



**Greystones Harbour Community Liaison Committee
Meeting No. 7**

October 7th 2008

Present: Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council), Grainne McLoughlin (Greystones Town Council), Kathleen Kelleher (Wicklow County Council), Marie Burbridge (Redford Park Residents Association), Tom Fortune (Greystones Protection & Development Association), Emer Singleton (Friends of Historic Rathdown), Ciaran Demery (North Beach Residents), Derek Mitchell (Greystones Town Council), Ciaran Hayden (Greystones Chamber of Commerce), Mary Egan (Harbour residents) Sean Whooley (Rathdown Park Res. Association)

Sispar: Paraic Keogh, Brendan Sheehy, Yvonne McCaffrey, (Sispar); Imelda Shanahan (TMS Environment), Niall Brady (ADCO), John Crowley (Sisk-Lagan JV), Sean Mason (ARUP), Steve Mc Cormack (ARUP).

1. The meeting was opened by Sean Quirke. Mary Egan had been nominated to the committee to represent the harbour residents. She advised that she does not represent the Bawn area. The new public liaison officer Yvonne McCaffrey was introduced to the meeting

2. Project development programme status

Sispar gave a brief overview of the project programme status. A storm on the 5th and 6th of September had set the programme back by 5-6 weeks
Ciaran Demery voiced concern regarding the technical construction of the building works. Paraic Keogh (Sispar) replied to this by stating that this meeting is not a forum for discussing technical details of the project

Cliff road closure is to be extended by four weeks notice has gone out to all of the residents.

Mary Egan voiced concern regarding the amount of notice given to the residents. The residents feel that five days notice is insufficient. Brendan Sheehy stated that Sispar would endeavour to ensure to give as much notice as possible.

3. Environmental Monitoring

Dr Imelda Shanahan, Managing Director, TMS Environment Ltd gave a presentation on the environmental monitoring regime which is currently in place. Special attention was given to noise and vibration in this presentation. The monitoring results to date were presented. Copies of the presentation were given to all at the meeting.

Ciaran Demery requested clarification from Dr Imelda Shanahan on the noise monitoring on the 24th July 08. He stated that he had complained about the noise level on this day. Imelda explained in great detail the monitoring. Slight exceedances of guideline noise were recorded. Corrective actions are being implemented, monitored and enforced by Sispar and representatives from the environmental consultancy firm TMS Environment.

Mary Egan requested that advance notice be given to the residents when noisy work will be happening and that the residents are made aware of the duration of the noise. Brendan Sheehy stated that it is difficult to know in advance of all operations what the actual levels of emission will be at various locations. Mitigation measures are put in place and emissions are measured. Where necessary additional measures are put in place to further reduce emissions, Paraic Keogh suggested that the residents go to the liaison office at the times that noise is affecting them or to call the information line.

It was also suggested by Paraic Keogh that all residents make use of the public liaison office that Yvonne McCaffrey Liaison officer is happy to deal with any complaints received to the office.

It was reported again at this meeting that many of the dust gauges which are placed on the inside of heras fencing which is erected along the cliff walkway are still being interfered with. Some gauges were damaged or removed and have been replaced on numerous occasions to date.

It was requested by Derek Mitchell (Greystones Town Council) that the presentation be placed on the web page and that residents are made aware that it is on the web by the newsletter

Ciaran Hayden (Greystones Chamber of Commerce) proposed that intimidation of any individual should not be allowed at these meetings this was seconded by Paddy O'Rourke (Sispar)

4. Questions and answers

Mary Egan brought up the issue of the noise of the main gates of the site. Brendan Sheehy stated that the noise from the gate has now been quietened.

Emer Singleton (Friends of Historic Rathdown) voiced concern of the lack of notification of the dismembering of the Gap Bridge. Brendan Sheehy stated this had been discussed at length, at the last liaison meeting. Emer Singleton requested that the fence be reinstated and sign put onto the fence so that it cannot be opened.

Ciaran Hayden (Greystones Chamber of Commerce) proposed artwork on the hoarding would improve the look of the hoarding this was seconded by Derek Mitchell (Greystones Town Council) Grainne McLoughlin (Greystones Town Council) also suggested that the artwork be complete for the festival next year. Paddy O'Rourke Sispar stated that Sispar would endeavour to improve the hoarding.

Emer Singleton (Friends of Historic Rathdown) voiced concern over machinery traversing Darcy's field to demolish the Gap bridge and stated that Sispar were in breach of the planning permission. Sispar stated that the planning permission excluded excavation and ground disturbance in the area mentioned. Great care had been taken to ensure no disturbance took place. Sispar stated that the Gap

Bridge was demolished in line with the requirement of the planning approval and Niall Brady (Adco) confirmed that demolition was carried out in accordance with the licence issued by the DOEHLG.

Tom Fortune raised a number of points including

- 1) Time lost due to the storm and who would bear the cost? Sispar advised that this was a contractor's risk.
- 2) Did the blocks stacked in Darcy's field pose a safety risk? Sispar confirmed they had assessed this and that there is no risk
- 3) Could the plastic wrapping be removed from the straw bales at the cliff road as it is causing nuisance from flapping in the wind? This is a temporary noise reduction measure and will be removed as soon as possible.
- 4) Communication in relation to the cliff road closure could have been better.

5. Date and location for next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 2nd December 2008 at 6p.m. on site at Greystones Harbour Liaison Office. The Harbour Users meeting is scheduled to take place before this meeting.

