



MEETING MINUTES

Subject:	Putney Embankment Foreshore and Barn Elms Community Working Group (CLWG)
Date and time:	Thursday 18 July 2019, 7pm-9pm
Location:	The Star and Garter, Putney Embankment, London, SW15 1JN
Minute taker:	John Mealey, Springboard Marketing – external minute taker
Chair:	Rt Hon Justine Greening MP

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Project staff:

- Jamie Gray (JGr) – Stakeholder and Consents Manager, Tideway
- Patrick Kelly (PK) – Community Relations Manager, Tideway (BMB)
- Louise Walsh (LW) – Compensation and Mitigation Lead, Tideway
- Bhavini Vyas (BV), Project Manager – Barn Elms, Tideway (BMB)
- David Miles (DM), Project Manager – Putney Embankment Foreshore, Tideway
- Andeep Gehlot (AG) – Communications Lead (West), Tideway
- Mike Curnow (MC) – Senior Archaeologist, Museum of London Archaeology (MoLA)
- John Mealey (JM) – external minute taker, Springboard Marketing

Residents / Organisations:

- 14 residents and representatives from Barnes RFC / Friends of Barnes Common, Putney Society, Putney Wharf Development and London Borough of Wandsworth

	Item	Action
1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence	
1.1	Welcome from Rt Hon Justine Greening MP (JG), who thanked all for attending.	
1.2	Patrick Kelly (PK) introduced himself and played a brief project update video, which also concentrated on women in engineering. This is extremely important to Tideway.	
2.0	Tideway works overview – Putney Embankment Foreshore	
2.1	Putney Embankment Foreshore update – presentation by David Miles (DM). Presentation to be issued with the minutes. Action 1.	JM

<p>2.2</p>	<p>Work taken place over the past few months between February and May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the valve chamber, which was built above ground and then lowered into the ground • Completed the sinking of the Penstock, which was slowly lowered into the ground • Installed the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) reception cofferdam • Residents might notice the shaft going down into the ground and then coming back up above ground level. This is normal as the steel has been built up, so excavation can take place underneath. The team will continue to excavate while the shaft moves up and down • DM explained the team excavate underneath the shaft, which allows it to be lowered. DM also said the shaft will be inside the new foreshore structure. 	
<p>2.3</p>	<p>Work scheduled to take place over the next few months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excavation and sinking of the Drop Shaft will take place in July • Tunnelling will begin late summer • Church Vault works will start early autumn • Shaft and Tunnel works are currently planned to be day shift working only • A couple of road closures will take place to allow deliveries into the site. The section of road closed will be along Embankment from Lower Richmond Road, up to the Star and Garter alleyway. Closures normally only last up to one hour per day • Parking bays will also be suspended for HGV access and egress along the north side of the Embankment • A resident asked whether the site works were still on schedule. DM said work delays are expected at the Putney site. A design change took place which means the construction period is now shorter. The team expects to finish summer 2021 • A resident asked why there was a design change. DM explained there was originally a connection port which meant the team would sheet pile and excavate. If using this method, piles would have been much deeper and noisier and not as safe as using a TBM. A piling contractor tendered for work and had many good ideas which the team used as the changes were better, safer, saved money and less noisy for the community. The amount of piling was also drastically reduced • Out of 17 concrete piles, there team is currently installing the sixth for the shaft 	
<p>2.4</p>	<p>DM referred to the 'Putney's legacy promontory' slide within the presentation and explained the images show what the foreshore will look like once the project is complete and Tideway has left the site.</p>	
<p>2.5</p>	<p>Barge movements – More by River update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A change to the overall works method and using larger barges has resulted in fewer barge movements on the river • Each barge movement equates to approximately 40 HGVs removed from the local road network • Since October 2018, 14 barges have arrived at Putney Embankment Foreshore, keeping approximately 560 lorries off the road • For the 2018 Boat Race, DM explained Tideway built a platform for the judges so they could see the Boat Race Stone. The operation was challenging but was a success and the judges were happy with the platform 	

