

A380 South Devon Link Road Community Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Title: A380 South Devon Link Road
 Name Of Meeting: Community Liaison Group Meeting
 Meeting Held At: The Coffee Room, The Parish Centre, Kingskerswell. TQ12 5LD
 Date And Time: 8th May 2013 - 6:30pm
 Minutes Taken By: Mina Ryder
 Attendees: Please see below
 Apologies: Please see below
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 Next Meeting: 6th June 2013 – 6.30pm – Galliford Try A380 SDLR Site Office, Old Newton Road, Kingskerswell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 5LB
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| 1 | | <p><u>AGENDA</u> <u>Welcome</u></p> <p>KP thanked MR for doing the Minutes in the time promised.</p> | |
| 2 | | <p><u>Attendees & Apologies</u></p> <p><u>Attendees</u> <i>Chairman</i> Ken Pegden (KP)</p> <p>Patrick Carney (PC) - <i>Torbay Council</i></p> <p><i>Galliford Try (GT)</i> Jim Watson (JKW) Tracey Waygood (TW) Mina Ryder (MR) Patrick Beasley (PB) Colin Mitchell (CM)</p> <p>Rob Richards (RR) - <i>Devon County Council</i></p> <p>Liz Waugh (LW) - <i>Coast</i></p> <p><i>Community Liaison Group (CLG) Members</i> Claire Foster (CF) Barry Hunter (BH) Phil Drummond (PD) Jane Pettifer (JP) Phil Wise (PW) Tony Seabrook (TS) Keith Fairman (KF) Pam Hampson (PA) Carol Allgrove (CA)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Paul Ewings (PE) - <i>DCC</i></p> <p><i>CLG Members</i> Rob Newman (RN) Rob Speare (RS) Brian Foster (BF)</p> | |

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| 3 | | <u>Minutes of Meeting 5 April 2013 – Matters Arising</u> | |
| 3.1 | KP | During construction of the A380 SCLR the area in and around the site is a construction site and such sites mean a dangerous environment. The group need to ensure people act safely and are kept safe. | CLG |
| 3.2 | KP | <u>1.1(c): Monthly Bulletin</u> Asked CLG members if they would like some input into SCLR website. It was suggested photographs are put on. | |
| | JKW | JKW explained that it would not be practical to have the CLG input to the routine production of the Monthly Bulletin due to timescales. However, GT welcome any feedback which will be considered for continual improvement of content and format. | |
| 3.3 | TW | <u>4: Tree Trunks Competition</u> TW submitted the article for the competition to the press, both the Herald Express and Mid-Devon Advertiser, however, GT cannot force them to put their articles in the newspapers, they can only ask and, unfortunately on this occasion, they chose not to. | NOTE |
| 3.3.1 | PH | Suggested the entries deadline is extended as few people knew about it and entered the competition. All agreed to extend the deadline. | |
| 3.3.2 | PC | Suggested we approach the papers again and ask them to put it in this time. | TW ACTIONED |
| 3.3.3 | JKW | Suggested the competition deadline is extended to a month's time and GT will pay to have the article in the papers to guarantee its entry. | TW ACTIONED |
| 3.3.4 | JP | Suggested notices are put up in the local area, a new Notice Board at the bottom of Aller Brake Road for example. | TW |
| 3.3.5 | | TW to send article to the same people who receive the GT Monthly Bulletin so they can put notices up in the local areas. | TW ACTIONED |
| 3.3.6 | JP | Requested article is sent to her so she can produce a notice and put it up in the Aller area. | TW/JP ACTIONED |
| | | All agreed closing date for entries be changed to 31/05/13 ready for the next meeting. GT to put entries up in the meeting room at the next meeting. | TW MR |

