



Greystones Harbour Community Liaison Committee

**Meeting No. 3
19th February 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), , Donal Flynn (Greystones Protection & Development Association), Laurence Byrne, (St. Kevin's School).

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

Apologies: Dr. Chris Smal (Friends of Historic Rathdown)

1. Ciaran Demery requested that the minutes of meeting No. 2 dated 8th January 2008 be amended to include the commitment given by Sispar not to use North Beach Road for construction traffic.. The Chairman Sean Quirke agreed to amend the minutes accordingly.

2. Project development programme status

Sispar Construction Ltd. took possession of the site on 21st January 2008. Brendan Sheehy, Contracts Manager for Sispar informed the meeting about progress to date.

3. Development works

- Site Establishment
- Haul road
- Batching Plant

Donal Flynn highlighted that the signage associated with the traffic calming for the development was not entirely installed prior to the commencement of the works and that Sispar were not adhering to the spirit of the planning conditions. Sispar representatives present did not accept these comments made by Mr. Flynn and pointed out that they had carried out additional works over and above that required by Planning conditions such as an additional speed ramp and a bash beam to protect against vehicle collision with the railway bridge soon to be installed. The installation of the bridge bash beam and an additional speed ramp were not required in the planning conditions, however Sispar agreed to install these as additional precautionary measures.

Shingle for the purpose of beach nourishment was discussed. The initial shingle will be brought in by road, however the nourishment for maintenance after the development finishes will have not be transported by road, but by sea.

Dilapidation surveys were discussed. Sispar sent out an initial letter in January 2008. A second letter is now being sent to those residents who may potentially be affected by the development. Sispar require residents who form part of the survey to reply in writing directly to the architect. To date 5 surveys have been completed with 5 more scheduled to take place on 20th February. Some residents wish to appoint a survey themselves; however Sispar want to have a single point of contact for the surveys. Sispar stressed that they are relatively flexible in relation to the hours the architect can attend to do the surveys.

Ciaran Demery requested to know why the North Beach Road was used as an access route for construction traffic. Sispar advised that measures were now in place to ensure that construction vehicles use the site haul road and security personnel were now in place to control this. Sispar had agreed that it would only be used in exceptional circumstances such as for delivery of site hoarding. Sispar admitted that they were in breach of this agreement. The haul road has now been established in full inside the site hoarding. Security personnel have now been installed on site and have been informed not to allow heavy construction vehicles access along North Beach Road. Ciaran Demery confirmed that the situation has improved some what but is not yet resolved. Sispar agreed that the temporary site entrance on North Beach Road will be closed as of 20th February.

Derek Mitchell voiced the concern local residents from the Grove have expressed in relation the materials from components of the Gap Bridge following demolition and what is to be done with them. The bridge will be dismantled by machine and the materials stored until a decision is made as to re-use. components will be stored until a decision is made as to what to do with them.

The water outlet at the Gap Bridge was discussed. Arup are currently drawing up plans in relation to culverting this water. Marie Burbridge The representative from the Redford Residents expressed concern that the culvert might get blocked.

Laurence Byrne, representing St. Kevin's School requested that heavy construction vehicle traffic be restricted past the school. Movements are restricted at morning and evening peak periods. The meeting was informed that a representative from the school has been monitoring these movements.

Brendan Sheehy informed the meeting that Sispar have a disciplinary procedure in place to deal with drivers who do not adhere to the time restrictions in relation to school peak periods.

The issue of an additional speed ramp north of St. Kevins school was raised however it was felt that a ramp on one side of the road only, could lead to drivers swerving to avoid the ramp. Arup and Wicklow Co. Council are currently in discussion as to whether additional traffic calming measures should be installed North of St. Kevin's school. Kathleen Kelleher suggested that a single ramp be installed. However Arup said it is likely that drivers may cross over to the other side of the road to avoid the ramp thus creating a potentially hazardous situation.

