



MEETING MINUTES

Subject:	King George's Park and Dormay Street Community Liaison Working Group
Date and time:	Thursday 4 March 2021, 5.30pm – 7pm
Location:	Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Minute taker:	Andeep Gehlot
Chair:	Fleur Anderson (MP)

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1	Welcome and introductions
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Chair:

- Fleur Anderson, MP (FA)

Project staff:

- Kevin Dollard (KD), Section Manager - Tideway / BMB
- Allen Summerskill (AS), Stakeholder & Consents Manager - Tideway
- Charles Edoh (CE), Project Manager - Tideway
- Katie Ashton (KA), Community Relations Manager - BMB
- Andeep Gehlot (AG), West Communications Lead - Tideway
- Tim Heading (TH), Landscape and Architectural Lead - BMB

Residents / Organisations:

7 residents, 1 representative from Enable, 1 Wandsworth Council Officer

	Item	Action
1.0	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	Fleur Anderson (FA) welcomed everyone to the meeting, and all attendees introduced themselves.	
2.0	Tideway Works Overview – Frogmore Connection – Tunnel Presentation by Kevin Dollard (KD)	
2.1	• Presentation to be issued with the minutes. Action 1	AG

<p>2.2</p> <p>2.3</p> <p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p>	<p>Works Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Dollard (KD) explained Tideway’s background. • Tideway is building a new sewer in London to help clean the River Thames. The project is split between West, Central and East. • Joseph Bazalgette designed and built a sewer system, which is still in use today, and this is what Tideway are updating. • Tunnel runs from Acton to Beckon and is 25km long. • 6 pre-cast concrete segments create 1 ring in the tunnel. <p>Look Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary lining of the Frogmore Connection Tunnel will be complete in May • Demobilisation of the tunnel takes place in June • The concrete grouting is where they quality check the secondary lining. This will be complete by August. 	
<p>3.0</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>Tideway Works Overview – Dormay Street – Tunnel Presentation by Kevin Dollard (KD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referring to slide 17, KD explained the river wall is the orange rectangular section on the left. The lower orange section is the current combined sewer overflow (CSO), and this is what is being broken into. The blue pipe is the connection culvert which takes the existing flows into the new system. • The team have been concentrating on the outside of the shaft, but now working within the shaft. • The cofferdam has been backfilled. The shaft internal works are taking place. All areas are being prepared to hand back to Wandsworth Council. • The team need to construct the mechanical and electrical control work. <p>Works Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secondary lining in the shaft helps with the 120-year lifespan. • When the water goes through the system. The vortex tube slows down the water pressure as it goes down into the tunnel. <p>Look Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaft internal are the main works taking place at the moment. • Wandsworth Council will have their site back by end of June 	
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p>Tideway Works Overview – King George’s Park – Presentation by Kevin Dollard (KD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The discharge from the CSO at King George’s Park flows into the River Wandle <p>Works Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The access chambers will not be seen once works have been completed as it will be under the ‘egg’ – the tarmacked section of the park. • Secondary lining to Dormay Street has been completed 	