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| 3.4 | JKW | <p><u>5: Yon Street Bridge</u></p> <p>JKW reported that he believed the finishes at Yon Street bridge was masonry as per the retaining walls elsewhere.</p> <p>POST MEETING NOTE:</p> <p>This information is incorrect, the finishes to the structure at Yon Street are textured concrete, as per the attached drawing, which has been approved by the Planning Authority. This topic can be further discussed at the next meeting, at which GT will bring along drawings to clarify finishes.</p> | GT/DCC/TC |
| | | | |
| 3.5 | CM | <p><u>6.1: Galliford Try Office and Road Surface</u></p> <p>CM advised GT will resurface the road at the top of the SDLR site entrance and have just applied for road closure for 1 evening (normally requires 3 months' notice but have managed to push forward with 1 month's notice). GT will erect warning signs of closure 1 week in advance of this happening.</p> | CM ACTIONED |
| | KF | <p>Requested these signs are a lot clearer this time as the last ones were illegible. JKW agreed, had noticed this himself. GT confirmed that advance signage would be improved for future works.</p> | |
| 3.6 | JKW | <p><u>8.1: Parking in Area Around St Marychurch Road</u></p> <p>GT confirmed that they are investigating ways of limiting the duration between changing the existing junction at the bottom of Aller Brake Road and the opening of Penn Inn Flyover. In addition, the new junction at the top of Aller Brake Road has been moved back to Spring 2014.</p> | CK |
| | | JKW to bring works programme to the CLG when complete. | |
| 3.6.1 | JKW | <p><u>8.1.1:</u></p> <p>Advised GT will not be able to open the service road before the flyover opens. However, bringing the above works forward will limit the length of time people are forced to go via St Marychurch Road. Plans are under review and therefore JKW could not provide timescale at this time.</p> | NOTE |
| 3.7 | RR | <p><u>9: Footpath Link Between Aller Brake Road and Twickenham Road</u></p> <p>RR chased response from Designer for Road Safety Audit, which is still under review.</p> | RR ONGOING RR |
| | | Will bring detailed plan when available. | |
| 3.8 | PH | <p><u>10: Explanation of Wooden Markers and Spray Painted Numbers in Churchway Lane, Church End Lane and Greenhill Road</u></p> <p>Explanation given at the last meeting was incorrect.</p> | |
| | CM | There are various pegs: the ones in question relate to temporary surveying stations placed outside line of works. | |

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| 3.9 | JKW | <u>11.1: Mud at Bottom of Aller Brake Road</u> JKW advised that it will become busy in this area as works progress. Mud has turned to dust in the dry spell we have had recently. However, we cannot control the weather and GT will put genuine effort in to control dust and mud as far as they can. | JKW ACTIONED |
| | PH | <u>11.5: Landscaping</u> People of Greenhill Road would like to see plan of planting in this area. | RR/JKW |
| 3.10 | RR | Draft landscape plans of all planting were made available to the meeting. | ACTIONED |
| | JKW | <u>11.6.3: Environment – Deer at the Back of Yon Street</u> Having consulted with a deer expert, it has been decided not to cull them, but to monitor, hoping they leave by their own accord. However, if the deer prove to be a danger, GT will apply for Licence to cull. | GT ACTIONED |
| 3.11 | RR | <u>11.8: Bus Services between Newton Abbot and Torquay</u> No update available at this time. A 56 day notice period is required by the Traffic Commissioner for any change to bus services. RR acknowledges the importance of the No 174 service and had hoped this timetable would have been available. However, when it is available (which should be imminent), he will provide the CLG members with a copy. | RR ONGOING |
| | KF RR/TW | Thought the bus stop at Penn Inn was closed permanently. RR/TW confirmed it was closed temporarily and has now been reopened and will remain open in the final scheme. | NOTE |
| 3.12 | CF | <u>11.11:</u> A resident (who wishes to remain anonymous and not have her details passed to GT) has mentioned the compensation for the loss of her land and believes it may be the same person who discussed the issue with JP. | |
| | PC | Explained each land owner involved has a Land Agent and their Land Agent should liaise with their respective clients. DCC/TC cannot liaise direct with the land owners as this could open them up to accusations. NPS (Agents for DCC) had a meeting with the Land Agents last week and will double check that they are keeping their respective clients in the picture and making sure they understand the situation. | PC |
| 3.13 | KF | <u>11.14: Aller Estate Notifications</u> The 2D cross-section drawings will be blown up to A3 size to make them legible, any smaller they would be illegible. | |
| | TS | Offered to draft a drawing he thinks will be useful to the community on a smaller, briefer scale. JKW welcomed this for review. | TS NOTE |
| | JKW/TW | TW to discuss a Milber & Aller Information Notice with JKW that will be useful to the residents. | TW |
| | JP | Offered to review this leaflet from a resident's perspective. TW welcomed this idea and thanked JP for doing this. GT advised that this should | JP TW |

