



MEETING MINUTES

Subject:	King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore Community Liaison Working Group meeting
Date and time:	5 July 2021, 5.30 – 6.30
Location:	Virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams

Item	Topic
1	Construction update
2	Site update & environment update
3	Open Q&A

Tideway project staff:

- Dominic Lovelock (DL)
- Allen Summerskill (AS)
- Rebecca Oyibo (RO)
- Chloe Evans (CE)
- Mikaela Weyer (MW)
- Emily Black (EB)

Residents / Organisations:

Six local residents attended, one LB Tower Hamlets staff member and the chair of the Independent Compensation Panel (ICP)

Apologies:

- Martin Griffiths, Tideway

	Item	Action
1.0	Construction Update	
1.1	DL presented an update on construction progress and a timetable for upcoming activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diaphragm walling is complete • Capping beams are complete for the shaft, river wall and combined sewer overflow • Installation of temporary props in the combined sewer overflow • Repairs for the North East Storm Relief sewer (NESR) have been undertaken • Excavation of the shaft and main combined sewer overflow chamber • Shaft base slab complete 	

- Combined sewer overflow base slab part complete

Future works include

- River Wall, overflow and air treatment unit works
- Shaft secondary lining

The programme of upcoming work is included in the presentation.

Noise, air quality and working hours

MW presented slides on current and upcoming working hours and noise and air quality monitoring.

There have been no noise or air quality exceedances recorded between January – June 2021.

Question – have you had many complaints regarding noise?

- There have been some comments / complaints from residents regarding noise. It was noted, however, that Tideway applies best practise measures such as noise blankets and will respond to any alarms, that warn if we are approaching limits, immediately.
- It was noted by a member of the public that although there have been zero exceedances, residents are disturbed by noisy working, especially when concrete breaking activities are taking place.
- It was raised that residents of Free Trade Wharf experience noisy working but may have previously contacted Tideway so choose not to contact Tideway again.
- DL noted that when breaking/drilling hard materials noise can be louder but has been within limits. DL stated that the site team will do what they can to minimise noise impact.

Question - How long will breaking out activities continue?

- DL noted that there will be noisier periods over the next few months as we break down parts of the existing cofferdam infill area, but we will manage this noise and minimise the noise as much as possible.

Question - the timings of works associated with the shaft secondary lining was queried.

- This essential activity will take place within the shaft with the pump located at surface level, 24 hours a day 5 days a week. It will take place for a period of approximately 15 weeks. Whilst the secondary lining is being constructed, some surface works will also be required. These include the operation of the surface mounted concrete pumps and the delivery / unloading of concrete.
- This work is needed to keep the flow of concrete continuous and to avoid cold joints to ensure structural integrity and water tightness.
- To minimise disruption the pump will be moved as far away as possible from Free Trade Wharf.
- It was noted by the Chair of the ICP that other sites have acoustic sheds and it was questioned whether there will be a roof above the structure.
- DL commented that Tideway will be placing appropriate mitigation / blankets around this activity and have done noise modelling which suggests we will remain within noise limits.