<p>2.6</p> <p>2.7</p> <p>2.8</p> <p>2.9</p>	<p>A resident asked whether boats will be moored on the platform, as this is what the planning application states. Jamie Gray (JGr) explained there are provisions for mooring in the future, as part of the DCO. If boats were to be moored, it would be decided by other parties and not Tideway.</p> <p>A resident asked whether the kiosk on Waterman’s Green has changed in size, as the one in King George’s Park has doubled in size. DM said the kiosk at Putney has become a little deeper.</p> <p>A resident asked whether the kiosk on Waterman’s Green requires a planning application. JGr said the kiosk will have a separate planning application, which will include the kiosk itself, as well as landscaping. JGr said the kiosk needs to look like it was always there, so it fits in with the area.</p> <p>A resident asked whether the planning application for the kiosk will go to the planning application committee. JGr said the application is currently with Wandsworth and a decision is expected in the next week. JGr said the design of the kiosk would be sympathetic to its conservation area setting.</p>	
<p>3.0</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>Tideway works overview – Barn Elms</p> <p>Barn Elms update – presentation by Bhavini Vyas (BV).</p> <p>Sports Centre update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to replace the Sports Centre Changing Rooms and Gym has now been completed • The new facilities were handed over to the Sports Centre in April and was a great moment for the team • To the south of the Changing Rooms, the team is preparing to reinstate the grass area before handing this section over to the Sports Centre at the end of the summer (end of August / beginning of September) • To the west of the Changing Rooms, tarmac reinstatement will take place • The north of the Changing Rooms is the temporary road, which the team uses to access the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) site • The area where the old Changing Rooms were situated has now been soft stripped, demolished and the road has been reinstated <p>CSO worksite update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The internal diameter of the shaft is six metres and will go down approximately 35m • Sheet piling for the shaft is complete. There were approximately 66 sheet piles for the shaft and 120 sheet piles for the cofferdam area • Excavation of the shaft has started, and the team is currently at its fifth advance. Each advance is approximately 1.2m in depth. After each advance, spray concrete lining takes place • Shaft excavation is currently 7m below ground level • BV said the hoarding that is erected along the walkway on the east edge of the site will be in place until the end of 2020. The 3.6m hoarding around the site will be in place until works are complete • BV confirmed that timelines are on track for the Barn Elms site but the team is still looking at different programme optimisation options • A bug habitat hoarding will be the type cladding used for the kiosk, which will blend into the natural habitat 	

<p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p>Key milestones update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third quarter of 2019: Commence CSO fluming • Third quarter of 2019: Complete shaft work • Fourth quarter of 2019: Start and complete pipe jacking • First quarter of 2020: Complete the secondary lining of the connection tunnel • Second quarter of 2020: Complete secondary lining of the shaft • Second quarter of 2020: Commence cladding of the kiosk <p>A resident explained that a gate used to be in place at the Sports Centre and no cars were allowed to pass, which ensured the safety of those accessing the tennis courts. However, no gate is planned to be installed near the new Sports Centre building which is very concerning. The resident said it is essential that a gate is installed and it would be a “catastrophic” decision if one is not. JG said that a conversation can take place between the resident, Councillor Michael Ryder (MR) and herself regarding the issue, before approaching the council. PK also advised the resident that Tideway will look into this issue and will provide an update next week.</p>	
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>PK provided a Community Engagement update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the last CLWG on 7 February 2019, the Helpdesk has received two complaints linked to the Putney Embankment Foreshore and Barn Elms sites. One regarding local air quality in Putney and one regarding a high-pitched sound at Barn Elms • If any residents experience any issues related to the project or have questions, please contact the Helpdesk which is available 24/7 • PK advised how residents can make a claim to the Independent Compensation Panel (ICP), if affected by Tideway works. <i>Information and contact details included in the presentation</i> • PK advised of the different ways in which the team has engaged with the community, to try and give back. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Litter Pick April, in which JG also helped with on Putney Embankment ○ Oarsome Challenge, which was a race across the Thames. Teams worked very hard to get fit for the 14-mile race. More than £30,000 was raised for a number of charities across London ○ 5th Putney Sea Scouts ○ Reaching the ISolated Elderly (RISE), where the team continues to serve lunch to the elderly neighbours ○ Children’s charities • PK stressed how keen Tideway is to help as many organisations as possible, so if anyone needs assistance then please get in touch, as no job is too small <p>PK provided a Legacy update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the Tideway project does not leave behind a new train station etc, the project wants to give back in other ways. These include apprenticeships, employment opportunities, school speaker sessions etc • Some of the headline Legacy stats include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteered more than 3,000 hours last year for local causes ○ More than 1,600 STEM volunteering hours at schools including Southfields Academy and Ark Putney Academy in Wandsworth ○ 27 successful work placements over the summer ○ 23 apprentices working across the seven West sites 	