<p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p> <p>4.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The flume modification works have been taking place. The flume is a plastic pipe and will be removed during the commissioning period. • Shaft has been secondary lined. • The vortex tube has been installed in the shaft. It is 5cm thick and weighs 18 tonnes. • The penstocks are made from cast iron and are all computer controlled. <p>Look Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaft internals will be completed by end of September • The architectural and landscaping will begin in October. <p>Landscaping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plans were approved by Wandsworth Council in August 2019 <p>Mechanical and Electrical Control Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neville Gill close closure has been extended until the end of July. 	
<p>5.0</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p>	<p>Community Engagement – Presentation by Katie Ashton (KA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the last meeting, across the two sites 3 noise and vibration complaints, and 5 general enquiries about the project have been received • 6 information sheets have been sent out, 3 per site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anybody wishes to make a claim if they are affected by Tideway’s work, they can get advice from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Independent Advisory Service (IAS) Helpline for independent advice - 0800 917 8845 / info@tidewayias.co.uk ○ Louise Walsh (LW) for personal assistance and advice – via the Tideway Helpdesk 08000 30 80 80 or helpdesk@tideway.london or direct 07971 077165 / louise.walsh@tideway.london • To submit a claim: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LW can submit this for you to the Independent Compensation Panel (ICP) on your behalf ○ You can submit your claim direct to the ICP – admin@tidewayicp.london • The IAS can send you a claim form, or you can download a form from the Tideway website, or click here (then click on ‘contact the ICP team’, then click on ‘ICP claim form’) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KA said community investment have restarted, but only where it’s safe to do so. Examples include virtual work experience and site clearance work. • The Wandsworth foodbank is located near to our Carnwath Road site, and at Christmas the BMB team raised and donated over £1,200 to them. • 32 reconditioned laptops were donated to the restart project, who have been supporting families across the borough providing families with laptops as they have been unable to purchase one of their own. • Tideway is always looking for new community investment opportunities so asked for residents to let her know if they are aware of any community groups that need support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KA said to stay up to date they send out information sheets and hold these CLWGs. Virtual monthly drop-in sessions are also held. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you would like to be included and be sent information, please contact Helpdesk to be added onto our circulation list. 	
6.0	Wider Project Update – Presentation by Andeep Gehlot (AG)	
6.1	<p>The main Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) headlines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both west and central sections of the project have completed tunnelling. East have recently started tunnelling. TBM Selina is based at Chambers Wharf and is tunnelling part of the main tunnel. TBM Annie is creating a connection tunnel from Greenwich. There is a live TBM tracker on the Tideway website, which provides live updates on the TBMs - https://tideway.london/tbm-tracker There is also a graphic on the presentation which shows the construction phase for each site across the project. As each phase of work is completed, it will be coloured in on the graphic 	
6.2	<p>A resident asked what would happen to the area where the welfare facilities are at Dormay Street. KD said the Causeway Island area will be completed by spring next year. The resident asked if any trees will be planted in this area. KD said that area belongs to the council and they want it back as it is with just the hard standing. Dianne James (DJ) said there are reinstatement plans for trees to go into Dormay Street. There are discussions on going about where the trees should go in the masterplan at the moment.</p> <p>The resident said this may not happen in the next 10 years and if it can happen sooner. DJ said it's a discussion being had with Tideway. If they go in now, they'll have to be removed again.</p>	
7.0	King George's Park: Landscaping Questions – Presentation by Tim Heading (TH)	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development consent order (DCO) process started in September 2013. Secretary of State made decision in 2014, along with drawings, of what the park should look like at the end of the project. TH works as one of the designers for BMB. The drawing on slide 45 is what needed to be delivered. TH said they restricted to a particular area, and can't go outside of their boundary – they can only plant in this area The aerial image from August on slide 47 shows the avenue of cherry trees planted since the works started that runs along the path. The BMB Arboriculturist consultant surveyed the existing trees during 2016 before the works started and produced a report indicating their condition and root protection zones. Some of the trees had to be removed so the team could construct the shaft etc. The Red Oak has been kept and the hard landscape was designed around it. The proposed trees were selected to reflect they type and character of those existing or removed from the site, and include Liquid Amber and cherry trees to continue the 50 cherry trees avenue. An understorey of shrub planting was proposed to provide seasonal variety with species such as Skimmia, Viburnum, Dogwood, Helebore, Mock Orange, Iris, Ferns, Euphorbia, Witch Hazel and Wood Anemone. Magnolia and Amelanchier are proposed as feature shrubs/small trees to the north and south of the kiosk building. