



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Subject:</b>	Earl Pumping Station Community Liaison Working Group
<b>Date and time:</b>	Monday 21 May 2018, 7pm - 9pm
<b>Location:</b>	Rotherhithe Community Centre, 30 Plough Way, Rotherhithe, SE16 2LJ
<b>Note taker:</b>	Yvette Hewlett, Administrative Support, Tideway
<b>Chair:</b>	<i>Chair has not yet been appointed</i>

### 1. Attendees

Project staff:

- Abbas Naqvi (AN), Project Manager, CVB
- Robert Ricketts (RR), Section Engineer, CVB
- June Saunders (JS), Community Relations Officer, CVB
- Rebecca Major (RM), Communications Officer (East), Tideway
- Anil Dhillon (AD), Construction Engineer, Tideway
- Yvette Hewlett (YH), Administrative Support

Residents / Organisations:

Nine other attendees including residents and representatives from London Borough of Southwark.

Apologies:

None received.

### 2. Earl Pumping Station site update and Q&A session

Robert Ricketts (RR) provided a site update.

Office cabins and welfare have now been installed, along with the muck bin which will store muck during the shaft excavation process. Existing sewers have been diverted and Tideway is now in the site set-up phase ahead of the upcoming geotechnical works. The concrete platform is now partly constructed, and this will be the working platform for any cranes / other heavy machinery to sit on.

A resident asked if the shaft will be filled in once the project is complete. RR advised the shaft will not be filled in and will have a superstructure installed on the top.

A resident asked what area the Earl Pumping Station serves. RR advised the Bermondsey area.

A resident asked if odour levels will be monitored and AN advised they will.

A resident explained the new tunnel will drive down to the Chambers Wharf site and will effectively collect sewage from the overspill pipes that would normally flow directly into the river.

A resident advised that the shaft could still fill up to capacity, if the tunnel is full and although this would be on a rare occasion (around once every 10 years), would mean that sewage mixed with rain water would still flow into the river, as it does now. Therefore, in the resident's opinion, the Tideway project is a complete waste of time.

A resident mentioned there are so many tower blocks etc. being built in the area surrounding Earl Pumping Station that surely increased population will add pressure to the capacity of the new tunnel. June Saunders (JS) advised this is exactly the reason why the new tunnel is required, in order to cope with the ever-increasing population of London. The new tunnel will hopefully last around 100 years.

A resident asked when the shaft will be excavated. RR advised the diaphragm wall work (the 60m deep concrete outer wall of the shaft) is due to start in October and will take under 7 months. There will then be three – four months of sewer diversion work. Shaft excavation (the removal of the centre of the shaft) will then commence in summer 2019 and will take around four months.

A resident said when the roller is in use on site her flat vibrates and she is concerned what this is doing to the foundations of her property. Also, there is a chemical smell in the air and she wanted to know if this is safe to breathe in. RR advised there are various noise, air quality and vibration monitors in place around the perimeter of the site. Regarding the chemical smell, there was an old tar works in the area years ago and where digging is taking place on site or at other developments nearby, the smell is being released. To minimise this, excavated material will be covered and removed from site as soon as possible. In addition, a 'misting' system is in place to de-odourise or mask odour when necessary.

A resident said he was expecting to see noise and air quality monitoring results at this meeting, as per Action 5 at the last meeting. AN said he has the results on a later slide within the presentation. RR confirmed there are four noise monitors around the site; Yeoman Street, Croft Street, Chilton Grove and one at the southern end of the site. In regard to the Section 61 levels set out by the council, there were no noise or air quality exceedances between January and April. RR advised the site team receive alerts when any monitor gets close to the exceedance level, in order for the team to stop work and assess the situation before carrying on. This also prevents any Section 61 levels being exceeded.

A resident said she feels she experiences an 'earthquake' every day in her property and wanted to know how to apply for compensation from Tideway. RR advised the disturbance currently is from excavating the 1.5m deep concrete platform, which the roller has been used to compact the ground. This will take another four – six weeks. AN said although people are feeling the vibrations, Tideway is not expecting there to be any damage to buildings. The resident said the noise is so loud it is like the work is taking place inside her bedroom, the house is moving, and cracks have appeared on walls in the property.

A resident said there should have been somebody from Tideway at tonight's meeting who could respond to the resident regarding compensation and how to apply and it should not be down to residents to call the Helpdesk. Tideway should be available at the CLWGs for residents to talk to, that it what residents are here for.

A resident advised her property was surveyed very quickly in January by an engineer. He said everything was OK and the resident trusts him, but she is not comfortable with the current levels of vibration. JS advised she would take the resident's details and send her the appropriate compensation information.

