

MEETING MINUTES

Subject:	Deptford Church Street and Greenwich Pumping Station Community Liaison Working Group	
Date and time:	Wednesday 6 April 2022, 6:00pm – 8:30pm	
Location:	Virtual – via Microsoft Teams	
Chair:	Allen Summerskill	
Notes:	Emily Black	

Agenda

Topic	Lead			
Welcome, introductions and overall project overview	Allen Summerskill			
Deptford Church Street Planning submission presentation and questions Construction update Noise and air quality Residents joining for second part of meeting at 7.15pm				
 Greenwich Pumping Station Welcome Construction update – Greenwich Pumping Station Noise and air quality – Greenwich Pumping Station Community relations Mitigation 	Allen Summerskill Rob Margariti-Smith Anna Fish Rebecca Oyibo Emily Black			
Any other business	All			

Tideway Team

- Allen Summerskill, Stakeholder and Consents Manager (Chair) (AS)
- Anil Dhillon, Project Manager Deptford Church Street (AD)
- Anna Fish, Environmental Advisor (AF)
- Annie Lennox, Architecture and Landscape (AL)
- Audric Rivaud, Site Manager Deptford Church Street (AR)
- Bridget Sawyers, Public Art Consultant (BS)
- Emily Black, Engagement Manager (EB)
- Joe Selwood, Consents Manager (JS)
- Megan Bergh, Consents Manager (MB)
- Massouda Raach, Design Architecture & Landscape Manager (MR)
- Rebecca Oyibo, Community Relations Officer (RO)
- Robert Margariti-Smith, Greenwich Connection Tunnel Manager (RS)

Thames Water

Demi Dean – Communications and Stakeholder Manager (DD)

Residents referred to by initial and listed by section of the meeting they attended:

Deptford Church Street

- AL (attended full meeting)
- ΚP
- JΡ
- SS

Greenwich Pumping Station

- AL (attended full meeting)
- COM
- LP
- NS
- MA
- MD

	Item		
1	Welcome - Deptford Church Street		
	AS welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were received from Mehboob Khan who regularly chairs this meeting.		
	Four residents attended this part of the meeting - referred to by initial. • AL • KP		
	• JP • SS		
	AS ran through the agenda for the meeting.		
2	Deptford Church Street - Planning submission presentation and questions		
	Tideway (JS) presented a summary of the draft planning submission that has been submitted to the London Borough of Lewisham (see presentation).		
	This included:		

This included:

- An overview of the submission
- The site context and constraints
- The elements that are available for approval size, visual appearance, materials
- How the submission fits into the wider London Borough of Lewisham area masterplan
- The above ground permanent structures
- Landscape, planting and furniture
- Play area
- Artwork proposals

This is a two-stage process, Tideway have submitted a draft and will submit a final planning submission afterwards.

The draft was submitted on the 31 March 2022 and the draft period ceases on the 29 April 2022.

Comments should be sent to Lewisham Council, rather than Tideway. To comment:

- visit the London Borough of Lewisham website
- navigate to the 'Find and comment on planning applications' page
- search using the application reference: DC/22/126198

The following questions and comments were received regarding the proposals:

Resident questions and Tideway responses

Q. How does this submission work in relation to the wider Lewisham Council masterplan?

Response. The team have met regularly with Lewisham officers. The Tideway Plans have been developed alongside the wider LB Lewisham masterplan, so once the two schemes are delivered they should complement each other. The current Tideway submission covers the area of land used by the construction site, namely the triangular piece of land bounded by Crossfield St, Coffey St and Deptford Church St.

Any improvements to the surrounding area, including the Crossfield St and Coffey St carriageways, the vehicle turning circle and grassed area outside St Joseph RC Primary school and the access to Deptford High Street will be covered by the subsequent LB Lewisham masterplan.

Q. Who are the architects / designers of the scheme?

Response. Weston Williamson + Partners with Mott MacDonald are the team delivering the Tideway element.

Q. Was anyone from Lewisham Council invited to attend the meeting?

Response. Yes, two officers were invited to attend from Lewisham Council but they were unable to attend.

Q. Are these plans part of the £1.5 million Section 106 agreement?

Response. No - the plans presented today for the reinstatement of the triangular area of land are funded separately from the Tideway Section 106 funded masterplan works.

- **Q.** Regarding the play area questions were raised about:
 - the orientation of the metal slide (south facing)
 - lack of fencing around the play area
 - the audience of the play area who is it for?

Response

The plans have been through a risk assessment process as part of the design development process. The slide is north-west facing to reduce solar impact.

A fence was not requested/wanted by Lewisham Council.

The play space area was developed following engagement with the children at St Joseph's school.

Q. Who is responsible for maintaining and irrigating the area?

Response. Thames Water are required to maintain the site in the long term. Thames Water can delegate responsibility for maintenance to a third party e.g. to

the local authority, if both parties agree. Discussions about this are currently ongoing.