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| 4 | JKW | <p>be available within the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>Opening Comments Update JKW provided update on works completed and current ongoing works.</p> | NOTE |
| 5 5.1 | TS | <p>Traffic & Pedestrian Management – The Way Forward</p> <p><u>April Sunday Road Closures</u> Accepts there will be disruptions during construction of the A380 SDLR but thought GT could have done more to mitigate disruption during the works on the last two Sundays – the road was closed south bound but there seemed to be no works being carried out there, why was it closed?</p> | |
| | JKW | JKW assured the Group that all TM was necessary and compliant with the law and, advised there was no disruption south bound on those Sundays and invited proof to the contrary. JKW was 100% certain as he was present at the site during this period to see for himself. | NOTE |
| | TS | Advised the road between Newton Abbot and Shaldon was congested. | |
| | JKW | JKW advised that this is not the said route closed south bound between Torquay and Newton Abbot, which had no congestion on that Sunday and asked for proof that congestion occurred where TM closure was in place. | |
| | | TS was unable to provide any proof. | |
| | PC | Supported JKW and confirmed that all TM was in fact necessary that day for the works GT were carrying out – there are very strict rules in place by Law, particularly for Health and Safety reasons and GT must adhere to these. | NOTE |
| | | Furthermore, PC explained that there are regular Traffic Management Meetings with members from each emergency service, GT, DCC and TC in which GT have to answer for every single TM decision they make as they are challenged by both DCC and TC on every road closure request. He therefore assured the CLG that all closures in place were and are necessary. | |
| | | Lessons were learned from the Sunday closures: | |
| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GT to maintain as many lanes open immediately before Penn Inn roundabout as possible; and 2. Advanced signs warning of any closures must be provided at appropriate locations prior to closures (say 1-2 weeks in advance). | |
| 5.1.1 | TS | Suggested works should be done at a different time. | NOTE |
| | JKW | Welcomed suggestions from TS as to better times of doing works than Sundays. | |
| | TS | TS suggested further night time works. | |
| | JKW | JKW asked the CLG if they would support further night time works over Sunday closures | |

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| | | ALL members said they would not support such a proposal due to noise. | |
| 5.1.2 | TS | Put to PC to have commitment that restrictions will be lifted if works are completed early. | NOTE |
| | JKW | JKW advised GT cannot make any such commitments. However, if restrictions during such periods are causing congestion, they will be lifted as soon as practicable. | |
| 6 | KP (for RS) | Facings to New Retaining Walls RS' neighbours have asked about the facings of the new retaining walls to be built at the bottom of Aller Brake Road. | |
| | JKW | The retaining walls between the side roads and the adjacent properties are faced with masonry (local limestone as picture shown at meeting). The 1m high wall between the new A380 and the side roads will be textured concrete. | NOTE |
| 7 | BH RR | Should "For Sale" Vehicles at the Barn Owl Continue? This was addressed at the last Traffic Management Meeting. The Officer of Devon & Cornwall Police who attends these meetings went up to the said junction the day after the meeting and telephoned all the numbers on the vehicles and the next day the majority of vehicles were gone. | NOTE |
| | | If this tactic does not work, DCC will look at implementing a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order to stop vehicles being parked there. | NOTE/DCC |
| | BH | Did the accident at this junction in April have anything to do with these vehicles? | |
| 8 | RR | RR would not speculate on this. | |
| | PH | Construction Noise The Inspectors Report stated that construction working hours would be 8am to 6pm but GT work 7am to 7pm, raising the following questions: | NOTE |
| | PH/KP/TS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can GT work between the initial hours 8am and 6pm, as night and 7am-start works cause great inconvenience to the local residents? • Why were the hours changed? • Why were Parish Council informed of the changes, but not the local residents, of the amended working hours (although PH accepts DCC/GT have raised the bund as requested by the community)? | |
| | JKW | JKW confirmed that GT do their best to keep noise levels to a minimum at all times and all necessary approvals have been received for all works to date. | |