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A resident asked why there were no representatives from Lewisham Council at tonight's meeting. RR advised he had invited them. JH asked Roy Fox (RF), Southwark Council if he had made any connections with Lewisham about the CLWGs. RF said he is in touch with Lewisham but had not asked if anybody was coming along tonight, however he can ask for the next meeting.

A resident asked if noise levels will get better or worse going forward. RR advised once the concrete platform is complete, which is currently noisy due to the vibration machine used to compact the ground, geotechnical work will follow which is expected to produce less vibration

A resident pointed out an error on slide 11; it states that Saturday extended working hours is until 17.00 and this should be 13.00.

A resident asked that once the project is complete, will any noise from the site be heard within her property. AN confirmed the finished site will contain buried structures and no vibration will occur. The shaft superstructure will be visible above ground along with odour vents, any noise generated from the area will be similar to the noise generated currently from the existing pumping station.

A resident said residents are not being informed about these meetings. Another resident added he visited the noticeboards 30 minutes prior to tonight's meeting and there were no flyers up at the new site entrance plus others and no hard copies of the invite had been received either.

A resident had heard that lorries would be passing along Chilton Grove up until 10pm. AN confirmed this is correct and that lorries will enter the site on Yeoman Street and exit on Croft Street. Concrete pour deliveries will be permitted up until 10pm.

A resident asked if the noise / vibration of lorries entering / exiting the site will be comparable to the current noise / vibration levels of the roller for the concrete platform. AN said the noise of engines will be noticeable, but there will not be any vibration as there is currently. The resident asked how many vehicles will enter / exit the site each day. AN said it depends on what activity is being carried out and will provide some figures at the next meeting. **Action 2: AN.**

A resident is concerned about the traffic management system. JH added that he knows vehicles have been driving into Croft Street, which is effectively a one-way road and then turning around and going the other way. JS said there is a strict rule regarding this and if drivers do not follow the correct routes, they are warned and then ultimately banned from delivering to the site. JS said it would be useful for residents to get vehicle details including registration when such incidents are witnessed. A resident said it should not be down to residents to note such information down and report it to Tideway. He is aware that traffic marshals tell drivers who have gone the wrong way to go back to Yeoman Street, so the traffic marshals should take the vehicle details and car registration at this stage and report them. JS said the traffic marshals do note the drivers' details at that stage too and the drivers do get reported, however JS would also appreciate hearing of other incidents that have been witnessed that we may not necessarily be aware of.

A resident asked if there is a jet wash on site yet, to wash vehicles down before they exit the site. AN said there is a jet wash on site and unfortunately there will not be a wheel-wash as there is not enough space.

A resident advised he measured 91 decibels on his phone the other day when the jet wash was in use. AN said that phones are not accurate when measuring decibel levels.

A resident mentioned again that he was expecting to see noise monitoring results at tonight's meeting, as per Action 5 at the last meeting. Another resident said the slide shown tonight does not give any data, other than there were no exceedances. AN said more details will be shown at the next meeting. **Action 3: AN.**

A resident mentioned she saw some workers on site recently who had so much protective

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clothing on they looked like astronauts. AN confirmed the workers were wearing protective suits as a precaution as they were carrying out ground investigation work in contaminated soil 10m-15m below ground.

AN confirmed asbestos has been found on site and this has been disposed of by a specialist company as and when it is found. RR advised asbestos monitoring is carried out on a daily basis by a sub-contractor.

A resident asked what type of asbestos has been found on site. AN said he does not have the results to hand. The resident said he would like to see results of what has been excavated and wants to know how the contaminated soil is being taken from the site. AN said dampening down takes placed on site to minimize dust. RR added a specialist contractor removes contaminated soil from the site in sealed bags and disposes of it appropriately. The resident asked for records of where the tippers go. AN said contaminated material is transported to appropriate sites by specialist contractors and he feels it unnecessary to share this information with the group.

A resident said there is a greater risk of asbestos being exposed as part of the upcoming development nearby.

A resident referred to Action 8 from the last meeting, whereby AN was going to investigate if residents could be compensated for dust from the site landing on windows and cars. The resident wanted to know if this had been considered and if Tideway was prepared to pay for regular window and car cleaning for residents, say once a month. The resident had noticed the level of dust on windows and cars had greatly increased recently. AN confirmed dust levels are dealt with at source and dampening down and monitoring takes places, therefore Tideway will not be offering window or car cleaning.

A resident asked if the vehicle holding area on Bestwood Street will just be used for empty wagons and delivery vehicles. AN confirmed this to be correct. Concrete trucks expected to go directly to site. The resident asked who will manage the vehicles when they arrive at Bestwood Street. RR said traffic marshals will be there to check the vehicles are complaint compliant before booking in. The vehicles will then be held for a short time until site is ready, in order to prevent congestion. Not all vehicles will use the vehicle holding area; concrete lorries will go straight to site. The vehicle holding area will mostly be used for empty tippers coming to fill up with muck.

