



Greystones Harbour Community Liaison Committee
Meeting No. 4
1st April 2008

Present: Grainne McLoughlin (Mayor Greystones Town Council), Derek Mitchell, (Greystones Town Council), Kathleen Kelleher (Wicklow County Council), Ciaran Hayden (Greystones Chamber of Commerce), Niall Ferns (Harbour Users Group), Ciaran Demery (North Beach Residents), Sean Whooley (Rathdown Park Residents Association), Marie Burbridge (Redford Park Residents Association), Tom Fortune (Greystones Protection & Development Association), Dr. Chris Smal (Friends of Historic Rathdown).

Sispar: Paraic Keogh, Brendan Sheehy, Paddy Rouse, Paddy O'Rourke, Olympia O'Dea, Sean Mason (Arup), Imelda Shanahan (TMS Environment), Stephen McCormack (Arup), Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council).

Apologies: Niall Brady (ADCO), Laurence Byrne, (St. Kevin's School).

1. **Minutes of meeting 19th February 2008**

Meeting minutes agreed.

2. **Project development programme status**

Sispar personnel informed the meeting about the project progress to date. A DVD showing the various work stages was shown. Sispar are on programme. Great progress in relation to the causeway works was achieved during the school holiday period. The first blocks are expected to be placed in the water at the end of May.

3. **Environmental Monitoring**

- **Noise and Vibration**

Olympia O'Dea gave a presentation on the environmental monitoring and auditing regime which is currently in place. Results to date were represented and it was stated that all results to date are within the set limits. Regular monitoring has been taking place daily. Continuous noise and vibration monitoring will be in place in the next weeks (noise in approximately one week and vibration in approximately 2 weeks). It should be noted that an onus was not put on Sispar to provide continuous environmental monitoring, however in light of good practice Sispar opted to do this. When questioned by Niall Ferns, Sispar personnel responded that all monitoring is being carried out according to best practice.

A random series of locations (up to 15) are monitored for noise and vibration with an average of 5 locations being done daily whilst site activities are ongoing. Additional measurements are taken prior to certain works (e.g. demolition, commissioning of new items of plant and equipment). Ciaran Demery enquired about the quality control aspects of monitoring.

- **Dust**

Dust monitoring is also taking place. Ciaran Hayden raised the issue of the security of the dust monitors and whether any controls are in place to prevent or monitor any tampering with the gauges by third parties. Imelda Shanahan informed the meeting that the monitors are placed in locations where the least possible potential interference can occur; however it must be noted that they are located where readings obtained are representative of site activities. Quality controls are in place in relation to the monitoring activities on site. Gauges are photographed before they leave site and notes are taken in relation to any possible contamination present e.g. leaves or bird droppings.

- **Dilapidation Surveys**

60 properties are to be surveyed. To date 50 properties have been completed. A second letter was sent out to those who did not respond to the first letter. A request was made to those who have not yet contacted Sispar in relation to same to make contact as soon as possible. Reports have not yet been issued as it is planned to send them out simultaneously.

- **Traffic**

An increase in construction traffic was noted in recent days. The increase in volume was a result of Sispar's decision to optimise the school holiday period to get materials for the causeway and batching plant delivered to site. During this period the restrictions on delivery times to site for school (St. Patrick's National School and St. Kevin's National School) pick up and drop off times did not apply. Niall Ferns commended Sispar for taking this course of action. Truck drivers have been notified about the finish of the holidays and that normal delivery hours will resume again once the schools return.

Ciaran Hayden, who was also representing St. Kevin's National School for this meeting requested that rumble strips be put at the top of the hill in addition to road markings depicting school children. Sean Quirke and Olympia O'Dea are to arrange a meeting with St. Kevin's School. It was noted that St. Kevin's School have not made a complaint about trucks passing the school.

Tom Fortune of the GDPA raised the issue of trucks travelling in convoy. Sispar advised that this tended to occur following the lifting of delivery restrictions for school traffic.

The speed at which trucks Kathleen Kelleher raised travel. A new Garda traffic unit has been carrying out speed checks in and around the area. Grained Mc Loughlin felt that it was car owners not truck drivers that were breaking the speed limits.

The bus bay is to be moved thus making the area safer for those part taking in the activities the sailing club will be offering during the upcoming season.

Kathleen Kelleher requested that the ivy under the railway bridge as vehicles travel East to West be cut back as this is likely to improve the line of vision for motorists.

4. Questions and answers

In response to comments from Tom Fortune in relation to the timing of delivery trucks entering the site and that his understanding was that there would be a 10 minute interval between deliveries, Sispar advised that the traffic section in the EIS advised that during peak hours the number of trips equated to an average of one trip every 3 minutes.

Stephen Mc Cormack, the site Resident Engineer was introduced to the meeting.

Recycled materials consisting of crushed concrete have been laid on the public walkway. Ciaran Hayden voiced his satisfaction with the cliff walk. However he raised the issue of dog litter along this area. Sean Quirke will talk to the Environment Section at Wicklow County Council in relation to erecting signage notifying responsible parties to clean up after their dogs.

Ciaran Hayden raised the number of berths proposed in the marina. He provided information on marina facilities elsewhere where the dry stacking of boats takes place. He felt that 230 berths was insufficient considering the potential demand that there is going to be for places. Paraic Keogh commented that there may be a possibility to dry stack 6-8metre boats. Ciaran Hayden was requested to issue information to Sispar in relation to a seminar on marina management.

The Rowing Club requested that Ciaran Hayden raise the issue of traffic calming at the meeting.

Dr. Smal requested that a copy of Dr. Brady's report be issued to the Friends of Historic Rathdown. Dr. Smal was requested to send an e-mail to Sean Quirke in relation to same.

Marie Burbridge who represents the Redford Park residents raised the issue of the Gap Bridge and requested that the culvert there is not to be forgotten because if it gets blocked it will affect local residents. Sispar assured her that the water is to be culverted. An archaeological survey has been carried out and work will commence as soon as the report done by Niall Brady from the Archaeological Diving Company has been reviewed and approved by the Department and Archaeological Licence issued.

Dr. Smal requested to know what is to be done with the materials from the Gap Bridge once it is taken down. Paddy O'Rourke stated that it will be taken down initially and stored and then a decision will be made about what will be done with it.

Derek Mitchell has requested a lecture on the engineering aspects of the project be organised for interested parties. Sean Mason from Arup is to facilitate this lecture and will liaise with Derek Mitchell in relation to same. A venue will have to be selected so as to ensure that people get the most out of it and that genuinely interested people can attend.

The project newsletter was discussed. If any of the meeting participants have any further points they want included in the newsletter they are to contact Sean Quirke in the next week. Derek Mitchell stated that comments from the clubs would be useful.

The nesting areas previously used by Sand Martins within the construction area have been covered by netting to avoid any interference with this year's nesting activities

In relation to access to the slip, Niall Ferns stated that club activities are running near to normal and that Sispar should be commended for the good work they are doing. Marie Burbridge seconded this.

Ciaran Demery enquired about the surface water pipe adjacent to his house and asked if Sispar have considered this in their site plans. Arup are currently reviewing this area.

Ciaran Demery also enquired as to whether all the North Beach shingle is in place yet. 10,000m³ has been set down already. A further 20,000m³ is to be placed during the construction programme. Materials from the temporary causeway, when removed will be used for reclamation.

The “Giants Hollow” will be landscaped during the public park development works.

5. Date and location for next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 26th May 2008 at 6p.m. on site at Greystones Harbour Development. Harbour Users meeting is scheduled to take place before this meeting.