Donal Flynn enquired as to whether parking facilities had been provided onsite. Parking facilities for construction site personnel have been provided in the Sisk Lagan JV compound on North Beach Road.

The speedy installation of the temporary launch slipway was praised. Derek Mitchell praised the construction of the temporary slipway. Derek Mitchell He also enquired about the installation of the Perspex viewing panels on the hoarding and as to whether a seat/seating could be installed at the Southern end of the site hoarding external to the site adjacent to the anchor. Wicklow Co. Co. said this could be done. He also asked whether a TV could be installed in the site office behind the hoarding showing footage in relation to the project. This was agreed. A suggestion was made also to install a webcam on site. Sispar advised that they would investigate possibilities in relation to this. will have to consider this before making a commitment to provide it. The possibility of organising a lecture on the civil engineering aspects of the project was raised. It was agreed that a lecture on engineering aspects associated with the project would be given.

No questions in relation to the archaeology aspects to the site were raised.

The anchors will be taken out and stored.

Sisk Lagan JV will be running the batching plant on site.

Ciaran Demery advised the meeting that he had experienced problems in relation to vibration as a result of the compaction of the haul road and questioned the levels of vibration as a result of this activity. requested information on the noise and vibration monitoring. Vibration monitoring was carried out on 14th and 15th February two metres to the rear of the houses on the North Beach Road. Imelda Shanahan was uncertain as to whether the monitoring took place adjacent to Ciaran Demery's house, however personnel from TMS who did the monitoring took a photograph of the location so it will be possible to ascertain whether it was Ciaran's house or not. He had also issues in relation to noise levels emanating from plant. The limits for vibration are 12mm/s, results recorded were 0.48mm/s but were not recorded on the same date that Ciaran had experienced problems.. Noise monitoring was not done on those dates. At present continuous noise monitoring is not in place. TMS will be auditing the ongoing monitoring on a regular basis. Vibration monitoring is ongoing. Ciaran Demery reported that his house was vibrating. Sispar advised that a 12 ton roller was being used to compact the haul road reported that the roller is

being used but the vibration has been switched off and that the weight of the machine has been rolling the surface and a tracked dozer is also being used. Use of the roller adjacent the houses on North Beach Road had ceased and a track machine was being used instead. The track machine however tends to be noisier but cause less vibration. TMS advised that a meeting is to take place on site on Friday 22nd Feb to review all aspects in relation to environmental issues and to ensure implementation of an ongoing programme of monitoring and measurement of these aspects reorganising a meeting on site to see what progress Sisk Lagan have made to date in implementing an environmental monitoring regime which will incorporate dust, noise and vibration monitoring. The monitoring programme is subject to change according to the various elements of site works on site. The location of the vibration monitor will vary according to the source of vibration on the site.

TMS advised that dust monitoring is ongoing with 9 gauges now in place and further gauges to be installed. Prior to the Christmas holiday dust monitors were put in place in locations not likely to cause visual intrusion to the local community. At present 9 dust gauges are in place. The locations of the monitors will depend on the final site layout.

A report will be prepared on a monthly basis and presented to the meeting.

The subject of the Greystones festival which takes place in August was raised. Grainne Mc Loughlin stated that she could not discuss it at this juncture as the AGM has not yet taken place but isn scheduled for Wednesday 27th February.

Before the meeting closed CKieran Hayden criticised interjected to say that the negative input from the GDPA in relation to issues raised which could be answered by other means rather than taking up time at this meeting have no right to police the project and that Donal Flynn could have raised most issues with site personnel rather than take up the Committees time at this meeting.

The representative from St. Kevin's school asked if children from the school could be involved in some way. Paraic Keogh suggested that the local school could design a series of drawings for the site hoarding.

4. Questions and answers

5. Date and location for next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 1st April 2008 at 7p.m. on site at Greystones Harbour Development. Concern was raised about the standard of the site facilities. Paraic Keogh reassured all present that the site facilities are quite good.

