

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: 7th February, 2013 - 6:30pm
 Minutes Taken By: Mina Ryder
 Attendees: Patrick Carney, Jim Watson, Tracey Waygood, Mina Ryder, Rob Speare, Rob Newman, Brian Foster, Claire Foster, Carol Allgrove, Ken Pegden, Pam Hampson, Jane Pettifer, Patricia Hartley, Barry Hunter
 Apologies: Paul Ewings, Rob Richards, Liz Waugh
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1		<p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p><i>Torbay Council</i> Patrick Carney (PC)</p> <p><i>Galliford Try (GT)</i> Jim Watson (JW) Tracey Waygood (TW) – GT PRO Mina Ryder (MR)</p> <p><i>Community Liaison Group (CLG) Members</i> Rob Speare (RS) Rob Newman (RN) Brian Foster (BF) Claire Foster (CF) Carol Allgrove (CA) Ken Pegden (KP) Pam Hampson (PmH) Jane Pettifer (JP) Patricia Hartley (PH) Barry Hunter (BH)</p>	
2	PC	<p><u>Your Role</u></p> <p>Galliford Try (GT) are employed by Devon County Council and Torbay Council to construct the South Devon Link Road.</p>	
2.1	JW	<p>GT are at site clearance stage with tree and scrub removal from Penn Inn to Hamelin Way. Demolition of existing properties having also taken place. The</p>	JW

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2.2	JW	property at Daccabridge is to be demolished in the next couple of weeks. Site clearance will continue until March 2013. The "Cedar Trees" are not coming down this weekend and an Ecologist will check there are no birds nesting in the trees immediately prior to removal.	
2.3	JW	Following site clearance, off road works will commence at Aller Park/St Lukes Road in April 2013. Traffic will continue flowing as usual, site access will be put in place but no road restrictions will be required on the main route.	
2.3	JW	GT are putting in a large culvert at Sainsburys, constructed in stages to keep the traffic flowing around the car park area as usual. The supermarket, petrol station and car park will remain open over the next 9 months of working in this area.	
	JW	The satellite compound at Sainsburys is now up and running and some Keyberry Road residents who use this section of the car park for residential parking have been allocated parking permits. This area will revert back to a car park when the project is complete (envisaged to be late 2013).	
3		<u>St Marychurch Road/Aller Brake Road Junction</u>	
3.1	JP	Was a Road Safety Assessment carried out? Concerned about the junction re-opening as it was closed for safety reasons.	
	JW	GT provide large scale drawings for this new junction. A Road Safety Audit will be carried out by independent specialists. There are 5 stages for this and we are up to stage 2 of the safety audit. Stage 3 entails the Police, Auditor and other third parties driving the route prior to it being fully opened to traffic.	JW
	PC	The Road Safety Audit is not a legal requirement, it is good practice and it is good GT are doing this.	
3.2		Refer to Non Construction section below	
3.3	JP	Why are trees at the new junction at the top of Aller Brake Road/St Marychurch Road being removed?	
	JW	Not all the tree removal in this area is in relation to the SDLR. Some tree removal in this area is work that Teignbridge District Council have to complete due to H&S of some overhanging branches. JP to liaise with Teignbridge Council for further information.	JP
4		<u>Buses</u>	
4.1		Refer to Non Construction section below	
4.2	PH	Signs should be erected in advance of bus stops being moved/temporarily out of order. A group of people waited at the bus stop by Sainsburys not knowing it was no longer in use.	
	TW	All bus companies that use the Penn Inn stop were informed of the closure and	