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed planting scheme was discussed and approved by Wandsworth Planning and Park departments and submitted for planning approval. • The surface of the 'egg' is a hard surface as the shaft and culverts are underneath. The extent of the 'egg' is the smallest it can be and consists of coloured asphalt designed to be able to support maintenance vehicle access. • Inclusive seating surrounds the hard area. • A bronze ventilation column, which has been cast in a foundry in Holland, will form a centrepiece to the area. It is one of a number of such columns used across the project sites all of which have poems that relate to their specific site. <p>7.2 A resident asked when the section 106 was signed in 2014, it mentions the habitat compensation programme contribution – how was it applied to this project? The resident said there would be a replacement of trees 3:1, but not in the site – where are they going? The resident felt the blossom trees were not a replacement for the ones which were lost. It was a site for bats and birds. DJ said the habitat compensation programme package in terms of biodiversity was on a larger scale than just in the vicinity of the park. Tideway funded the removal of the half tide weir at the mouth of the wandle. As it's a large project, larger habitat contributions would be more appropriate. At the mouth of the wandle the half tide weir was removed so the fish breeding grounds could be reinstated. At Dormay Street, the team are building an intertidal terrace.</p> <p>7.3 A resident asked about the surface between the 'egg' and the entrance of the park and if it is permeable material. TH said it isn't permeable, it's macadam to match the rest of the park. This will be used for the maintenance vehicles to come into and out of the park. The path will drain into the grass next to it. Further west, there is a depressed area of permeable grass which is an area that accepts the surface water run-off, and acts as a temporary storage area before draining into the drainage system. This area could become a wild area in the park, depending on maintenance from the local authority.</p> <p>7.4 A resident raised some points. The central gate has moved. FA asked where this has gone and DJ said the gate has gone into storage, the intention is that the gate will be used on the south side of the park. The resident suggested the gate could be used as a link to the south side. A fence will replace the gate and presumably the vista that was with the central gate is moving to the north east as noted in the masterplan. TH said that he is not involved in the development of the masterplan and is unable to comment. The low wall, pillars and railings will be reinstated to continue the boundary towards the north of the site towards the new entrance adjacent to the retained Red Oak, which will have a raised feature kerb around it with the park name cast into it. The entrance of the park by the red oak, will provide open access, but will have removable bollards to control vehicle access. The signage that was in the park previously has moved to this area.</p> <p>7.5 A resident wanted to know why there are so many liquid amber trees, and not so many hornbeams, or hedges, shrubbery. He asked where the sparrows nest will go. The resident noted the use of hederia colchica but not hederia helix, the latter is better for diversity. The resident asked about the logs. In parks when you have fallen logs, adults can sit on these, children climb it and they provide insect habitat. There is a nature reserve around the lake and the amphibians will leave. The resident feels they need to develop the habitat and biodiversity to encourage these species.</p>	
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7.6	A resident asked why there were no replacement evergreens. The resident asked why there are so many liquid amber and suggested that the tree species should be more diverse.	
7.7	The resident expressed her frustration as she feels she doesn't get straight answers to her questions. The resident's questions regarding the bat boxes needs to be addressed. The resident has read about natural surveillance. In who's interest is this surveillance for?	
7.8	FA asked that if there are any comments or request to changes to the plan, can they be made or is fixed?	
7.9	TH addressed the points raised. The park has been designed by following the brief and requirements of the DCO. Different designers would produce different outcomes and compromises would have to be accepted as not everyone would be happy with the selected solution. FA asked that isn't this meeting about getting feedback from the community about what they want. TH said a design was developed to meet the requirements of the brief and discussed with the local authority and their park mangers, Enable. Comments were addressed and some changes to the originally proposed species were made. The planning process allowed for residents to be consulted. Changes to the approved design at this late stage in the procurement process would be for Tideway and BMB to consider.	
7.10	TH said that a designer considers a theme when designing planting schemes and, as there were liquid amber trees in the park already, it was thought appropriate to develop this as a theme and create a feature of these species adjacent to Buckhold Road. Different designers may have developed alternative themes. Regarding the biodiversity and habitat creation, there is a requirement for log piles to be created under the trees which would be managed by Enable. A resident asked why the planting wouldn't replace what was lost as close as possible. TH said this is one design response but that the design proposed was intended to develop an alternative to what had been there for many years and create a feature adjacent to Buckhold Road rather than replace species lost like for like. FA asked how many trees were removed and how many are going to be replanted. TH said 21 had been removed and he will check how many are going to be going in. Action 2	TH
7.11	TH said regarding the bat boxes, there was a requirement. However, he recalls a decision being made that the boxes would be provided to Enable and they install it where they see fit. Enable to confirm Action 3	Enable
7.12	A resident has been asking about a bat survey from Tideway, but this seems to have been passed onto Enable, who haven't responded.	
7.13	A resident said that the Environmental Impact Statement said there would be advanced planting of shrubs and hedges, which is essential for the sparrows. They are red listed, along with bats, so shouldn't be dismissed.	
7.14	TH said he cannot comment on choice of cherry trees as advanced planting, as they are on the DCO drawing. The resident said it was approved by the council, but DJ said it was signed off by the Secretary of State.	
7.15	FA said the issue is around the community engagement around this issue. FA said to make sure that when the planting is planned, to ensure the community are happy with it and they feel part of the decision-making process. FA added	