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| 8.1 | JKW | Explained GT are contracted to work 7am to 7pm and intend to adhere to this. | NOTE |
| | JKW | Cannot reduce the working hours. DCC/TC have been flexible for night works required and allowed GT to keep this to an absolute minimum by the railway. All parties involved have to weigh up cost and practicality. A lot of thought goes into this and GT can only do their best within the guidelines provided. Some works must be carried out outside of the given time, which are only undertaken with prior agreement by the Environmental Health Officer. | |
| | KP | Are noise levels monitored? | |
| | RR | Yes, they are, very much so. Certain machinery, such as disc cutters should not be used before 8am. Measures have been taken to mitigate the noise nuisance as much as is feasibly possible, empathising with the community. | |
| | JKW | There are a lot of works at the north end of the bypass and GT need to consider the safety of pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists. Further Sunday daytime works may be required for 02/06/13 for further crossings by Romany Jones and Aller Road. | |
| | PH | Apologised to JKW and now understands that GT have to act in accordance with DCC's instructions. However, residents are still inconvenienced and could not understand how the hours could be changed without consultation with the public as the original hours had been agreed at the Public Enquiry. | |
| | RR | Between the Public Enquiry and the Contract the times of works were changed in consultation with TDC and TC Environmental Health Officers. | |
| | PC | The Public Enquiry was put in place way before the decision was made to change the hours by PE for the Contract. Someone at the Parish Council Meeting must have asked the question. | |
| | KP | DCC/GT to notify the community of all changes. | GT/DCC ONGOING |
| | RR/PC | Apologised and will bear this in mind, moving forward. | NOTE |
| | LW | Can we do a more in depth Schedule for the residents so they know when to envisage noise occurring? | |
| | PC | Need to add more info to the website and Monthly Bulletin about what is going on. | TW ACTIONED |
| | PH | Will compensation rates change due to the change in the working hours? | NOTE |
| RR | No because monies are for land compensation rather than construction noise. | | |

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| | TW | There is a environmental meeting at 6pm on 13/05/13 at the GT A380 site office and invited everyone from the CLG and other members of the public to attend. GT Environmental Manager, Matt Lawman, will be there to discuss environmental issues on the whole and explain processes currently in place and being done, all under the project CEMP (Construction and Environmental Management Plan). | ALL ACTIONED |
| 9 | | Management of Actions | NOTE |
| | TS | Action points that are not closed should remain on the minutes. | |
| | JKW | Believed they are. TS went through examples from a print out of previous minutes and could not find any unactioned action points that were not already on the minutes. | |
| | RR | The minutes are sent out to all the Group members for checking and it is their responsibility to ensure any actions that they feel still need to actioned remain on the minutes. | ALL ACTIONED |
| | JKW | Actions are kept on the minutes until actioned and TS agreed. TW/MR to check this and report back to CLG at the next meeting. | TW/MR ACTIONED |
| 10 | | AOB | |
| 10.1 | JP | Why could the lights at Penn Inn not be changed for the days when major works are being carried out in the north section? | |
| | PC | Traffic lights control is handled from one place but it is tricky to do and takes a number of days of monitoring traffic to tweak them accordingly. | NOTE |
| | JKW | A Schedule of future works that require restrictions on the A380 will be prepared and distributed over the coming weeks. | CK |
| 10.2 | JP | Aller are losing out, with the 3 bus stops being taken from them and residents at Aller are not being considered but ignored. | |
| | RR | What would the residents like? | |
| | RR | Confirmed that to be the case and access is being arranged as requested. | |
| | JP | Aller residents are being "lied to once again by DCC". A member of DCC told her "There are winners and losers in every scheme and in this Aller are the losers". | |
| | PC | Also confirmed DCC/TC <u>are</u> looking at access and the needs of the residents. | NOTE |
| | JP | JP to speak to Aller residents about what they want. | JP |
| | RR | When the new A380 SDLR is built, the current A380 will be a whole lot quieter and more beneficial to local residents. DCC will need to look at traffic calming along the current A380 at the end of the project otherwise less traffic will encourage high speed, which is a concern for DCC. | NOTE |

