



MEETING MINUTES

Subject:	Putney Embankment Foreshore and Barn Elms Community Working Group (CWG)
Date and time:	Thursday 11 October 2018, 7-9 pm
Location:	The Star and Garter, Putney Embankment, London, SW15 1JN
Minute taker:	John Mealey, Administrative Support, Tideway
Chair:	Justine Greening MP

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Attendees

Project staff:

- Jonathan Harris (JH), Stakeholder and Consents Manager, Tideway
- Patrick Kelly (PK), Community Relations Manager, Tideway (BMB)
- Chris North (CN), Section Manager – Barn Elms, Tideway (BMB)
- David Miles (DM), Project Manager – Putney Embankment Foreshore, Tideway
- Tom Brown (TB), Sub-Agent – Putney Embankment Foreshore, Tideway (BMB)
- Louise Davis (LD), Mitigation and Compensation Lead, Tideway
- Andeep Gehlot (AG), Communications Lead (West), Tideway
- John Mealey (JM), Administrative Support, Tideway

18 other attendees including residents and organisations from PutneySW15.com / Putney Tidy Towpath, Putney Society, Kings College London, Thames Regional Rowing Council and Wandsworth Borough Council.

1. Welcome

Justine Greening MP (JG) welcomed all attendees to the Community Liaison Working Group (CLWG) and explained the purpose of the meeting.

JG said the CLWG is a forum to raise concerns and sort out issues relating to Tideway's Putney Embankment Foreshore and Barn Elms sites. JG also said the CLWG gives Tideway an opportunity to brief the community on what work will take place over the coming months.

2. Tideway works overview – Barn Elms

Chris North (CN), Section Manager, provided a Barn Elms site update.

Action 1: JM to send a link to the presentation, along with the meeting minutes.

A time-lapse video was initially played to show the work across the project that has taken place over the last month, however due to sound issues, the video was stopped.

Action 2: Tideway to include the time-lapse video in the presentation when distributed.

CN provided a general overview of the site and reminded attendees of the different areas where work is taking place.

CN provided a Sports Centre Changing Rooms and Gym update. Since the last meeting, the completed works include:

- Cladding on the outer frame
- Installation of canopy roof panels
- Brickwork and cladding
- Underfloor heating in the changing rooms
- Screeding of the flooring
- Internal drainage

CN advised of the current works in progress at the Sports Centre Changing Rooms and Gym. These include:

- External services
- Internal partitions and insulations
- Electrical and plumbing works
- Ventilation
- External wall facades

CN also advised of the upcoming works at the Sports Centre Changing Rooms and Gym. These include:

- Stairs, windows and doors
- Floor finishes
- Decoration
- Testing and commissioning
- Demolition of existing building – number 2
- External works – hard and soft landscaping

CN said the intention is to demolish the old building and finish landscaping works in the area, once testing and commissioning has been completed.

CN advised of the other work taking place on the CSO worksite. This includes:

- Hoarding modifications for access from current site compound
- Establishment of the site perimeter security fencing
- Vegetation clearance

CN also said other works are also taking place on the sewer interception. These works consist of shaft and flow, as well as interception of the sewer itself and several isolation chambers.

CN advised of upcoming work at the CSO worksite. This includes:

- CSO lining works
- Access road construction

- CSO site compound security hoarding
- Working mat construction
- 'Silent' sheet piling

CN advised of the predicted HGV movements at the Barn Elms site from October to December. The monthly daily average is seven movements in October, 13 in November and 11 in December.

CN explained Tideway is spreading out its activities sufficiently to ensure there is not an influx of vehicle movements. CN also said vehicle modelling has been carried out to ensure the project does not adversely impact the road.

CN provided a timeline of works update (information included in the presentation).

Question from a resident:

Earlier in the meeting, CN said the construction of the changing room will be finished early in the New Year, however, the timeline slide in the presentation says it will be finished in Quarter 3. Which is correct?

CN explained the soft landscaping will be completed in Quarter 3 but this also includes decommissioning etc.

Question from a resident:

In regard to vehicle movements, will Tideway liaise with the council to adjust the traffic lights on the road when exiting the site, as they are pretty useless? During peak times, the light stays green for a very short amount of time.

CN explained that so far, there are approximately eight vehicle movements per day. There are no plans to exceed this number significantly and so far it has not caused any issues. CN also said Tideway has weekend working hours restrictions when the traffic lights are at their busiest.

Question from a resident:

The fencing you have installed around the site is superb, but can I check whether you have considered hedgehogs?

CN stressed yes, as well as other wildlife such as badgers and frogs. JG asked what happens to the wildlife if they are found. CN said the wildlife are free to roam as they please and are only moved to somewhere safe, if in harm's way.

3. Tideway works overview – Putney Embankment Foreshore

David Miles (DM) provided a Putney Embankment Foreshore site update.

