



## MEETING NOTES

<b>Subject:</b>	King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore drop-in session
<b>Date and time:</b>	Monday 14 November 2022, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Room G1, Shadwell Centre

<b>Tideway</b>	<b>London Borough of Tower Hamlets</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ania Gonzalez, Project Manager</li> <li>Emily Black, Engagement Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bob Bennett</li> </ul>
<b>CVB (Main Works Contractor)</b>	<b>Residents</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BaDan Nguyen, Project Manager</li> <li>Martin Griffiths, Senior Community Relations Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 residents attended</li> </ul>

Questions raised by residents grouped into themes:

Theme	Question	Response
Construction timetable	When is the construction work at the Tideway site expected to end?	Current programme shows construction will complete in late 2024.
	When will the super sewer be operational?	Tideway aims to have the super sewer operational in 2025 following a period of testing and commissioning of the entire system.
	When will the kiosk be constructed?	The programme for kiosk construction is from Quarter 4 2022 to Quarter 1 2024 (when we install the brown roof).  The kiosk is a building that will house the electrical and mechanical equipment required to operate the super sewer.
	When is the cofferdam removal taking place?	The programme for cofferdam removal is Quarter 3 2023 to end of Quarter 2 2024.  The cofferdam is the temporary dry working area that we built into the river so that we can construct the sewer infrastructure.
	Has the programme changed since last meeting?	No, the last presentation in June 2022 showed site demobilisation in Q3 2024 – current programme still shows site demobilisation as Q3 2024.

Thames Path diversion	When are you diverting the Thames Path?	<p>Tideway are diverting the Thames Path from January 2023 to September 2024. It is already diverted due to an unsafe footpath that is unrelated to Tideway's works.</p> <p><b>Post meeting note</b> – diversion dates have been brought forward to 28 November 2022 to August 2024.</p>
	Why are you diverting the Thames Path?	<p>This diversion needs to take place so that Tideway can safely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build the infrastructure required to connect the existing Victorian sewer system into the new super sewer</li> <li>- Build an electrical and mechanical kiosk that will house the technology required to make the system work</li> <li>- Remove three trees by the south-eastern park gate (replacement trees are planted within the borough as part of our commitment to plant two trees for every one removed during construction)</li> <li>- Create the permanent landscape and architectural features for the new foreshore site</li> </ul>
	Will there be signage in place?	Yes, there will be signage to notify footpath users of the diversion.
	Can you reopen it sooner?	<p>We expect to reopen the footpath in September 2024, if the work completes earlier we may be able to open sooner but at this stage we cannot commit to do so.</p> <p><b>Post meeting note:</b> we expect to reopen the footpath in August 2024 following a change to the start date of the diversion.</p>
	Why is it currently closed?	It is currently diverted due to an unsafe footpath. This is unrelated to Tideway's works.
	How does current Thames Path diversion tie in with Tideway planned diversion?	<p>We are working with the Free Trade Wharf team to align our programmes to avoid unnecessary changes to the diversion path. It was noted that Tideway's tree removal works are planned for the end of November.</p> <p><b>Post meeting note:</b> Tideway have brought forward their diversion to start on the 28 November 2022.</p>
Pier / jetties by Free Trade Wharf	Can Tideway do the jetty removal works?	The removal of the jetty to the east of the Tideway site is not part of Tideway's work. The removal of these structures is being coordinated by Free Trade Wharf.

	Could Tideway do more work to the east of the Park?	No, Tideway do not have permission to undertake further work to the east of the Park. This area is outside of the limits of our Development Consent Order.  Any changes to this area would be a matter for the relevant landowners.
Kiosk area construction	What is currently taking place by the Thames Path closure?	Tideway has closed a small section of the park in the south-east corner. We have dug trial-holes and have been removing some of the vegetation ahead of the construction of the electrical and mechanical kiosk.
	When will the trees be removed?	The trees will be pruned in late November and the three trees removed by the end of this year.
	Has anything been found in the area where the trial holes are?	Yes, we have found a concrete slab and some UKPN cables which are being investigated.
	What is the kiosk for?	It is a structure that houses the electrical and mechanical equipment required to operate the sewer systems.
	What is being done for resident concerns regarding security?	The Tideway team are working with Free Trade Wharf to understand their requirements for CCTV for the ground floor apartments as committed to during the planning review with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to address security concerns.
Tower Hamlets Council park masterplan and summer consultation	What is happening with the rest of the park?	The London Borough of Tower Hamlets recently consulted on plans for the rest of the park including the area where the Tideway construction site and offices are located.
	Will there be a tea-room as part of the plans?	We understand that this was part of the consultation London Borough of Tower Hamlets undertook in the summer as part of their masterplan plans.  Bob Bennett talked with residents about the Masterplan concept design.
	What will happen to the area that is currently the site offices?	This land will be returned to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
Tideway benefits	How much sewage will be diverted into the new super sewer?	The new sewer, from Acton in west London to Stratford in east London, is designed to capture more than 95 per cent of the sewage spills that currently enter the river from London's Victorian sewer system along this route.