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| 10.3 | CA/PW | <u>Road Housekeeping</u> Construction is making the road throughout hazardous to cyclists with debris being in the cycle lanes and signage. | |
| | RR | Aware of this, having cycled the route. A meeting is taking place (14/05/13) with Ken Robertson (Mid Devon Cycling Club) to discuss appropriate actions required. | |
| | JKW | Signage has now been improved. Sweepers are now in place to improve road housekeeping. Committed to maintaining existing cycle paths as much as possible but they cannot be maintained 100% of the time and has pointed out to his team that the road cannot be made narrow for this reason. | GT |
| | | JKW is not happy about closing the cycle lane and is taking the issue up with the Traffic Management group. | JKW |
| | RR | Current cycle lanes are sub-standard. | |
| 10.4 | CF | What is the Aller Tunnel? | |
| | JKW TW | It is not, technically, a tunnel. It is a railway tunnel under Aller junction. Can amend the timeline on the website but it is too late to change the next newsletter. | TW ACTIONED |
| 10.5 | CF | Could JKW please expand point in the May/June Bulletin about the planned works at the road crossing at Hanson's Quarry and Aller Park Road? | |
| | JKW | It is not envisaged that these works will cause severe congestion similar to previous works at Penn Inn. This is due to the works being remote from the access onto the roundabout. | NOTE |
| 10.6 | PH | Edginswell/Greenhill Road was very busy during the Sunday road closures. Please let people affected know, e.g. mini Bulletin updates. | TW ACTIONED |
| | RR | Now it has happened, when alerts are published on the radio/TV etc, people will know what this means. | |
| 10.7 | CF | Kingskerswell residents are grateful that GT have dealt with the silt/drainage coming down the hill at Foredown Lane and would appreciate GT's ongoing works on this, as something DCC have been asked to do for a long time, GT did rather quickly. | NOTE |
| | JKW | JKW will propose a solution. However, would like to point out that, due to the nature of his job, has worked with a lot clients and would like to assure the Group that DCC/TC do a very good job. | |
| | | POST MEETING NOTE: JKW would confirm that many of the items attended to by GT have only been possible with the assistance and support of both DCC and TC. | NOTE |

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| 10.8 | KF JKW | Cyclists need to be protected and Banksmen are therefore very important. JKW has indicated actions for this but cyclists do need take some responsibility themselves and act cautiously. | NOTE |
| 10.9 | KF | Green, blue and yellow cones are being used. The green cones are for site entrances. | NOTE |
| 10.10 | TW | Next Newsletter has gone to print today, which includes timeline of key dates and website links (copy handed out to all attendees). | NOTE |
| 10.11 | RR | Emergency Repair works to Teign estuary viaduct expansion joint on existing A380 is required. Overnight works 20-24 May, closing one direction of the A380 dual carriageway at a time (2 nights one way, 2 nights the other). NB this is nothing to the SDLR. | NOTE |
| 10.12 | | <u>Next Meeting</u> Thursday 6 June at 6.30pm – GT A380 Site Office, Old Newton Road, Kingsskerswell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 5LB. | |