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4.3	JW	requested to put signs inside their buses. Not everyone reads these messages. In the future GT will ensure advance signs posted at bus stops.	TW
	BH	Believed it is common knowledge in the area that the bus stop was no longer in use. There were signs up in the buses and there was a small sign by the subway.	
	JW	The bus stop at Sainsburys will not be in action again by Easter, it will be later due to some complications with congestion of existing services that have necessitated a re-design of the new BT chamber.	
5		<u>Trees</u>	
5.1	PmH	Greenhill Road Fencing: When will the temporary fencing be put up and the trees taken down as the birds have started nesting? Residents do not want these trees to be removed.	
	JW	Trees have to be removed there for safety reasons. They will be taken down very shortly, before the birds start nesting (Ecologist will search the area first). The temporary fencing will be in place for approx 18 months.	GT
5.2	PH	Boundary fencing in PH area has prompted her neighbour to cut back their hedges, which has left holes in her boundary fence. When the Smiths move PH will have no neighbours and wishes her property to be secure.	
	JW	GT will ensure that new boundary fencing is erected prior to the removal of any existing boundary fence/hedge.	JW
	PC	Many trees will be reinstated. It is NOT true that only 1 tree will be planted for every 4.	
5.3	TW	TW will share the group DCC's plans regarding this. (attached)	TW
	JW	Tree planting is seasonal and normally proceeds October/November through to February/March, dependent upon weather. Boundary fencing will be erected where gardens would otherwise be exposed. It is not possible to put boundary fencing up along the entire route on day one.	JW
	PmH	Will semi-mature trees be planted along the route and some mature trees transferred? PE said they would. KP – Stated mature trees can be replanted. JW – PE will need to explain this. GT are instructed to plant a lot of young trees along the route. It is completely abnormal to plant mature or semi-mature trees on a scheme like this. If the councils instruct GT to plant some, they would have to be extremely selective as to where they go.	PE
	PC	Will look into this with DCC.	PC

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5.4	PmH	Edginswell Lane/Huxnor Road: Vegetation at 30 Huxley Vale blew down giving the resident a view of the road. GT will put some vegetation up for her. Residents are not happy that so many trees are being cut down around Yon Street and do not see why this is necessary. They also want the old Oak tree to remain.	
	JW	Trees are not being cut down this weekend. GT do not cut down trees unnecessarily, so many are coming down in this area to allow access for earthworks. Unfortunately, it is necessary for the Oak tree to come down.	
5.5	JW	Scrub removal by the railway lines will take place on Sunday (10/2) during 9:00 to 17:00. GT are working closely with Network Rail where the methodology is agreed. There is a scheduled possession window, i.e. 31 hours over a weekend, for doing works within 3 metres of the railway tracks. GT will advise residents of the next time GT has possession.	JW/TW
6		Contact Details and Sharing Information	
	PC/TW	SDLR new website is going live soon. The Newsletter will continue to be published quarterly. TW to bring latest briefings to the next meeting.	TW TW
7		AOB	
7.1	PH	Road at Elmcroft in very poor state:	
	JW	GT will carry out some temporary repairs in and around the access to Elmcroft when they construct the site compound access, although the existing damage was not caused by GT operations.	JW
7.2	PH	Drainage and mud is also a problem in this area. DCC do not unblock the culvert. There is also a lot of mud on the road:	
	JW	The roads suffered here with water and mud before the project began. Extreme rainfalls this year have made things worse. The mud is due to the landfill site and mud tracks can be seen leading from the landfill site. However, GT have unblocked the culvert down from Elmcroft and which should channel the water and try to alleviate future floods. It is not possible to keep roads completely clean all the time but GT are using wheel washes and will do their best to keep the roads clean of mud from the project but we cannot do anything about other sources of traffic.	JW
7.3	PH	Soil/Materials:	
	JW	Where is soil that has been taken up going? It will not go to the landfill site, it is intended that all materials will be re-used on site.	
7.4		Refer to Non Construction section below	
7.5	JW	When will the retaining wall at Sainsburys be built?: This will be right next to the existing road and will commence in the next few months.	

