



MEETING NOTES

Subject:	Earl Pumping Station Community Liaison Working Group
Date and time:	22nd February 2023, 6pm - 7pm
Location:	Tideway's site offices, Earl Pumping Station
Notes:	Emily Black

Agenda items

Item	Topic	Lead
1	Welcome and introductions	All
2	Updates from project team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction update and future programme • Environment • Mitigation • Community Engagement • Architecture and Landscaping 	Tideway and CVB
3	Galliford Try - Thames Water's works update	Hugh Lavery, Galliford Try
4	Any other business	All

Attendees

Fifteen people attended the meeting, including four members of the public.

Tideway and CVB

- Emily Black (EB), Engagement Manager, Tideway
- Brooke Knight (BK), Project Manager, Tideway
- Guillaume Borel (GB), Earl Project Manager, CVB
- Matthew Gardiner (MGa), Environmental Advisor, CVB
- Martin Griffiths (MGr), Senior Community Relations Manager, CVB

Thames Water

- Demi Dean (DD), Communications & Stakeholder Manager, Tideway

Galliford Try

- Hugh Lavery (HL)
- Kaye Hargan (KH)
- Amber Nixon (AN)

Residents - four residents attended referred to by initial.

- JSJ
- MM
- PJ
- RCJ

Two researchers from Imperial University also attended the meeting:

- Dr Francesco Di Maddaloni (FDM)
- Luigi Mosca (LM)

	Item
1.0	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>GB welcomed all attendees and introductions were made.</p> <p>GB invited residents to view the site from our upstairs meeting room after the meeting.</p> <p>EB provided an overview of the project.</p>
2.0	<p>Updates from the project team</p>
2.1	<p>Construction update</p> <p>EB provided an overview of the project overall. Tideway is currently over 85% complete across the wider project. The tunnel runs 25km from Acton to Abbey Mills in Stratford, where it will join into the existing Lee Tunnel. Sewage will be transferred to Beckton Sewage Treatment works where it will be treated. We are currently planning for the sewer to be operational in 2025.</p> <p>GB provided an update on the latest construction progress (see presentation here - https://www.tideway.london/media/6102/earps-clwg-presentation-feb-23-final.pdf)</p> <p>At Earl Pumping Station in the last six months the team have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in the Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO). Activities include installing horizontal propping, demolishing the existing sewer, excavating, grouting, and adding props, undertaking concrete works. • Working in the 50m deep drop shaft that connects to the 5m internal diameter tunnel from Greenwich, to remove tunnel segments and services. • Working in the existing Thames Water building on completing enabling works in the control room. <p>The upcoming activities on site include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to complete the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) • Secondary lining work in the tunnel between Greenwich and Bermondsey. This is where we add a second layer of concrete to the inside of the tunnel. • Constructing structures at the bottom of the shaft to direct the flows of sewage. <p>A programme for the next 9 months of work and a programme for the remainder of the works was included the presentation (slides 7 and 8).</p> <p><u>Question</u> - When will the Croft Street be reopened? Why is it still closed? <u>Response</u> - For safety reasons we need to keep the road closed as the site is very small and congested inside the boundary. Croft Street will remain closed until August 2024.</p>

	<p><u>Question</u> - Motorbikes use areas that they are not permitted to use including footways. Can you do anything about it? Resident suggested maybe a gate/barrier could be installed.</p> <p><u>Response/Action</u> - CVB to review CCTV for motorbikes using Croft Street footpath and liaise with relevant local authority on findings to see if situation can be improved.</p> <p><u>Question</u> - Residents noted safety concerns for pedestrians crossing the street and sightlines being impacted by hoardings.</p> <p><u>Response / Action</u> - CVB to review traffic signage around site (especially around the Croft Street / Yeoman Street hoardings).</p> <p><u>Question</u> - The lighting levels are too low next to the hoarding, can you review?</p> <p><u>Response / Action</u> - CVB to review lighting around perimeter of site to ensure it is safe for pedestrians walking (without causing a nuisance for nearby properties).</p>
2.2	<p>Environment Team's update</p> <p>MGa presented slides on ongoing noise and air quality monitoring.</p> <p>There have been zero air quality exceedances recorded in the period from October 2022 to date.</p> <p>MGa explained that the below methods are being used to reduce noise on site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning construction methods with noise impacts as a key consideration (Section 61 consent) • Monitoring noise across site to identify exceptional noise sources • Acoustic screening for static machinery, where possible • Localised screening of louder activities (concrete breaking, floor sawing etc.) where possible • Sourcing / developing low noise plant & equipment, where possible • Shutting down plant and equipment when not in use • Offsite fabrication of construction elements, where possible • Using mains electricity to power equipment, where practicable • Alternative concrete cutting techniques used to reduce noise when breaking concrete <p>MGa explained while the team is excavating, odour from ground conditions may become more noticeable. To minimise this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odorous excavated material is covered and removed from the site as soon as possible • Site personnel are trained to identify and deal effectively with odour sources • We also have a misting system, to de-odourise or mask odour when necessary • Focused boundary monitoring for odorous materials of primary concern <p>MGa noted that there would be some tree pruning taking place on Croft Street. Only new growth will be pruned. Pruning is necessary to ensure access to our works area for cranes and for our security camera sightlines.</p>