	that if we can get it right now, that would be better. FA noted that there are not a lot of people at this CLWG meeting, so it can't be called community engagement. FA feels that if they handed out leaflets about this, there would be 100 people here. Due to lockdown the park is being used more than ever before.	
7.16	FA said she felt the meeting can't finish here and they need further community engagement. FA feels there is a disconnect in the community and to see what can be done to bring the community together. A lot of what TH has said does answer a lot of the questions, but there is a lot that the community can still get involved in. Action 4	Tideway
7.17	AS said projects like Tideway have a long lead time. Conversations started in 2010 before the DCO was prepared. There has been over 10 years of community engagement and there have been a number of public hearings as part of the planning examinations in 2013/2014. That was when the DCO was approved. In 2019 there were additional consents, which included the planting schemes, to Wandsworth Council. Part of that included a public consultation. AS said he would like to manage everyone's expectations as this isn't a blank canvas – the decisions around the trees and species have been made and approved. There are things that we may be able to do, for example more logs.	
7.18	A resident said Tideway have been open and cooperative throughout the process, and he finds it "a bit off" to criticise things now when they have been open to helping communities over the 5 years. The resident said he feels the problem is that all of this was put through 10 years ago. Tideway have done well keeping everything together	
7.19	FA thanked the resident and said now is a good time to get things right, and to bring in the community, as lots of people were not living here 10 years ago.	
7.20	A resident said she is worried about the zebra crossing and children's safety as the crossing is in the wrong place. The gate on Buckhold Road is open, but there is a long path up to it. From the 'egg' there are no gates which leads to the main road. The zebra crossing could move closer to the west so it's closer to the bus stop. There is a traffic island, which could turn into a pedestrian crossing. FA asked who will be best placed to look into this.	
7.21	DJ said this is for the highways department. DJ noted that discussions have been had about this, because of the new layout with the developments across the road, and the proximately of the island on Neville Gill Close. FA will pick this up with highways. Action 5	FA
7.22	FA thanked the team for taking part and for giving up their time for the meeting.	
8.0	AOB	
8.1	None.	
9.0	Date of Next Meeting	
9.1	TBC.	

Actions Register:

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Responsibility	Status
04/03/2021	2.1	Action 1: Presentation to be distributed with the minutes.	AG	Closed
04/03/2021	7.11	Action 2: Confirmation of how many trees are being replaced	TH	Open
04/03/2021	7.12	Action 3: Issue and distribution of bat boxes	Enable	Open
	7.16	Action 4: Tideway to look into widening community engagement	Tideway	Open
04/03/2021	7.21	Action 5: Highways department to be contacted regarding zebra crossing	FA	Open

Outstanding Actions from Previous CLWG Meetings

Meeting Date	Action	Responsibility	Status
11/07/2019	1: KA / KD to arrange a site tour of King George's Park for possibly January 2020. NOTE – postponed due to COVID-19.	Tideway	Open