



MEETING NOTES

Subject:	King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore Community Liaison Working Group (CLWG) drop-in
Date and time:	Wednesday 22 January 2020, 6pm-8pm
Location:	Room 217, The Shadwell Centre, 455 The Highway, London, E1W 3HP
Note taker:	Yvette Hewlett, Springboard Marketing

Project staff:

- Dominic Lovelock (DM) - Project Manager, CVB
- Ania Gonzalez - Project Manager, Tideway
- Toby Cuthbert (TC) - Deputy Project Manager, CVB
- Martin Griffiths (MG) - Senior Community Relations Manager, CVB
- Heather Nickson (HN) - Environmental Advisor, CVB
- Jo Kujovic (JK) - Senior Engineer, CVB
- Yvette Hewlett (YH) - Springboard Marketing, External Note Taker

Residents / Organisations:

Three residents and representatives from FTW Residents' Association, Turk's Head Charity and London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Apologies:

One apology was received.

	Item	Action
1.0	Format	
1.1	An informal drop-in session took place from 6pm-8pm, which gave residents the opportunity to pop in and discuss any questions or get an update on the project from the team. Team members from the following areas were available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction - staff were able to talk through progress / upcoming works • Environment - staff were available to talk over any environmental issues • Community Relations - which included employment and apprenticeships 	
1.2	Presentation to be distributed with the meeting notes. Action: 1.	YH

2.0	<p>Questions / Feedback</p> <p>Heather Nickson (HN) advised that a complaint had been received from a resident at Free Trade Wharf. With regards to noise/vibration. Attended noise monitoring is planned. No other noise complaints have been received from Free trade Wharf residents during the ongoing diaphragm wall activity. A resident identified that this could be due to the shape of the Free Trade Wharf building which could focus the noise on an individual flat.</p> <p>Dominic Lovelock (DL) advised that Tideway will be seeking agreement under KEMPF18 of the Development Consent Order in order to work Saturdays during diaphragm wall works. A letter outlining this and a Section 61 (S61) dispensation will be submitted to the Council in the next few days. This will include the request to extend working hours to include Saturday 8am - 6pm, primarily for diaphragm wall excavation. This will ultimately mean the excavation will be open for a shorter period of time and will reduce the risk of any issues occurring with the panels. This extension of working hours will also bring the completion of excavation forward.</p> <p>Once the request to seek agreement under KEMPF18 of the Development Consent Order, the Council has a 21-day determination period. After that, the submission will be available for consultation with residents and notices will be issued / put up, advising of the details.</p> <p>DL added the submission will also include the proposal to limit use of the access road to emergency access or for example when a forklift needs to use it; realistically up to five movements a day.</p> <p>A resident said it seems that park users will not be significantly impacted by the proposed changes, only that there will be work taking place at a time when it was not before. DL confirmed the change in working hours would only affect park users on a Saturday.</p> <p>DL said the motivation for the new proposed Saturday working hours is to reduce the overall programme and for Tideway to be out of the park sooner. It has already been agreed that working on a Saturday until 6pm would have a significant effect on the overall completion date.</p> <p>Bob Bennett (BB) confirmed the final foreshore design planning application is due to be submitted in May, which will include the kiosk.</p> <p>A resident said that following a site visit, she was sent an image of what the kiosk would look like and she was surprised as it was quite large, with six double doors. The resident added there was a 'Chambers Wharf' caption on the image and therefore wanted clarification. DL showed the resident an image of the KEMPF kiosk and advised it will have the same footprint as a single garage.</p> <p>A resident said residents are very anxious about the 'carbuncle' kiosk; will it have a flat roof, will it encourage anti-social behaviour behind it, will people be able to climb up and then gain access into residential areas? BB advised that people will not be able to get behind the kiosk and it will be almost impossible to climb.</p>	
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	<p>DL confirmed there will be a fence to the back of the kiosk, so people will not be able to access it. The kiosk will be part of the planning submission and residents will have 56 days to consult.</p> <p>DL mentioned that although the programme has been delayed and designers have been concentrating on structural items, this does not mean that the consultation periods for the landscaping design will be reduced; there will still be the same amount of time given for resident feedback.</p> <p>BB said that once Tideway finalises the design for the foreshore / landscaping, he will chair a workshop (hopefully in May), which will be a formal sit-down meeting with presentations, including proposed images of the kiosk and ventilation columns etc.</p> <p>A resident said it would be good if, during the presentation, Tideway could point to any changes in the design that have been made as a result of previous community feedback. The resident added that the community has to feel there is some dividend from community engagement, as otherwise it seems like a waste of time. If the people giving the presentation could focus on what they have done differently because of community feedback, people will see the value of community engagement.</p> <p>A resident said there has always been an issue with the masterplan and every time anybody tries to challenge what is in the masterplan, they hit a brick wall.</p> <p>A resident said it would have been nice if the design of the ventilation columns had been a bit more imaginative, ie if the outer coating had been shimmery instead of brown or if plants could grow up them.</p> <p>A resident added that as far as the local community is concerned, the foreshore-end of the park has been hugely compromised by the project and the park is not as it was and it never will be.</p> <p>A resident asked if there was any progress on the artwork. BB advised this will be part of the consultation process.</p> <p>A resident said if somebody senior on the project had focused solely on community engagement, the public art aspect would have been an easy win, as it is nothing to do with the engineering side and will not compromise anything. The resident said Tideway should have let the community drive this initiative. BB added that the artwork initiative was project-wide.</p> <p>AG explained the Tideway Art Strategy around all the Tideway river-facing sites and that a lot of thought and planning went into the strategy and use of local artists in designing the temporary and permanent artwork at the sites.</p> <p>A resident said the artwork aspect was not on the critical list, yet there was a rush to appoint an artist without any community engagement.</p> <p>DL asked the resident what her preferred outcome would be; what can be done differently with regard to BB's workshop in May, as DL wants the opportunity to work with the community and does not want to ignore comments and alienate residents. There will naturally be some suggestions that can be taken on board and others that cannot.</p>	
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2.1	The resident suggested a process whereby a small working group meet up as early as possible, to review one or two areas of the foreshore design where a win is realistic and then put their comments forward at BB's May workshop. DL said he is happy to attend the workshop.	DL
	The resident added that it would be good if the presentation in May could identify where Tideway has recognised the uniqueness of KEMPF with regard to design and has taken on board the residents' comments.	
	A resident said large notices need to be displayed in the park regarding BB's May workshop, making it clear that all views are welcome. DL said he will take this on board. Action: 2.	
	The resident added that presenting to the local ward meeting next month is a possible way to extend the consultation.	
3.0	Date of next meeting	
3.1	Next meeting - date TBC.	