A resident referred to Action 9 from the last meeting – Tideway to advise if residents will be compensated for use of their subsoil. The resident said a response still has not been received. AN said tunneling is at least two years away but he will get an update from Tideway and report back at the next CLWG. The resident said for these meetings to be successful, the action points need to be stuck to. **Action 4: AN.**

A resident who lives on Croft Street, right by the site gates, mentioned the hoarding which is up towards Chilton Grove and wondered if it will be erected going in the other direction and outside her property. She feels this might shield her from dust and vibration etc. AN advised this should be erected next year.

A resident asked what will happen to the land once the project is complete. AN advised the land belongs to Thames Water who will make the final decision.

A resident asked why the location of the site offices was changed from the original plans. The site offices actually extend over the pavement. He has experienced numerous power cuts and UK Power Networks has dug up the road and transferred him to another substation as a temporary measure. The resident believes the fault could have been assessed and found by UK Power Networks a lot quicker if the site offices had been installed the other side of the site rather than across the pavement where the cables lie underneath.

JS provided a brief legacy update and mentioned that staff presented the RNLI (the chosen charity for the east sites) with a cheque for just over £5,000 recently, which was raised between

April 2017 and March 2018. This is the result of staff raffles, sponsored events etc.

JS mentioned there is the opportunity for CLWG members to visit the RNLI station at Tower Bridge with Tideway, to hear about the good work the RNLI is doing and how it recently spent Tideway's charity donation. JS is trying to initially gauge interest so if anybody would like to attend, please email [CommunityRelations@Tideway-East.London](mailto:CommunityRelations@Tideway-East.London).

Tideway carried out its second employment and skills workshop with the 999 Club, assisting either homeless or people at risk of becoming homeless. Tideway has already provided work experience to some of the people who took part in the workshop.

A few weeks ago, Tideway was awarded a silver Considerate Constructors Scheme annual award; an award which recognises those sites registered with the Scheme that have raised the bar for considerate construction.

Tideway also works closely with Thames 21 in order to carry out foreshore cleanups.

Regarding Tideway's two for one tree replanting promise, whereby Tideway will plant two trees for each one it removes, a resident asked if any greenery will be left at this site. AN said he is not sure what Thames Water's plans are but there are plans for other Tideway sites to have greenery.

**3. Date of next meeting**

Monday 17 September.

**4. Actions for May meeting**

**1. YH to send out the presentation with the minutes.**

Deadline: 18 June 2018.

**2. AN to provide predicted vehicle movement details at the next meeting.**

Post Meeting Note: Transport Assessment states 'there would be 68 average peak daily construction lorry vehicle movements'.

**3. AN to bring more noise / air quality data to the next meeting, or information to be distributed with the minutes.**

Deadline: Next CLWG.

**4. Tideway to report back at the next meeting with an update on residents' compensation for the use of their subsoil for the tunneling phase.**

Deadline: Next CLWG

**5. Actions Register**

Outstanding Actions From Previous CLWG Meetings				
Action No.	CLWG Date	Action	Update	Status
2	19 February 2018	AN to consider if a school site visit would be possible.	Due to the current construction activities and changes onsite, it will not be safe to bring school children to site. This may be reviewed in the future.	Open
3	19 February 2018	Thames Water to consider building a training centre at the site, rather than	This will be looked into at a later stage	Open

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		selling the land for flats to be built.		
<b>4</b>	19 February 2018	AN to investigate the possibility of a different location for the vehicle holding area.	Other locations were investigated at the time sourcing a vehicle holding area, which included private land. The VHA has been discussed with Local Authority and TFL	Closed
<b>5</b>	19 February 2018	Tideway to share a summary of noise monitoring results at each CLWG going forward.	Discussed in the meeting, however looking into a more informative version.	Open
<b>6</b>	19 February 2018	Dates of previous three CLWGs to be included within these minutes.	23 May 2017 25 September 2017 19 February 2018	Closed
<b>7</b>	19 February 2018	Southwark Council to provide the latest update regarding the building of the flats above JSt's property and the request for existing flats to be double glazed first.	LBS action to be discussed with resident	Ongoing
<b>8</b>	19 February 2018	AN to investigate if residents could be compensated for dust from the site landing on windows and cars.	Discussed at meeting, Residents will not be compensated	Closed
<b>9</b>	19 February 2018	Tideway to advise if residents will be compensated for the use of their subsoil	Deadline: next CLWG meeting.	Open