



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Subject:</b>	Putney Embankment Foreshore and Barn Elms Community Liaison Working Group (CLWG)
<b>Date and time:</b>	Thursday 7 February 2019, 7-9 pm
<b>Location:</b>	The Star and Garter, Putney Embankment, London, SW15 1JN
<b>Minute taker:</b>	John Mealey, Administrative Support, Tideway
<b>Chair:</b>	Jamie Gray, Tideway

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1	Welcome
2	Tideway works overview – Barn Elms
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### Attendees

Project staff:

- Jamie Gray (JG), Stakeholder and Consents Manager, Tideway
  - Patrick Kelly (PK), Community Relations Manager, Tideway (BMB)
  - Chris North (CN), Section Manager – Barn Elms, Tideway (BMB)
  - David Miles (DM), Project Manager – Putney Embankment Foreshore, Tideway
  - Tom Brown (TB), Site Agent – Putney Embankment Foreshore, Tideway (BMB)
  - Bhavini Vyas (BV), Project Manager – Barn Elms, Tideway (BMB)
  - Neil Binns (NB), Senior Project Manager, Tideway
  - Andeep Gehlot (AG), Communications Lead (West), Tideway
  - John Mealey (JM), Administrative Support, Tideway
- 15 other attendees including residents and representatives from PutneySW15.com / Putney Tidy Towpath, St Mary's, London Borough of Wandsworth and Putney Society

### Apologies

- Two apologies were received

## 1. Welcome

Jamie Gray (JG) welcomed all attendees to the Community Liaison Working Group (CLWG) and explained the purpose of the meeting.

JG introduced himself and explained he is the new Stakeholder and Consents Manager for Tideway.

JG advised that Justine Greening MP, the usual Chair, is unwell and sent her apologies for the meeting.

JG said the CLWG provides Tideway and its contractor with the opportunity to share recent and upcoming work updates with the community. JG also said the CLWG is a great opportunity to answer questions from the community and to alleviate any concerns.

JG went through the actions from the previous CLWG Thursday 11 October 2018.

Action 1: A link to the presentation was distributed, along with the meeting minutes.

Action 2: The time-lapse video shown in the CLWG was included within the meeting presentation.

Action 3: An up-to-date timeline for Putney Embankment Foreshore was added to the presentation, before being distributed.

Action 4: Patrick Kelly (PK) confirmed as much information as possible was provided to the community regarding the three-storey welfare cabins which was installed at the Putney site, however, appreciated the cabins were still a shock to some residents.

A resident said the welfare cabins were a shock, due to the size. The resident also said that residents asked whether greenery could be installed on top of the cabins. PK explained that green roof development is tough, due to the health and safety restrictions in place. PK said the wind-loading element makes this request extremely difficult.

Action 5: PK confirmed Tideway investigated the rubbish that was building up at the new slipway and got in touch with Thames 21. Thames 21 assessed the area and deemed the rubbish as cyclical and not in such a state that would be deemed worthy of regular litter picks. PK said that the issue has not been as bad recently and that it has also been flagged to other local groups. Thames 21 identified Hammersmith as the closest site where the regular litter picks take place.

JG welcomed any further comments regarding the previous minutes. No comments received. JG closed off the meeting minutes from the previous CLWG.

## 2. Tideway works overview – Barn Elms

PK began the presentation by showing a video that provides a project-wide update. Video is within the presentation.

**Action 1: JM to send a link to the presentation, along with the meeting minutes.**

Bhavini Vyas (BV), Project Manager, provided a Barn Elms site update (information included within the presentation).

BV provided an overview of the work currently taking place at the Sports Centre Changing Rooms and Gym and explained work associated with replacing the changing rooms is currently ongoing.

BV advised that the Sports Centre works completed so far include ventilation on the roof, the office area on the second floor, Changing Room 2 and all windows and doors for the changing rooms. In total there will be nine changing rooms.

BV advised of the works currently in progress at the Sports Centre. These include the Plant Room, the Reception area, footpath under the canopy and the external wall facades. Works associated with the gym are also almost complete, with some of the final aspects being completed today.

BV advised of the upcoming works at the Sports Centre and said the team is entering the final stages of the changing rooms construction and are also looking to proceed with the demolition of existing building '2'. Once these works are complete, the external works will then start (hard and soft landscaping etc).

