



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Subject:</b>	Chelsea Embankment Foreshore Community Liaison Working Group
<b>Date and time:</b>	Tuesday 5 June 2018, 6pm - 8pm
<b>Location:</b>	The National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3 4HT
<b>Note taker:</b>	Yvette Hewlett, Administrative Support, Tideway

### 1. Attendees

Project staff:

- Caroline Brennan (CB), Community Relations - Tideway
- Jonathan Keyworth (JK), Senior Project Manager, Tideway
- Ian Watkins (IW), Project Leader, FLO
- Yvette Hewlett (YH), Administrative Support - Tideway

Residents / Organisations:

Two residents attended the drop-in.

### 2. Site update and Q&A session

Jonathan Keyworth (JK) explained why the project is needed and the work that will take place at the Chelsea Embankment Foreshore site. Presentation to be distributed with the minutes.

**Action 1: YH.**

A resident said some evenings around this time (7pm) she has heard a loud thumping sound and wondered if that was Tideway. Ian Watkins (IW) said they are installing some sheet piles into the river at present which could generate some impact noise, however work currently stops at 6pm.

A resident asked if the old Bazalgette sewers will be kept. JK confirmed they will and the Tideway tunnel will intercept the original system and prevent discharges overflowing into the River Thames, as is the case at present. Once the project is complete, a large storm could still defeat the tunnel and mean an overflow into the river would occur, however the frequency would be reduced from 50 times a year to once or twice a year on average.

Caroline Brennan (CB) explained that a cofferdam is being constructed at the site, which will eventually become an extra piece of land for public use, once the project is complete. This extra piece of land will also house another intercept shaft and other maintenance valves etc. As part of the project, Tideway's legacy is to provide new areas for the public to use.

A resident asked if the river will be narrower due to the cofferdam. IW advised the navigational channel of the river will not be affected by the cofferdam. CB added that each site where a

cofferdam is being constructed will eventually look very different from each other at the end of the project, as each will be designed to fit in with the local area's character.

IW went on to explain the specific work which will be taking place at the site and said the red boundary on slide 16 is the area of land that will be affected by the work. They are constructing an interception chamber that will collect overflows and transfer them into new sewer. This work will require some extra infrastructure to be built on the foreshore. When the tunnel is up and running, sewage will flow east to Beckton Treatment Works to be treated. It is anticipated that work will take three – four years at the site. As far as tunneling is concerned, when this takes place, the impact at the surface is low as the majority of the works take place deep beneath the ground.

Regarding traffic managements, after August there will be a small amendment whereby a work site will be introduced on the north side of the road, however two lanes will generally be maintained.

In 2024, the landscaping will be complete and slide 23 gives an idea of how the foreshore will look at that time.

A resident asked if the government is paying for the project. CB confirmed there are investors (as per slide 9 of the presentation) and JK advised that ultimately Thames Water bill payers will fund the project and believes bills have already been increased slightly.

A resident asked when the tunnel will start functioning. JK said once construction is complete in 2022, the tunnel will start to function. The commissioning period is so long to allow for heavy storms to occur to prove the new tunnel can deal with large flows.

CB provided a brief community relations update which included contact details for the 24/7 helpline – **08000 30 80 80** and email address [helpdesk@tideway.london](mailto:helpdesk@tideway.london). CB also explained the many ways in which her team communicates with local residents, to keep them updated regarding upcoming works.

CB also carries out community engagement, whereby staff work on community projects in the area and would welcome any investment project ideas from residents for Tideway to consider.

### **3. Date of next meeting**

September - TBC.

### **4. Actions Register for June meeting**

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

Deadline: 26 June 2018.