



Greystones Harbour Community Liaison Committee
Meeting No. 2
8th January 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), Dr. Chris Smal (Friends of Historic Rathdown), Donal Flynn (Greystones Protection & Development Association)

Sispar: Paraic Keogh, Brendan Sheehy, Paddy Rouse, Paddy O'Rourke, Olympia O'Dea, Margaret Keaveney, Niall Brady, Sean Mason
Sean Quirke, Wicklow County Council

Apologies: (Representative from St. Kevin's School)

1. Minutes of meeting 4th December 2007 approved.
2. Project development programme status

Sispar informed the meeting that site set up and hoardings would commence within a week to 10 days.

Photomontages and drawings relating to site and hoarding layouts were tabled for information.

Margaret Keaveney, Sisk Environmental Officer, provided a sample of the dust gauges that will be used on site. She explained that they would be left in place for a period of 30 days at a time; this is a standard procedure for such monitoring. Dust is measured in mg dust per m². At present dust gauges are in place at the perimeter of the site. Al Control, an independent accredited laboratory located in Ballycoolin will analyse the dust samples taken on site.

TMS Environmental is to carry out noise and vibration monitoring. Visual inspections will be carried out and dust suppression methods will be employed. The haul road will be surfaced to minimise dust levels. Base bitumen is likely to be used to seal the surface.

The batching plant was discussed. The majority of the concrete for the project will be cast on site, hence reducing the volume of articulated trucks entering Greystones as a result of the development. Delivery trucks associated with the development will be instructed not to travel down the Rathdown Road during the drop off time of 8.45a.m.

to 9.15a.m. at St. Kevin's School. However it was noted that there are other developments currently taking place in Greystones; and more are likely to take place in the future therefore the policing of trucks may be difficult. Delivery drivers bound for the development will be penalised if they travel the road during the prohibited periods. Sispar endeavour to manage this aspect to the best of their ability.

The Gap Bridge is to be removed from the site as per Condition 8 of the Planning Permissions for the development, and in the interest of public safety, having regard to the condition of the bridge. There is a requirement to have the bridge surveyed prior to the commencement of this part of the works. The operation will be monitored by an Archaeologist. Access to the North Beach will be prohibited during this phase of the works; however temporary access can be provided.

Dr. Smal informed the meeting that the materials that comprise the bridge are thought to have come from Rathdown Castle, which is a listed building. The Grove Residents and the Friends of Historic Rathdown, amongst others, may have suggestions as to what to do with it. In the meantime the components of the bridge will be put into storage. There will be further discussion as to the re-use of any stone of interest which arise as a result of removal of the bridge

The Site Specific Safety Health, Environmental and Quality Plan is completed. A copy is to be issued to Greystones Town Council.

3. Pre-development works

- Archaeology

Archaeological site works were completed before Christmas 2007. Nothing of archaeological significance was identified. The preliminary archaeology report has been issued to the Department of the Environment and Sispar are currently awaiting a response from them in relation to same. A request was made by the Friends of Historic Rathdown to view the summary report. This was agreed. Niall Brady, consultant archaeologist is to consult with the Department of the Environment in relation to the licence for monitoring site establishment works.

- Traffic calming works

Traffic calming works are expected to be finalised in the coming weeks. A 30Km/ph speed limit will come into operation as of 14th January. A one-way traffic system under the railway bridge is not expected to be necessary as two trucks are able pass under the bridge without difficulty at low speed. The road will be narrowed by approx 600mm. A request was made to monitor the situation closely in the first weeks, and if need be, the system should be changed.

4. Development works

- Site establishment and hoarding details

Erection of site hoarding expected to commence the week commencing 14th January or thereabouts. Hoarding height will be 2.4 metres in general. One crew will be employed to install the hoarding at the harbour end and a second crew will commence the installation of fencing at the other end of the site. Fencing will secure the batching plant and the cliff walk will be cordoned off by fencing. Hoarding will not be installed

at Gap Bridge. The beach nourishment programme will take place from that point of beach northward.

A request was made to leave Perspex viewing holes in the hoarding.

Concern was expressed in relation to site security. Sispar informed the meeting that the site would be secured with security personnel and possibly Netwatch type CCTV monitoring.

5. Questions and answers

The shingle is not to be brought in until the haul road is completed. The source of the shingle has not yet been finalised but it is likely to come from Ballyhorsey.

Sean Quirke informed the meeting that a foreshore licence is not required for the deposition of shingle on the beach as it is covered under the Compulsory Purchase Order for the site.

Concern was raised about local residents not being able to egress from their houses in the morning. Sispar informed the meeting that site security personnel will monitor and manage traffic entering and exiting the site. A set down area inside the site hoarding is planned; therefore such vehicles should not hinder local traffic movements.

Councillor Kathleen Kelleher made the meeting aware that the problem of graffiti is on the increase in the Greystones area.

The site working hours were discussed. As per the planning permissions for the development necessary marine works may be undertaken during periods outside this time frame to suit tidal and weather conditions, details of which shall be notified and agreed with the planning authority prior to any works being carried out. Local residents will be given prior notice of same.

Donal Flynn, Greystones Protection and Development Association, made reference to housekeeping issues adjacent the Beach House during the Christmas holiday. Grainne Mc Loughlin, Mayor of Greystones Town Council, said that any littering in the area was more than likely as a result of holiday revellers than as a consequence of construction work activities and construction site personnel.

Access for harbour users was discussed. Niall Ferns, representing the harbour users group made a request that the slipway access be greater than 6m as the old slipway was likely to have been twice the proposed width. Area needs to be wide enough to permit trailers for boats. A meeting is to be scheduled immediately prior to the next liaison committee with harbour user representatives, to discuss this issue.

A request was made to allow local fishermen to bring in fish boxes. They will be able to continue this practice for a short time period, however, from month 6 to month 20 there is likely to be some difficulty with this on safety grounds.

An emergency escape route from the North beach will have to be installed to allow the safe passage of the public back up to the cliff walk in the event that they are stranded by the incoming tide. A ladder system is likely to be installed to facilitate the escape route.

The 25m line from site to archaeological site was discussed. Grid reference surveys available. This line to be physically established on site. Construction vehicles will not encroach on the archaeological site as palisade fencing will be installed.

6. Date and location for next meeting.

Greystones Town Council Chamber, Mill Road, Greystones on Tuesday 19th February at 7p.m. It is envisaged that further meetings will take place on site.