DM advised of the work that has taken place on site since the last meeting. This includes:

- Completion of the campshed which allows for safe mooring of barges
- Commencement of the foreshore structure, temporary cofferdam and refuge area
- Temporary sheet piling activities for the cofferdam and refuge area

DM explained that the noisiest phase of work has been completed and only one complaint was formally received. DM also explained that set noise levels were not breached during the noisiest works.

DM discussed upcoming piling work scheduled to take place and advised the method of piling that will be carried out is 'silent piling'. This method of piling is not actually silent, it is noisy, but it is not expected to be as noisy as the previous works carried out. DM also explained that the next phase of piling is due to start at the end of October.

DM advised of the upcoming works at Putney Embankment Foreshore. These include:

- Augered piling works

- Delivery of a large crane at the end of October
- Delivery of the new site welfare cabins – w/c 15 October
- Two-week road closure from early November to remove previous welfare cabins
- Delivery of the tunnelling plant and materials in November
- Shaft excavation to start at the end of 2018

DM referred back to the two-week road closure and advised this will take place along the Embankment from Lower Richmond Road up to the Start and Garter alleyway. DM repeated this road is being closed to allow the removal of previous welfare cabins.

DM also said that when the permanent cabins are installed, no road closure will be required. DM stressed that a notification will be sent out which will advise when the closure will take place. Plenty of notice will be provided to the community.

DM advised attendees to ignore the Putney Embankment Foreshore timeline of works slide within the presentation, as it is incorrect. DM explained that the team hopes to complete piling and commence works on the shaft in December 2018. Next year is when tunnelling will commence, which will be underground. DM also said fitting out will commence in 2020, with the hope that all works on site are completed by 2021.

Action 3: Tideway to include an up-to-date timeline for Putney Embankment Foreshore to the presentation

DM discussed a slide in the presentation which shows what the site will look like in summer 2019.

DM advised residents that the three-tier site welfare cabin is large (approximately 18 metres x 7.3 metres). DM explained that the cabin has to be of a certain size as Tideway has to allow 1.5 square metre per worker in the changing facilities alone.

Question from a resident:

What colour will the welfare cabin be?

DM said the top two tiers will be grey and the bottom tier will be Tideway teal.

Question from a resident:

Will the welfare cabin be visible to the community?

DM repeated the approximate size of the cabin and advised that the whole cabin will be visible at all times.

DM advised of the predicted HGV movements at the Putney Embankment Foreshore site from October to December. The monthly daily average is three movements in October, five in November and six in December.

DM stressed Tideway continues to do as many movements as possible by river. DM discussed the More by River programme and said a change to the overall works method (using larger barges) will result in fewer barge movements on the river. Each barge movement equates to approximately 40 HGVs being removed from the local road network.

Patrick Kelly (PK) explained that since July, 25 barges have arrived at the Putney site, which has kept approximately 1,000 lorries off of the road.

DM advised that the team recently held a RNLI safety drill day, to make staff aware. The day was a success with staff enjoying the experience, while also learning what to do in a river emergency.

Question from a resident:

Please can you provide a detailed update for the community, so we know the impact the three-storey welfare cabin will have on residents (visually, exact size, how it will look etc)?

PK advised he would investigate this. PK also said the community is welcome at the Carnwath Road site, where there is a 3D virtual reality cube which shows what the welfare cabin will look like from specific properties.

Action 4: PK to investigate whether a detailed update can be produced for the community, so it knows the impact the three-storey welfare cabin will have on residents

Question from a resident:

DM, earlier you said work at the Putney site should be finished by spring 2021, but I believe this is late as it was meant to be finished in 2020?

DM advised the resident was correct and explained the team went through a new design process, which caused the slippage. Additionally, DM noted that the works on-site also started later, but that the construction duration of works would now be shorter.

Question from a resident:

Is there any chance the end date could slip again, beyond 2021?

DM said it is unlikely that the end date will slip any further and the completion will still be 2021.

Question from a resident:

Should we expect to feel more vibrations when work on the shaft takes place?

DM said he does not expect residents to feel vibrations from work on the shaft.

Question from a resident:

Will the removal of the temporary office block and installation of the new welfare unit result in any trees being removed?

DM answered no. DM also advised that of the two trees removed from Waterman's Green, Tideway will plant three times the number.

Question from a resident:

We have a massive dip in the pavement on Lower Richmond Road. Is this due to Tideway works?

PK advised the dip was not caused by Tideway works. Tideway checked the vibration levels and they were negligible. PK also said UKPN undertook temporary electrical works in the area. JG said she would find out who is responsible for the dip in the pavement and will try and get the issue sorted. PK also said he would send JG images of the pavement.

4. Community Engagement

PK provided a Community Engagement update. PK also advised how residents can put in a claim to the Independent Advisory Service (IAS) if they are being affected by Tideway works.

PK explained he is the lead contact for all of Tideway's West sites and is happy to provide his contact details.