4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Almost 1 in 50 employees is an ex-offender ○ BMB collaborates with Women in Construction to push for a more gender diverse workforce ○ Almost 20% of employees live in local boroughs <p>A resident asked whether there have been any safety issues at either the Putney Embankment Foreshore or Barn Elms sites. DM said there have been no major incidences, with one colleague at Putney twisting their ankle. PK said the worst incident across the whole project was a staff member breaking his ankle in an unfortunate accident at Hammersmith Pumping Station.</p>	
5.0	<p>Museum of London Archaeology (MoLA)</p> <p>5.1 Mike Curnow (MC), Senior Archaeologist at MoLA, provided a Barn Elms archaeology presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally speaking, MoLA is working at the Barn Elms site as part of Tideway's Development Consent Order (DCO), the Planning Act 2008, the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) and the Planning Policy and Guidance Note 16 • Archaeologically speaking, MoLA is at Barn Elms because of the Wandsworth Historical Society excavations in 1974, the MoLA Archaeological Evaluation trenches in 2015-16 and finds from the River Thames • As per the Research Framework for London Archaeology and Tideway Heritage Themes, MoLA's aims and objectives for the site are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do any features related to the Barn Elms manor house survive on site? ○ Is there any evidence of medieval activity? ○ Is there any further evidence of Iron Age settlement? • Excavation will take place for another four to five weeks, before moving into the cofferdam area for a further four weeks • MoLA's team is currently made up of five archaeologists but this will be increased to eight in the future • All items that are found are sent to MoLA's office and are studied by specialists. The items are then sent to the Museum of London archive, where they will be available to the public to view <p>5.2 MC ran through areas of excavation on site and some of the finds so far, during different historical periods. There include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Medieval remains: Substantial Victorian drains, possible related to Barn Elms in the 19th century. Interesting items were also found in the cofferdam area of the site • Medieval remains: Not much found so far, apart from nice fragments of tiles mixed with post-medieval finds • Roman remains: Not much found from the Roman period, although some items may be mixed with the Iron period • Prehistoric features: A number of features, indicative of a long-lived Iron Age settlement, including storage pits, post holes related to Round Houses and a boundary ditch. Images included in the presentation • Prehistoric Artefacts: Spearhead, work flints, pottery 	
6.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>6.1 JG thanked Tideway for giving children and adults such an understanding of the project, as the whole project feels relevant to all ages.</p>	

6.2	JG thanked the Tideway team for attending and answering all questions. JG gave special thanks to PK, who has built huge amounts of trust between Tideway and the community, as well as sorting any issues as they arise.	
7.0	Date of next meeting	
7.1	Thursday 24 October, 7-9, The Star and Garter.	

Actions Register:

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Responsibility	Status
18/07/2019	2.1	Action 1: Presentation to be issued with the minutes.	JM	Closed