Q. Can there be more opportunities for shade?

Response. The team have looked to maximise trees and shade where possible within the constraints of the site due to the significant below ground infrastructure. The proposals represent a balance between providing suitable shade and providing an open inviting area to minimise anti-social behaviour.

Q. Are there bins or dog foul bins included in the proposals?

Response. There are three general waste bins proposed, no specific dog foul bins have been proposed but bagged dog waste can be placed in general bins, which is normal practice.

Q. Is there any secure cycle parking included?

Response. No

Q. What are the lighting plans for the area.

Response. Apart from uplighting on the bespoke ventilation columns, there is no lighting planned on the site for biodiversity reasons. The surrounding streets do have street lighting on them though.

Q. Is the road closure part of Tideway's plans.

Response. No, Crossfield Street is included on the wider Lewisham Council masterplan. Tideway understands that it is still Lewisham Council's intention to implement it as part of their masterplan works.

Further concerns were raised by a resident regarding the levels of traffic around the site and the location of artwork near roadsides.

Residents are encouraged to respond formally to Lewisham Council on the draft proposals.

3 Construction update – Deptford Church Street

AR presented the latest construction update and upcoming programme for the Deptford Church Street site. We are expecting to finish construction on the site in 2024.

Air Treatment Chamber (Phase 1)

- Sheet piles installation complete
- Excavation complete
- Slab construction started
- Upcoming: continue with slab/walls/roof

Shaft

- Vortex generator complete
- Walkways on-going
- Shaft bottom works restarted
- Upcoming: removal of backfill from the shaft

Culvert

• Base slab, walls and roof now complete

Upcoming: safety stack chimney and backfill

Combined Sewer Overflow Phase 1: Interception Chamber

- Internal structures complete
- Upcoming: testing of mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, control and automation (MEICA) equipment

Combined Sewer Overflow Phase 2: Sewer connection

- Demolition of roof and eastern wall of sewer complete
- Installation of temporary flume complete
- Demolition of Western sewer wall and opening to CSO phase1 started
- Upcoming: demolition completion, flume hanging and connection to CSO phase1

4 Noise and air quality - Deptford Church Street

AF presented the latest air quality and noise monitoring figures.

There have been no exceedances in the period July 2021 to March 2022.

It was noted that site plant and machinery run on hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) fuel and we are undertaking an anti-idling campaign to limit air quality impacts.

The team have also been undertaking a low carbon concrete trial.

5 Welcome – Greenwich Pumping Station

AS welcomed residents attending for the second half of the meeting and thanked those that had attended the first half of the meeting.

Introductions were made.

Six residents attended this part of the meeting - referred to by initial.

- AL
- COM
- LP
- NS
- MA
- MD

AS ran through the agenda for the remainder of the meeting.

6 Construction update – Greenwich Pumping Station

RS provided an update on the construction progress and upcoming programme for our Greenwich Pumping Station (see presentation).

Highlights include

Main Site & Shaft

 Greenwich connection tunnel drive to Chambers Wharf in Bermondsey completed on April 5th, 2022

Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO)

- Demolition of 120 year old brickwork live sewer while maintaining flow into a temporary flume installed last year
- Suspension of live sewer
- Completion of excavation

Start of base slab

East Beam Engine House

- Remove historical slab & completion of backfilling of historical ground
- Pouring of a permanent spanned reinforced concrete slab 50% done (2 bays out of 4)

Upcoming activities include:

Tunnelling

- Tunnel strip out and first clean
- Slurry treatment plant strip down and demobilisation, remove civils elements
- Preparation to secondary line the tunnel in concrete, shutter delivery and launch

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)

- Construct base slab
- Remove temporary props
- Finish permanent concrete portal between CSO (permanent work) and existing penstock chamber (120 years old)
- Construct permanent lining walls

East Beam Engine House

- Excavation of MEICA* pit in Northeast corner (~3.5m deep)
- Installation of MEICA air duct & backfill
- Complete pouring of new permanent spanned slab

*Mechanical, Electrical, Instrumentation, Control and Automation – the mechanics that will finally operate Tideway

Norman Road

 will continue to be closed until 22 September 2022 to facilitate activities and ensure safety.

Tideway are awaiting the Royal Borough of Greenwich's decision on the final planning submission for the architecture and landscape elements of the scheme. RS showed an image of what the site is proposed to look like.

7 Noise and air quality – Greenwich Pumping Station

AF presented the latest air quality and noise monitoring figures.

In the period July 2021 to March 2022 there have been the following exceedances:

- July 2021 1 x exceedance due to demolition works overrunning into extended hours on a Saturday after 1pm
- Aug 2021 2 x exceedances due to a pipe being disconnected at Phoenix Wharf.

All exceedances were reported to the local authority.

It was noted that site plant and machinery run on hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) fuel and we are undertaking an anti-idling campaign to limit air quality impacts.