<p>2.0</p>	<p>Action - DL to discuss noise mitigation with the Chair of the Independent Compensation Panel</p> <p>Action - Tideway to continue to inform residents of noisy activities and any changes to working hours.</p> <p>Legacy/ Community Investment</p> <p>RO presented slides on legacy and community investment activities.</p> <p>Staff working on the Tideway project volunteer their time to support good causes across London. This has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with 37 organisations • 1022 hours spent volunteering across 12 London boroughs • 180 people have volunteered • 1340 people have been supported <p>Employment initiatives are also taking place these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apprenticeships scheme • supporting women in construction • mentoring schemes • local recruitment / Kickstart scheme <p><u>Question</u> - it was queried whether these activities will stop any time soon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, these activities will continue through to the end of project. <p><u>Question</u> – it was queried what types of roles volunteers do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that some volunteer opportunities are arranged by Tideway and some are arranged directly by staff. • Examples of volunteering includes - one member of the team helped with the setting up of a Covid-19 hospital, one helping set up a helpline for NHS staff, foreshore litter clean-ups / assisting with foodbanks and helping with food deliveries. <p>Comment – the initiatives were noted as impressive and welcomed but the metrics / locations of the initiatives were queried.</p> <p><u>Question</u> - How many organisations supported were in Tower Hamlets?</p> <p>Action - Tideway to supply details of borough breakdown</p> <p><u>Question</u> - How many local people have been employed by the project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 people from Tower Hamlets have been employed since the start of the pandemic. <p><u>Question</u> – it was queried whether the measures outlined were more Corporate Social Responsibility rather than legacy items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public noted that legacy should be about the cleaner water, cleaner river and the permanent river foreshore • DL noted that this a fair point as some measures are more transitory in nature, but some measures do have more permanence i.e. improving construction in general, doing things in a different and more positive way, employment skills etc. 	<p>Action 1</p> <p>Action 2</p> <p>Action 3</p>
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3.0	<p>King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore Permanent Foreshore Structure proposals</p> <p>CE presented slides on the current planning submission for the King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore Structure proposals that is open for consultation on Tower Hamlet's planning portal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The formal application was submitted on 21 May 2021 to Tower Hamlets and Tower Hamlets Council started their formal consultation on the King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore Structure proposals 08 June 2021. • The Tower Hamlets Council reference for the submission is PA/21/01190/NC. To view the proposals in full enter this number into the Tower Hamlets Council online Planning Register. • The LBTH consultation period closes on 8 July 2021 and the final decision sits with LB Tower Hamlets. Any comments should be made directly to LBTH. <p><u>Question</u> – the design and suitability of the ventilation columns was queried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that comments have been made by members of the public regarding the appearance of the structures over a long period of time. • The size, shape, design, colour and materials of the columns was commented on. • DL noted that for the columns to function they need to have a set diameter and be in set locations over the shaft so that the air can pass into and out of the shaft. Post meeting note: For 99.9% of the time, the ventilation columns will pass air into the shaft. • Along with the functional requirement the columns have been designed to fit in with their setting in the park and reflect the gravel and waves breaking in their design. • Tideway are satisfied with the proposed columns but members of the public can make representations to LB Tower Hamlets if they want to comment. <p><u>Question</u> - the current status of the planning application was queried and it was queried whether the application will be reviewed by the full Planning Committee or delegated officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB noted that condition applications for a Development Consent Order (DCO) do not normally go to full Planning Committee, but if there are at least 20 objections then a decision will be made by LB Tower Hamlets on whether to take it to full planning committee. <p>Post meeting note: there were over 20 responses received which means the application will be considered by the Tower Hamlets' Planning Committee. The date has yet to be finalised.</p> <p><u>Comment</u> – a member of the public commented on various aspects of the application including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The process of meetings and consultations prior to planning application being submitted - The accessibility of riverside - Kiosk design - Consideration of planting 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level of hard landscaping - Whether Tideway had considered previous comments made on the design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB noted that the design process has been ongoing for a number of years and that Tideway has previously submitted a draft application. • LB Tower Hamlets produced a report on every comment made to the draft application and Tideway produced a response to this report which has been included in the submission. This report is viewable on the LB Tower Hamlets planning register. • LB Tower Hamlets agrees that they want the space to be as green as possible and Tideway has added greenery where possible. • It was noted that the riverside is accessible from the middle of space but due to the gradients involved stairs were a necessity at one end. • DL noted that Tideway was challenged by residents and the council and have produced and submitted a comprehensive response. • A member of the public disagreed with this statement and highlighted the current column design compared to the 2013 designs of the columns. <p>Action – to include a copy of Tideway’s response to LB Tower Hamlets’ comments with minutes</p> <p><u>Comment</u> – the proposed artwork, level of community involvement and historical interpretation was commented on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was queried why groups in Spitalfields / Bethnal Green had been engaged with. • It was noted these groups were engaged with as they are part of the general/wider Tower Hamlets community. • It was noted that there was no mention of the fish market / docks and other artworks look more appropriate for their site. <p>The meeting was closed and members of the public were reminded that the final date for representations for the planning deadline was 8 July 2021.</p>	<p>Action 4</p>

Actions Register:

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Responsibility	Status
05/07/2021	1.0	Action 1: Tideway to discuss noise mitigation with chair of the ICP	Tideway	Open
05/07/2021	1.0	Action 2: Tideway to continue to inform residents of noisy activities and any changes to working hours	Tideway	Open
05/07/2021	2.0	Action 3: Tideway to supply details of organisations supported in Tower Hamlets	Tideway	Open
05/07/2021	3.0	Action 4: Tideway to include a copy of their responses to LB	Tideway	Closed

		Tower Hamlets' comments with the minutes		
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