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7.6	BH TW	Concern over access for Sainsburys staff. Health & Safety is very important to GT and regular meetings are held with Sainsbury's management to discuss staff and customer safety. All working methods, pedestrian and traffic routes are agreed with Sainsburys.	
	PmH/CF	The Downs: Requested GT give notice if working in this area on Saturdays and if the area will be closed for works.	JW/TW
	JW	GT are not planning on doing this just yet but TW will liaise with GT's Site Agent, Seamus McAteer about this.	TW
7.7	JW	The car park will remain open during clearance at The Downs. It will be manned for safety reasons when work is taking place in that area. GT will ensure there is access at Maddacombe Road for The Downs during works there and may put up traffic control for safety.	JW
	CF JW	Daccabridge/Play Park: When will the works commence for the new play park? GT plan to commence works on the under 10s play park in April along with the over 10's play area at the same time. Pedestrian access needs to be moved to the side ahead of this work starting. It will take approximately 8 weeks but a few provisions need to be put in place first, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of the empty house near the bridge, and • Construction of the bypass drainage channels. JW to discuss with Seamus McAteer and confirm some information (note that demolition will not take place during school half term holiday).	JW
7.8	CF PC	What has happened about the Archaeological Excavations?: It was intended that people would be able view the artefacts but the site became a "mud bath" so Torbay Council had one Open Day for experts only, who took photographs and some items away for exhibition in Kingskerswell. This exhibition is temporary. There will also be a temporary exhibition in Torquay Museum before the items and photographs are taken to their permanent place in Exeter.	
7.9	BH	Would be happy to go on site and film it for the community, should anything like this arise again.	
	JP RS	CLG Meetings: Thursdays are difficult for some people, Mondays would be a good night. It was agreed TW would look at rotating the meetings between Mondays and Thursdays, providing a suitable meeting room can be located. JP will send someone in her place for the next meeting as she is on holiday. BF will also be on holiday for the next meeting. KP will also not be in attendance for the next meeting.	TW JP
7.10	RN	Route Maps Could additional copies of the scheme plan be used at future meetings so all attendees can review the areas being discussed.	

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	JW	Yes – this will be arranged for the next meeting	JW/TW

NON CONSTRUCTION POINTS RAISED

3 3.2	JP	<u>St Marychurch Road/Aller Brake Road Junction</u> Would like traffic control at Ash Way/Birch Road/Aller Brake Road junction as it is unsafe for pedestrians to cross here, e.g. pedestrian crossing.	PC
	JW	This junction is not covered by the project. Will bring larger scale drawing of this area for clarity.	
	PC	Torbay Council will look into these issues.	
4 4.1	JP	<u>Buses</u> Residents at Aller Brake Road are unhappy as there is no bus stop between Penn Inn and Romany Jones. Also, there is no bus stop after 7pm along here for residents who cannot walk very far, being a one mile walk to the nearest bus stop. Her son, for example, has disabilities and requires a bus in the evenings to Torquay for his job, particularly if it is raining. This is against the Equality and Diversity Policy both DCC and Torbay Council have.	PC
	TW	DCC are currently speaking to bus companies to look at the best way of addressing these concerns. Times and routes of the enhanced service are yet to be confirmed by DCC.	
	PC	Both DCC and Torbay Council appreciate this and have looked into it in great depth, they are limited by what they can do but hope that the bus company will choose to extend their hours of service, which they may do if enough people use the service.	
	PC	Confirmed that we will look at the bus situation and confirm timetables and routes. In the long term - the bus stops at Penn Inn will be reinstated.	
7 7.4	JP/RS	<u>Aller Brake/Torquay Road</u> Some residents are concerned that there is a single lane for two-way traffic by St Lukes Road and Aller Park Road.	PE
	JW	It has several passing places, this is not GT's decision and DCC will need to address this at the next meeting.	



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South Devon Link Road - Tree planting

The scheme provides:

3.5km (2.2 miles) of new and translocated hedges,
15.5ha of new woodland, woodland edge planting and scrub, (38.3 acres)
100 new specimen trees.

Site clearance results in the loss of:

5.5km (3.4 miles) of field hedges and 0.44km (0.27 miles) of garden hedges,
70 mature individual trees,
1.1ha of woodland (2.7 acres).