Barge movements - More by River:

 Initial target was for approximately 25% excavated material to be removed by barge, up to 24 March we have achieved 40.5% This has avoided 6,860 lorries from the local roads, reducing noise and air quality impacts and reducing congestion

8 Questions and comments from residents

Resident question/comments and Tideway response

Comment

A resident congratulated the team on Annie's break through at Chambers Wharf and the impressive More by River barge statistics.

Q. What shape were the old sewers in?

Response. Overall in good shape, a brick-built sewer cased in 1m of concrete. Internal quality was phenomenal.

Q. Will the Norman Road closure be required for secondary lining activities and go past the 22 September 2022 date.

Response. No, we plan to reopen the road by the 22 September 2022. Most of the concrete needed for tunnel secondary lining will be batched at Chambers Wharf in Bermondsey and will arrive by underground locomotives to the Greenwich Connection Tunnel. Only the first few cycles with the shutters to facilitate the launch will be made with concrete supplied by truck to Greenwich.

Q. What is the timescale for the end of muck-away activities/spoil removal.

Response. From this weekend we no longer expect muck-away or spoil removal activities.

We will then begin deconstructing Phoenix Wharf. Plant dismantling will continue until November 2022 and there is also some marine work that needs to take place.

Q. Who is the developer/landowner of Phoenix Wharf? What is happening to Phoenix Wharf once Tideway leaves?

Team present were not aware of a planning application for the site.

Post meeting note: Part of the site is owned by Network Rail (with various tenants and leases), and the larger area is owned by The Halliard Property Company Limited.

Q. Will the rocks in the river by the bridge be removed?

Creekside Discovery Centre have concerns regarding the level of silting up taking place on both sides of the bridge.

Response. JS is currently discussing options with stakeholders.

ACTION. JS to contact AL at Creekside Discovery Centre regarding concerns about silting in the river and scour protection.

Comment. MD thanked Thames Water / CVB / Tideway for exploring support options for a heritage signage trail.

MD noted that it would be good if there was a way to identify the different heritage buildings. MD will speak to Greenwich planning team.

Response. AS noted that this could be included on the signage board.

Q. The methodology for monitoring noise data was queried.

It was noted that by looking at averages across a period of time it doesn't reflect the experiences of residents.

Response Tideway uses the industry standard for monitoring noise, and this methodology is compliant with British Standards. It is acknowledged that this methodology does include taking averages across a cumulative period.

Comment. A resident raised a complaint regarding the Independent Compensation Panel process and a staff member involved in the process. Resident has now contacted the Independent Compensation Panel directly.

ACTION. AS to call resident to discuss ICP experience regarding mitigation.

9 Community relations

RO provided a summary of some of the community relations initiatives that have been undertaken recently including:

- British Science Week a group of 32 five- and six-year olds visited Tideway's officers to learn about the super sewer.
- Illuminate Rotherhithe Tideway's community investment programme helped fund this year's festival which included nearly 50 free lantern making workshops to local schools, clubs, churches, nature reserves, city farms, community centres and the lantern procession
- River Times Spring 2022 magazine edition has been distributed to properties within 250m of Tideway sites.

10 Mitigation and contacting Tideway

EB reminded residents of the mitigation process available if you feel affected by Tideway's work.

Independent Compensation Panel

You can download the claim form from the Tideway website: here

For personal assistance contact our Helpdesk: 08000 30 80 80 or helpdesk@tideway.london

The Heldesk can submit your claim to the Independent Compensation Panel (ICP) on your behalf, or you can submit your claim direct to the ICP: admin@tidewayicp.london

For independent advice contact Independent Advisory Service (IAS) Helpline: 0800 917 8845 or info@tidewayias.co.uk

11 AS thanked all residents and staff for attending the meeting.

Consolidated actions from today's and previous meetings:

Meeting Date	Site	Action	Lead	Status
6 April 2022	Greenwich Pumping Station	JS to contact AL at Creekside Discovery Centre regarding concerns about silting in the river and scour protection.	Joe Selwood	Closed – JS arranged meeting with Creekside Discover Centre
6 April 2022	Greenwich Pumping Station	AS to call resident to discuss ICP experience regarding noise complaints.	Allen Summerskill	Closed – AS called resident
12 Oct 2021	Greenwich	CVB to coordinate a meeting between MD/LD/Greenwich Cyclists to hold a more detailed discussion on their comments regarding Cycle Quietway 1. It was noted that the cycleway does not form part of the current submission.	CVB	Closed via email to resident and meetings
12 Oct 2021	Greenwich / Deptford	Tideway to include Creek Link Heritage Trail Project in future engagement activities.	Tideway / CVB	Closed
12 Oct 2021	Greenwich	Tideway and Thames Water to provide response to MD's email.	Tideway / CVB / Thames Water	Closed with meeting with resident
12 Oct 2021	Greenwich	Tideway team to notify residents / CLWG members of the final Greenwich planning submission	Tideway	Closed
13 July 2021	Deptford	The Development Officer at London Borough of Lewisham is keen to join up with employment initiatives. CVB to follow up with Sarah Lang at Lewisham regarding employment initiatives.	CVB	Open