



MEETING NOTES

Subject:	Earl Pumping Station - Community Liaison Working Group
Date and time:	27 February 2024, 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 • Community Engagement • Mitigation 	Tideway and CVB
3	Any other business	All

Attendees

Ten people attended the meeting, including three members of the public.

Tideway and CVB

- Emily Black (EB), Engagement Manager, Tideway
- James McMahon (JM), Project Manager, Tideway
- Almas Birdi (AB), Senior Environmental Advisor, CVB
- James Hatrick-Smith (JHS), Earl Project Manager, CVB
- Martin Griffiths (MG), Senior Community Relations Manager, CVB

Thames Water

- Demi Dean (DD), Communications & Stakeholder Manager, Thames Water
- Geraldine Ardley (GA), Customer Liaison, Thames Water

Residents - three residents attended referred to by initial.

- AG
- MM
- PJ

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1.0	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>JHS welcomed all attendees and introductions were made.</p>
2.0	<p>Updates from the project team</p>
2.1	<p>Construction update</p> <p>JHS provided an overview of the project overall. Tideway is currently over 90% 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 will start testing the sewer later this year and we are currently planning for the sewer to be operational in 2025.</p> <p>Architecture and landscaping work is progressing across many of the western and central sites. Tideway has opened the new public realm area at the site next to Putney Bridge.</p> <p>JHS provided an update on the latest construction progress at Tideway's Earl Pumping Station site. The slides from the session are available here – https://www.tideway.london/media/6721/earl-clwg-feb-24-website.pdf</p> <p>Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The concrete works are complete in the CSO culvert - In the central and north sections, the concrete works are complete to ground level - The temporary propping has been removed - In the Air Treatment Unit (ATU) the concrete works are complete and the mechanical and electrical work has started - We have also installed the mechanical gates <p>Combined Sewer Overflow upcoming works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completing the civil works - Undertaking the mechanical and electrical works for the Air Treatment Unit and the Combined Sewer Overflow <p>Shaft progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The portals and internal walls have been completed - The team has installed the vortex which will help to take excess energy out of the sewage flows - The walkway installation, around the vortex, has begun - The shaft topping slab work has recently begun – last week four large beams have been craned into position and two of the secondary beams have also been installed on top of the shaft. <p>Shaft upcoming works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completing the walkway around the vortex - Installing the precast slabs that form the lid of the shaft. These will be delivered to site by road over the next few weeks. - Installing the ventilation structures and mechanical and electrical equipment onto the shaft cover slab <p>Progress inside the existing Thames Water Pumping Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refurbishment of the room that will hold the mechanical and electrical equipment - Modification of the existing floor for drain-down pumps has started

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ground remediation works are also complete <p>Upcoming works inside the existing Thames Water Pumping Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mechanical and electrical equipment installation - Drain down pump works <p>Landscaping and architecture upcoming works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cladding installation around the shaft - Brown roof planting - Foundations for fences - Paving, planting and brick work <p>A programme for the remainder of the works was included in the presentation (slide 12).</p>
2.2	<p>Environment Team's update</p> <p>AB presented slides on ongoing noise and air quality monitoring.</p> <p>There have been zero air quality exceedances recorded in the period from February 2023 to date.</p> <p>AB 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>AB noted that there may be some tree pruning taking place on Croft Street. If this is required 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>Legacy and Community Investment</p> <p>MG noted activities out in the community. Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting London Youth Rowing & Thames 21 throughout the project • Supporting London Design and Engineering University Technical College students • Work experience and apprentices • Reading programmes with children • Volunteering with community garden projects • Fundraising for staff-selected charities

2.4	<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>
2.5	<p>Questions received throughout meeting.</p> <p><u>Question</u> – When are four cranes going? <u>Response</u> – The first crane has already been moved off site last week, the rest will be going one at a time between now and early 2024.</p> <p><u>Question</u> – What is a brown roof? <u>Response</u> – similar to a green roof with planting on top of a structure, but they are self-seeding and require less watering and maintenance than a green roof.</p> <p><u>Question</u> – will the area be accessible to the public, will there be a park on top of the infrastructure? <u>Response</u> – There is no public access to the Pumping Station area once we have finished construction. The closest Tideway site that will have an area of public realm site is at Deptford Church Street. On the River Thames there will be some sites with publicly accessible land for example at Blackfriars, Victoria Embankment.</p> <p><u>Question</u> – what are the working hours on Saturdays? <u>Response</u> – Our normal working hours on a Saturday are from 8am to 1pm, during extended hours we may work until 5pm for certain activities. Consent for our working hours is agreed with relevant local authorities.</p> <p><u>Question</u> - What will be done with the empty area of the site once construction is complete? <u>Response</u> – The Pumping Station will continue to be operated by Thames Water. The land adjacent to Earl Pumping Station was purchased by Thames Water in mid-2020. The land will be handed back to Thames Water by CVB/Tideway when construction is complete. No decisions have been determined on the future use of the land.</p> <p><u>Question</u> – How long is the sewer designed to last for? <u>Response</u> – The design life of the sewer is 120 years.</p> <p><u>Question</u> – When will you finish on this site?</p>

	<p><u>Response</u> – Our current programme is showing us finishing at Earl Pumping Station in February 2025. Overall, we hope to start testing the sewer later this year, although we are weather dependent. We need a dry period first to start the testing process then periods of rain. We hope to have the sewer fully operational in 2025.</p> <p><u>Question</u> - Can the site lighting at night be minimised at all? Once construction has finished can the lighting also be minimised.</p> <p><u>Response/Action</u> – Thames Water colleagues have asked what operational lighting will be required once Tideway has finished work. Team to respond to the resident.</p> <p><u>Question</u> - How did you advertise the meeting?</p> <p><u>Response</u> - By email via our mailing list, details were also included in our most recent information sheet that was delivered to properties around the site via a letter drop</p>
3	<p>Any other business?</p> <p>One resident noted that the Tideway’s videos on the website were helpful when they were looking to move into the area.</p> <p>MG closed the meeting and thanked residents for attending.</p> <p>The next meeting will likely be in November 2024. Residents noted that this starting time for a meeting worked for them.</p>