A CLG member said that the newsletter content is too technical for some audiences, and that an accessible Q&A should be provided in the next edition to address the issues that have been raised about the NLHPP by groups opposed to the project. NLWA confirmed that this would be incorporated into the next newsletter in November.
- 5.4.** NLWA confirmed that waste services at the Edmonton EcoPark were not disrupted by a small protest which took place on Saturday 25 September. This was part of a wider series of protests across the country by campaign groups including Extinction Rebellion. It had been suggested by these groups that no new energy from waste plants should be built anywhere in the UK.

6. NLWA update

- 6.1.** NLWA provided an update on its ongoing communications activity, which includes the 'thanks for trying' campaign which highlights the issue of recycling contamination. A CLG member requested that future adverts be placed in the Upper Edmonton area. NLWA confirmed that it would investigate this as part of future campaigns.
- 6.2.** NLWA updated CLG members on new recycling trials in north London, including polystyrene, used mattresses and crisp packets. A CLG Member asked whether the crisp packet scheme could be trialled in Waltham Forest. NLWA confirmed that it would report back at the next CLG on the potential to extend the pilot scheme.

7. Any other businesses

- 7.1** A CLG member asked NLWA to contact the Lord Lieutenant of Haringey regarding the possibility of accessing EcoPark House by the Haringey Sea Cadets. NLWA confirmed that it would do so and report back at the next CLG meeting.

8. Future CLG meeting

- 8.1.** Members were thanked for attending. NLWA agreed to provide an update on the delivery of key actions by the end of 2021, along with a suggested date for the next CLG meeting.