PK said that since the last meeting, the Helpdesk has received two complaints relating to the Putney Embankment Foreshore site. Both were followed up very quickly and were responded to and satisfactorily closed out within 24 hours.

PK provided a Community Investment update. PK explained the team works with many local charities, schools etc, which is a very rewarding aspect of his role and is close to the hearts of many Tideway staff members.

One of the charities Tideway works with is RISE and PK explained staff members visit the group on a Monday and Wednesday to serve their food, catch-up and talk with the local elderly residents.

PK stressed he is extremely keen for local communities to know Tideway is here to help. PK said if anyone knows of any groups that would benefit from Tideway's assistance then please get in touch.

PK provided a Legacy update. This includes:

- Volunteered more than 2,800 hours last year for local causes
- More than 1,300 STEM volunteering hours
- 27 successful work placements over the summer
- 19 apprentices with four more joining in January
- Almost one in 50 employees is an ex-offender
- BMB collaborates with Women in Construction to push a more gender diverse workforce
- Almost 20% of employees live in local boroughs

PK said if anyone knows of young people looking for a kickstart to their career, please get in touch and he will see whether they are interested in joining the growing industry of infrastructure and construction.

PK advised attendees that tomorrow (Friday 12 October), the community may notice workers on site wearing pink Tideway hard hats across all seven of Tideway's western sites. This is to raise money for Breast Cancer Care. PK asked attendees to look out for the hats and images will also be shared on social media. JG advised PK that she will retweet these posts to spread the message, as it is for such a great cause. PK thanked JG and said the money raised so far through this initiative has been much more than the team imagined, and he is very pleased that so much has been raised for such a worthwhile charity.

Question from a resident:

Up until now, there has been an organisation called Barnes Tidal Towpath which has carried out regular litter picks along the embankment. However, there is now a new group called Putney Tidy Towpath, which will carry out litter picks from Queen Elizabeth Walk. However, I noticed this morning at Beverley Brook that there is a lot of litter that cannot be picked up, including a tree. Would Tideway be able to assist?

CN advised the team has already notified the Environment Agency of the tree.

Question from a resident:

I live in Kenilworth Court and about a year ago we had a pre-condition survey. We were advised we would receive a report, however nothing has been received. Can this be looked into?

PK advised that he would chase this up and ensure a report is sent ASAP.

Question from a resident:

On the new slipway there is a large amount of rubbish. Please can this be cleared?

DM advised that the team takes a photo of the rubbish every day and sends it on to Thames 21. So far, Thames 21 does not believe there is enough rubbish to set-up a cleaning group at Putney. DM said the team will continue to notify Thames 21. The resident said more rubbish has built up recently and it would be good if Tideway can monitor it. PK said he will follow this point up and see what can be done.

Action 5: PK to investigate the rubbish that is building up at the new slipway and will look into this.

A resident introduced herself and said she is part of the newly-formed Putney Tidy Towpath. The team will litter pick twice a month – once on a weekday and once on a weekend. The resident said one of the issues it faces is it cannot complete any litter picks on the foreshore until trained by Thames 21. The resident explained that the group is simply made up of volunteers, so if anyone would like to get involved then please get in touch.

A resident asked whether anybody has thought about coordinating the litter picking groups, as a lot of litter is entering the Thames at Teddington Lock. The resident said it is very important for the groups to know where exactly it is entering the Thames. Another resident explained the West London River Group has a sub-group which looks into this. The resident suggested Tideway could perhaps liaise with West London River Group regarding the ongoing litter issue.

A resident explained that the Port of London Authority (PLA) coordinates with the different litter picking groups and each group has to record how many bags of rubbish and bottles it has collected. The resident stressed the PLA is doing what it can to help. CN said Thames 21 also counts how many bags of rubbish and bottles it has collected and the data is then provided to the PLA.

JG said all of Tideway's community engagement work has been fantastic and is massively appreciated by the community.

5. AOB

JG asked Tideway whether it had any other information it needed to raise regarding upcoming work or whether there is anything the community can do to help. PK said he would encourage all groups to continue to liaise with Tideway.

PK also said although the noisiest works are complete, he will continue to liaise with the community in the same manner to keep the momentum up.

PK said if any members of the community would like to visit the site then please get in touch.

JG said at some point over the next couple of CLWG meetings, there should be a focus on the aesthetics of the site and how it will look once works are complete, as this is part of the legacy that Tideway will leave behind. JG said it would be good for the community to be involved to ensure the site looks great once Tideway leaves the community.

6. Date of next meeting

JG asked whether January would be a good time for the next meeting. PK suggested late January or early February.

DM agreed and said the sites will shut down for two weeks over the Christmas period and work will resume works on-site 8 January 2019. JG requested the community is made aware of the Christmas working hours, to ensure it knows it will receive respite over the festive period. PK acknowledged this and said an information sheet nearer the time will be distributed.

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