



**Greystones Harbour Community Liaison Committee**  
**Meeting No. 1**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**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), Emer Singleton (Friends of Historic Rathdown), Donal Flynn (Greystones Protection & Development Association)

**Sispar:** Paraic Keogh, Brendan Sheehy, Paddy Rouse, Paddy O'Rourke, Olympia O'Dea, Imelda Shanahan, Michael Hussey, Niall Brady, Sean Mason  
Sean Quirke, Wicklow County Council

**Apologies:** Dr. Chris Smal

**1. Introductions**

Meeting formally opened by Mr. Sean Quirke of Wicklow County Council.

**2. Community Liaison Charter**

The Community Liaison Charter was circulated and discussed. Sispar endeavour to adhere to the charter. Committee members may be asked to keep certain aspects of the meetings confidential when requested by the Chairman.

**3. Project Development Programme**

Details of the project programme were distributed, presented and discussed. Hours of work will be as outlined in the planning permission.

Mr D. Flynn asked that a list of the major construction management documents to be prepared which will have an impact on the local community/surroundings be issued.

Photographic evidence and video recordings of current conditions will be maintained in addition to levels of progress made throughout the stages of the construction process.

#### 4. Pre-development works

- Archaeology

Niall Brady of Adco discussed the archaeology aspects of the project. Plan to excavate 21 trenches in D'Arcy's field. Work commenced 2 weeks ago. To date 8 trenches have been completed. Depending on weather conditions it is expected that 13 trenches will be completed by end of this week. Report on findings will be submitted to the Department of the Environment. Department to review report before allowing developments works to continue. To date no items of archaeological significance have been found. A variety of modern materials were unearthed but no coins were found. The report prepared for the Department of the environment will also be available for the public.

- Site establishment

It is expected that site establishment, hoardings etc. will commence in January 2008. It is planned to have the batching plant delivered to site in January with a view to having it commissioned and ready for production of breakwater blocks by end of February. Work to forming access for construction of breakwaters to commence in March and construction of the breakwaters to commence in April Project specific information and particulars and project specific locations are expected to form part of the site hoarding.

A temporary haul road for construction traffic is to be installed at this stage.

Until temporary slipway is installed, clubs will have access to the beach for launching. The North beach Road is to remain open and will not be used as a haul road for site traffic.

. The first 30,000m<sup>3</sup> of shingle for the project will be brought in by road. The remaining shingle will be shipped in by sea.

Wicklow Co. Co. advise that a Foreshore Licence for deposition of the shingle on the beach is not required as the foreshore has been included in the CPO as confirmed by An Bord Pleanála.

Ciaran Demery (NBR) questioned this. Inspectorate Report from Oral Hearing is available for viewing in relation to this.

Pathway from Gap Bridge to Grove to be maintained. However the route is subject to change according to the construction programme.

- Traffic calming works

Sean Mason of Arup informed all present about the planned traffic calming works.

Actual traffic calming works to commence this week or early next week with the approval of Wicklow County Council. They will comprise a combination of warning signs, speed ramps and pedestrian crossings.

It is also proposed to erect a bash beam on the northern side of the railway bridge in order to add additional warning for HGVs approaching the bridge.

Additional maps/plans outlining site hoardings, site haul roads, boat launch access were requested Sispar explained these issues however agreed to clarify further at the next meeting.

Construction traffic is to be routed down the Rathdown Road. Sispar will be writing to its suppliers to inform them about the delivery routes to the site and about the

traffic calming works. Haulage companies not familiar with the Greystones Area who will be delivering materials to site will be informed about the suspended “bash beam” which will be installed at the approach to the railway bridge. A traffic management plan had been prepared for the site at planning stage. This is currently being updated to become a working document.

- Batching plant/ Mitigation measures

Concerns in relation to public health were raised in relation to the operation of the batching plant.

Imelda Shanahan of TMS Environmental advised that Sispar will monitor the impacts of the batching plant (dust, emissions). The plant cannot be completely enclosed; however controls have been built into the plant in the way that it has been designed/controlled and managed. An ongoing monitoring and auditing programme is to be implemented for the plant to ensure limits are not exceeded. The monitoring programme includes dust and emissions. Monitoring results will be maintained on site and will be available for viewing by members of the public. Information such as audit results/monitoring results will also be made available at community liaison meetings. Other potential sources of dust are delivery trucks and the cement silos on site. Delivery trucks will be covered and the cement silos are sealed. Sispar has an environmental plan, which will be implemented to control potential environmental impacts on the area. Environmental audits will be carried out to ensure that the batching plant is being run and maintained according to the guidelines detailed in the EIS. Environmental monitoring equipment such as dust gauges will be displayed at the next meeting.

Sispar asked that residents who may have specific concerns in relation to this or any aspect of the project, contact the project information phone line and such concerns will be addressed.

In answer to a question from Marie Burbridge (RePRA), Sean Mason advised that there is to be some re-shaping of the old dump and the entire dump area is to be capped off using granular material and topsoil.

## 5. Questions & answers

Public to use the phone line facility. Number circulated in newsletter.

6. Ciaran Hayden (GCC) asked that local labour be used where possible on the project.

7. Date and location for next meeting: Greystones Town Council Chamber, Mill Road, Greystones on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00 p.m. It is envisaged that future meetings will take place on site.

