

## Minutes of Community Liaison Group meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

### Attendees

#### Councillors

Cllr Susie Burbridge	Lancaster Gate Ward
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#### Amenity Societies/Residents

John Zamit	South East Bayswater Residents Association
Billy Kennedy	Resident

#### Westminster City Council Officers

Peter Watson	Highways Inspector
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#### Project Team

Nick Dines	Managing Director, Concilio
Mary-Anne Cooper	Social Sustainability Adviser, Laing O'Rourke
James Swales	Project Leader, Structures, Laing O'Rourke
Gus Wright	Project Director, Laing O'Rourke

### Minutes of the meeting

Apologies were made for regular attendees who were not able to attend the meeting, including Marisa Peek, Gertude Thoma, Dean Birmingham, Richard Shaw, Chris Coulcher, Cllr Bright and Cllr Carman.

This is the first CLG that Laing O'Rourke (LOR) have conducted since taking over from Erith on site. (first week of January).

The LOR team noted that there hasn't been a huge amount of work on site since the last meeting (16 December 2019). The most notable work was the Crawler Crane being delivered and the first test pile being carried out.

The team then gave a short presentation on timelines over the next few months – key dates included:

Activity	Dates
Construction of Guide Walls around the site	January – March 2020
Obstruction coring	January – March 2020
Main pilling works	February - March 2020
Capping beam construction	End February - March 2020

### Key points:

- UKPN turning power off to the temporary building supply on Saturday (1 February). Final substation will not be fitted for another c2 years. Considering getting silent generators for site which will produce virtually no sound and therefore reduce disruption for neighbours.
- Future communications will still be the same Erith. This which include monthly newsletters, adhoc newsletters, drop letters and CLG meetings (to be managed by Concilio).



- The point was made that a large number of residents on Queensway are no longer there and to save resources the Concilio team should contact Billy Kennedy who will be able to advise which residential units are unoccupied.
- LOR noted that the site is being concreted to ensure delivery vehicles are not putting mud on the roads. Concrete roads will remove the need for wheel washing, which is not as effective, as it prevents mud going on wheels in the first place.
- Site security now on site 24 hours – there is a phone number on the hoarding for the public to contact and ensure their queries are dealt with.
- The low attendance at this evening's committee was raised. The turnout has dropped significantly as there is not as much disruption. It was agreed that these meetings should take place, but they should be organised once every two months rather than the current monthly timeframe.

**ACTION:** Organise CLG meetings on a 2-month basis.

- The meeting also discussed the potential to host an evening reception for the local residents near the site (Kensington Gardens, Queensway) to give an update on the project in an informal setting.

**ACTION:** Organise evening reception for April to give a wider update to residents

### **Questions to LOR:**

**Q)** There is loud clanging sound when the piles are being removed. What is this and what can be done about it?

**A)** We have been trialling a new method of removing the piles. On the day of this meeting the team managed to pull two piles out (24 tonnes each) of the ground almost silently so this is the method that will be used going forward.

However, the clanging noise comes from the 'spinning off' which is how the drivers remove clay from the machine. With the new method this should be kept to a minimum and we will be talking to the drivers to ensure this is the case.

**Q)** There are lorries sitting on Bishop's Bridge and lorries on Westbourne Grove that are leaving mud, both of which have nothing to do with this development. Unfairly the Whiteleys development is getting blamed for this – is there are a way to prevent misinformation?

**A)** Thanks for brining to our attention. The team could use the notice board on Queensway/Porchester Gardens to keep residents up to date and prevent any further miscommunication. There is also the possibility of putting a notice board on the corner of Redan Place. The notice boards should be kept up to date with the latest information and include contact numbers to ensure the local community is up to date with all the latest information. To prevent any further confusion with the issue raised we can find out which lorries our development use and ensure people are aware.

**ACTION:** James Swales to check what lorries are used at Whiteleys to see if this can be communicated to the public on the notice board.

**Q)** Would the owners of Whiteleys be willing to put in hanging baskets on Queensway and fund Christmas lights? It would be a nice contribution to the community.

**A)** This is something that could be possible moving forward,

**ACTION:** Concilio to raise the issue of hanging baskets and Christmas lights.



**Q)** Is there an update on public realm works around Queensway? The work is impressive and there are second phase works for April.

**A)** We don't have a timeline but we can ask a Councillor to provide an update on public realm schemes at the evening reception for residents that has been mentioned.

**ACTION:** Concilio to invite a Councillor to speak on public realm works at the proposed April evening reception.

**Q)** Is there an update on the 'wraparound' at Queensway?

**A)** We do not have the timescales. Any 'wraparound' will need a planning permission.

**Q)** Can the covered walkway on Porchester Gardens get better lighting or reduce the hoarding to allow some natural light? It's currently too dark (during the day – lights in the walkway are sufficient at night).

**A)** The team will look into the issue.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Whiteleys Community Liaison Group is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, Bridgefield House, Queensway.