Actions Register:

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Responsibility	Status
22/01/2020	1.2	Action 1: Presentation to be issued with the meeting notes.	YH	Closed - sent out
22/01/2020	2.1	Action 2: DL to display large notices in the park regarding BB's May workshop, making it clear that all views are welcome.	DL	Open

Outstanding Actions from Previous CLWG Meetings

Meeting Date	Action No.	Action	Update	Status
06/02/2019	5	AS / NG to review how Tideway project can assist with marking the next anniversary.	May 2019 - opportunity to mark the park's next birthday acknowledged and ideas to be discussed with resident. July 2019 - Attempts made to contact above resident, Ongoing	Open
06/02/2019	6	BB to enquire within LBTH as to the park plaque's whereabouts.	May 2019 - BB to enquire within LBTH.	Open Post Meeting Note: the whereabouts of the plaques have been confirmed by Keith Woodard
16/05/2018	1	Tideway to liaise with the local council to see if yellow lines could be painted along Peartree Lane, as visitors to the Shadwell Centre and	May 2019 - Tideway / CVB to discuss with LBTH. Peartree Lane is a private Road.	Open

		the Shadwell Basin Outdoor Centre are parking there and driving fast, which is dangerous for elderly residents.		
14/03/2018	1	Tideway to organise a dedicated session with the CLWG group to focus on foreshore design.	May 2019 - Submission to be made in late 2019. Session to be organised when the foreshore design details are available.	Open – provisionally now in May 2020
14/03/2018	5	Tideway to confirm in advance which tree species are planned for planting in the Park.	Further information will be provided when available at a future CLWG. July 2019 decision will be made when the precise layout of the landscaping plans are known	Open
25/01/2018	10	JA would like to see draft proposals ASAP for both the kiosk and foreshore design. And a copy of the architect's brief, in relation to the foreshore design.	May 2019 - Tideway will submit an application for the foreshore design in late 2019. Issue to remain on the agenda for future meetings.	Open – see action 1 above
05/06/2017	19	Tideway to arrange for the permanent artwork artist to attend a future CLWG and provide an update.	14 March 2018 - MW requested the artist comes back to a future CLWG meeting with reworked ideas to show he has taken on board ideas from the community.	Open
31/01/2017	17	AB to investigate if lighting can be installed across the new park as well as solar panels to light up the tennis courts	14 March 2018 - AB advised this is something that will be picked up in the detailed design.	Open

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