BV moved onto the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) works and provided an overall update. The temporary access road for the CSO has been completed and in advance of starting the main works, the CSO lining has also been completed. BV said the lining works will strengthen the CSO. BV said the piling mat works for the CSO are also finished.

BV moved onto the ongoing works associated with the CSO and said that pre-augering work started earlier this afternoon, which loosens the material around the shaft. The security fencing for the site perimeter has also been established and the process of setting up the site has also started – welfare, storage, pedestrian routes etc. BV also said the sheet piling rig is ready to go and the work is imminent.

BV advised of the upcoming works at the CSO site. These include shaft excavation, Sprayed Concrete Lining (SCL), archaeological works and kiosk excavation.

BV provided a Barn Elms predicted Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) movements update for the next quarter. The HGV monthly daily average for February is six movements, eight in March, nine in April and eight in May.

BV provided a timeline of works update for Barn Elms (information included in the presentation).

**Question from a resident:**

*During your works, if you find anything of archaeological interest do you plan to make it available for the public to see?*

JG said if anything of archaeological interest and significance is found in the area, it would be Tideway's intention to showcase it, if possible. A resident said Wandsworth Historical Society would be very interested in Tideway's archaeological findings.

**Question from a resident:**

*Tideway has taken a section of the Common at Barn Elms and I was wondering whether Tideway could offer mitigation or community work at the Common, as a good neighbour?*

BV said community volunteering was part of the DCO consultation process and community work has been offered by Tideway. BV said this request will certainly be considered.

### **3. Tideway works overview – Putney Embankment Foreshore**

Tom Brown (TB) provided a Putney Embankment Foreshore site update and explained that since the last CLWG great progress has been made (information included within the presentation).

TB provided an overview of the site and explained that the existing CSO outlets come out underneath Putney Bridge. Broadly, the scheme overall will bring sewage through the culvert into the site through the shaft into the main tunnel.

TB said the 3D image in the presentation shows what will happen underground in more detail.

TB advised of the work that has been completed at the site in recent months.

TB said the internal permanent cofferdam was completed in December, which was a nice milestone to end the year. The external cladding and paving will wrap around the internal structure.

TB referred to an image within the presentation and explained that the circular section is the start of the drop shaft. TB also said that further concreting in this area was completed today, making it nice and tidy for tunnelling.

TB said other works that have taken place include installation of some future connection piles, drop shaft cutting edge and internal shutter installed, CSO headwall frame installed and preparations for the drop shaft have begun.

TB said Putney Pier continues to operate well, even with Tideway works taking place.

TB said upcoming works include commencement of shaft excavation at the end of February and the beginning of tunnelling in April/May. TB said that at the moment, shaft and tunnelling work is only scheduled to take place during the day.

TB advised that the site setup up for tunnelling will take place in the spring (further details included in the presentation).

TB appreciated that Tideway applies for occasional road closures every few weeks which may cause disruption. However, the road is normally closed for an hour or so when necessary instead of the whole day. TB said Tideway acknowledges that road closures are an inconvenience for the community, so it tries its best to be a good neighbour and minimise disruption as much as possible.

TB provided an update on predicted Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) movements for the next quarter. The HGV monthly daily average for February is six movements, six in March, eight in April and seven in May.

TB stressed Tideway will continue to meet its vehicle movement obligations and will better the figures, where possible.

TB provided a More by River update. Since October 2018, 10 barges have arrived at the site, which has kept approximately 400 lorries off the road. With shaft and tunnelling works starting over the coming weeks and months, Tideway will continue to utilise the marine source.

TB provided an update regarding the upcoming 2019 Boat Race and said Tideway has been consulting with relevant organisations in a number of recent meetings.

TB said Tideway has many plans for the day, including providing access for the starter, timer and the BBC via its site. Tideway is continuing to protect the Boat Race stone and will unveil it for the race again this year.

**Question from a resident:**

*A question was asked about Tideway assisting in the clean-up of the Embankment area following the Boat Race, as it is often not addressed?*

DM noted that Tideway have attended a number of operations meetings with UBR, where there is regular discussion regarding the post-race clean-up, as well as the campaign to promote recycling, additional recycling bins, and encourage the pubs along the river to manage their patrons more.