2.3	<p>Mitigation and contacting Tideway</p> <p>EB reminded residents of the mitigation process available if you feel affected by Tideway's work.</p> <p>Independent Compensation Panel</p> <p>You can download the claim form from the Tideway website: here</p> <p>For personal assistance contact our Helpdesk: 08000 30 80 80 or helpdesk@tideway.london</p> <p>The Helpdesk 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</p> <p>For independent advice contact Independent Advisory Service (IAS) Helpline: 0800 917 8845 or info@tidewayias.co.uk</p>
2.4	<p>Legacy and Community Investment</p> <p>MGr noted that the team have been community with their activities out in the community. Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting National Apprentice Week by volunteering at London Design and Engineering University Technical College • Hosting secondary school students at our site offices in Bermondsey • Volunteering with community garden projects • Fundraising • Present donation for local charity Time and Talents • Supporting London Youth Rowing <p><u>Question</u> - Does the team volunteer or support the Rose Court Care Home? <u>Response / Action</u> - They have not approached us but if the centre wants to get in touch with Tideway then we can see if there are any opportunities for volunteering.</p>

2.5	<p>Architecture and Landscaping submission</p> <p>GB informed the meeting of the current Architecture and Landscape submission that has been submitted to the local authority on 3 January.</p> <p><u>Question</u> - How can residents give comments on the architecture and landscape plans?</p> <p><u>Response</u> - Comments need to be submitted via Lewisham Council's planning webpage. The application, reference DC/23/129820, is available on their planning page: https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/. Lewisham Council will decide on this application by the end of February.</p> <p><u>Post meeting note</u>: The Architecture and Landscape application was approved apart from the EARPS9 element (drainage) which will be submitted shortly.</p> <p><u>Question</u> - Will it be greener?</p> <p><u>Response</u> - Following comments received on the draft application last year, more low-level planting was added to the planning submission along Croft Street.</p> <p><u>Question</u> - What is happening to the trees around the site?</p> <p><u>Response</u> - The trees have been kept but we will be undertaking some pruning shortly.</p> <p><u>Question</u> - What will happen with any surplus land?</p> <p><u>Post meeting note by Thames Water</u> - The land adjacent to Earl Pumping Station was purchased by Thames Water in mid-2020, at the moment no plans have been determined on what will happen with the land after the project is complete. However, discussions on future plans for the land that is owned by Thames Water are being had. The current focus is delivering the super sewer on time and within budget. Once post-completion plans become final for sites across the project (and to the extent that they are no longer required by Thames Water and Tideway), Thames Water expects some community/stakeholder consultation and/or engagement will be made.</p>
3	<p>Galliford Try update</p> <p>HL presented slides on the works being undertaken by Galliford Try for Thames Water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These works will be within the pumping station building but there will be some vehicles / traffic management outside of the site. • The work involves upgrades to bring the equipment up to modern standards. • The current programme is for the work to take 14-16 months. • The site offices are in Quinton Court on Plough Way.
4	<p>Any other business?</p> <p>GB offered residents that were interested a view of the site from one of the meeting rooms upstairs. Most residents took the opportunity to have a look at the site.</p> <p>GB closed the meeting and thanked residents and officers for attending.</p>