**Post Minute Note:** Tideway have now followed-up with the UBR, who wish to assure the Putney and Barn Elms community along the river that they will ensure that all litter from the Boat Race will be sufficiently collected.

**Question from a resident:**

*Earlier you mentioned the term 'outfall' when talking about how the tunnel will operate. What did you mean by this?*

TB explained that in the new structure of the tunnel, there will be a scenario when the tunnel is in maintenance mode approximately every 10 years. In these instances, waste would be discharged into the river.

**Question from a resident:**

*How many days does maintenance mode last for?*

Chris North (CN) believed this decision is still under review. TB advised he would take this question away as an action.

**Action 2: TB to investigate how many days maintenance mode will last for, once the tunnel is operational.**

PK said that before the tunnel is operational, it will be tested during the commissioning phase.

**Question from resident:**

*One of my neighbours has said that lights on site are still very bright at night, especially those on the crane. Can anything be done about this?*

PK said he also received a couple of other queries regarding lights and the issue was investigated. PK asked UL to advise the resident to get in touch with him and he will investigate.

TB said the team want to avoid the glare from certain lights as much as possible. TB also said a nearby business advised of a lighting issue and it was fixed within 24 hours. If anyone is particularly affected by lights on site, please take a photo as images can be very useful to pinpoint the issue.

#### 4. Community Engagement

PK provided a Community Engagement update. PK also advised how residents can find out more about the Independent Compensation Panel (ICP) if they are being affected by Tideway works (information included in the presentation).

PK said that since the last CLWG, the Helpdesk has received two complaints linked to the Barn Elms and Putney Embankment Foreshore sites. One was regarding Saturday works as a resident was unaware that Tideway has permission to work until 1pm. The second complaint was regarding the three-storey welfare cabins.

PK provided a Community Investment update and said it is something Tideway BMB is extremely proud of, as it has helped many community groups and charities across West London. PK said locally, Tideway BMB has helped the 5<sup>th</sup> Putney Sea Scouts in the past and will be looking to replicate the help for the upcoming Boat Race.

PK said if anyone has any community investment recommendations or suggestions then please get in touch.

PK referred to one particular community investment activity at 'Reaching the ISolated Elderly' (RISE) that he enjoys. PK visits RISE weekly and helps serve lunch to the local residents, as well as having a chat and a laugh. PK values the good relationship Tideway BMB has with RISE and said it will continue to visit weekly for as long as RISE would like.

PK provided a Legacy update. PK said the Tideway project is not like others, where communities are left with a new station etc, therefore Tideway is extremely keen to leave a lasting legacy.

2018 Legacy key points for Tideway West included within the presentation.

PK explained that at the last CLWG, a young woman provided him with a CV, as she was interested in a career in engineering. Since the last meeting, the CV has been sent to Tideway, BMB, Thames Water etc. PK said this is an example of how the team wants to help those who are interested in starting a career in construction.

PK said a career in construction is for everyone and showed a video to promote women in engineering. PK hoped the video may inspire many to start a career in engineering and said if anyone is aware of a friend or family member that is interested then please get in touch.

PK reminded attendees that at the last meeting he advised how Tideway's West sites would be wearing pink hard hats for Breast Cancer Care. They were worn all day and in total £4,000 was raised for the charity. PK was very grateful as the community reacted really well to such an important topic. PK also said he was proud of the commitment shown by all western sites.

## 5. AOB

### **Question from a resident:**

*Although it is not related to Barn Elms or Putney, the last CLWG for King George's Park and Dormay Street was postponed and not rearranged. Is there an update regarding the next meeting?*

PK advised that an update will be sent out ASAP regarding this.

### **Question from a resident:**

*I represent Putney Tidy Towpath. Would anyone from Tideway like to take part in a litter pick? Perhaps we could do something to work together.*

PK advised he would speak with her outside of the meeting to discuss the potential opportunities. PK suggested that it may be best for potential joint-litter picks to take place in spring. The resident agreed and said perhaps a potential litter pick around the timing of the Boat Race may be suitable.

## 6. Date of next meeting

JG said Tideway is looking at the next CLWG to take place in early May, however, discussions will take place with Justine Greening MP to confirm.

### **Actions**

- 1: JM to send a link to the presentation, along with the meeting minutes.
- 2: TB to investigate how many days maintenance mode will last for, once the tunnel is operational.