

Minutes of the Hospital Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Monday 13th January 2014 (7pm to 9pm) in the Lecture Theatre
Audrey Emerton Building (AEB) Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton

Present:

Cllr Warren Morgan (Chair)
Cllr Gill Mitchell
Mrs Jackie Nowell (Vice-Chair)

22 local residents

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals:

Duane Passman, Director of 3Ts (BSUH)
Anna Barnes, 3Ts Associate Director for Governance
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Engagement & Communications (BSUH)
Rob Brown, Head of Capital Development and Programme Manager for the Decant Programme

In attendance

Elizabeth Devas- (Macmillan)
Simon Birnie (Jerram Falkus Construction Ltd)
John Foskett (Jerram Falkus Construction Ltd)

Apologies:

Simon Henderson- Head of Cancer Environments (Macmillan)
Karen Hicks- Project Leader-3Ts (Laing O'Rourke)

1. Welcome

Cllr Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 5 was brought forward to allow Jerram Falkus to present their plans for the construction of the Cancer Information and Support Centre early on in the meeting.

5. Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre¹

Simon Birnie, John Foskett and Elizabeth Devas began the presentation by explaining the aims and objectives of the scheme which was to provide an advice and information for people affected by cancer and their families.² Simon said that the start date would be 24th February 2014, aiming to end by 24th March 2015. Jerram Falkus gave some commitments to the local residents as follows:

- 45 operatives on site during the maximum build period
- Contractors would be encouraged wherever possible to park off site and mini-bus transport would be provided if required
- Hours of operation: 08.00-18.00 Monday to Friday and 08.00-13.00 Saturdays (with no noisy activities before 08.00 on Saturday)

¹ <http://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=511272&type=full&servicetype=Attachment>.

² <http://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=413461&type=full&servicetype=Attachment>

- Simon said he would ensure that the site manager's number would be made available to local residents as well as an out of hour's number.

Action: Simon Birnie/Jerram Falkus

- He would undertake a mail-out to all local residents before peak activities and the provision of information on bill boards on site.

Action: Simon Birnie/Jerram Falkus

- Anna asked if this could be co-ordinated through the Trust to ensure optimum communication between all parties. This was agreed.

Action: Simon Birnie/Jerram Falkus

- Simon made several other suggestions such as involvement with local schools and the possibility of employing local apprentices.
- Simon was asked to ensure that schools other than Brighton College were also included.

Action: Simon Birnie/Jerram Falkus

There followed some questions from local residents:

- It was explained that Wilson Avenue should not be recommended for off-site parking as it was an exceptionally busy road with limited parking provision.
- There was some discussion about the design and the use of timber in the design. A local resident asked if the timber would be painted or treated. John confirmed that it would be treated but would look natural.
- Another local resident asked if the footpath to the North of the development site was being opened up to traffic. Duane confirmed that this footpath was owned by Brighton College and that it was not being opened up by BSUH. He also confirmed that he had not been notified that it was being opened up to traffic.
- Simon did say that a small car park was being created on site which may have led to the confusion about the path being opened up to traffic.
- There were some concerns about the increase in traffic and congestion caused by these works by the construction works. The representatives of Jerram Falkus explained that the company would work very hard to minimise this disruption. Anna added that work undertaken for the planning application had shown that circa 3000 people were on the hospital site every day, and that this scheme would not dramatically increase these numbers. This then led onto a discussion about litter on at the hospital and the management of waste and recycling at the construction site.
- The discussion concluded with a statement of support for the scheme which would provide much needed valuable services for people affected by cancer and their families. One local resident added that this scheme was much needed regardless of the inconvenience because of the benefits to local people.

Cllr Morgan thanked Simon, John and Elizabeth for this presentation.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (18th November 2013) were agreed.

Matters arising

There was a discussion about the rationale for moving the bus stops to the East. Rob clarified that it was only the 40X bus stop which had been moved permanently to the East because the Northern bus stop had been moved and, without this relocation, the two bus stops would have been opposite each other. This would have impeded the traffic flow in both directions if two buses arrived at the same time going opposite directions. The new bus stop on the Northern side would have a shelter and real-time information. This had been agreed with Brighton & Hove City Council and Highways.

3. General update on 3Ts development

Duane gave the meeting an update on the approvals process:

Duane said that a meeting was taking place during the week between the Treasury and the Trust Development Authority so he was expecting that a decision would be made during the spring. If there was any news he offered to make sure that a letter would be sent out between meetings as well as coverage via local media.

There was a general discussion about the increasingly political debates about the scheme which did not detract for the need for the development. One local resident noted that all the local political parties had supported the scheme and the need to provide an improved clinical environment for patients and staff at the Royal Sussex County Hospital site. Duane added that he appreciated support for the scheme regardless of which political party provided it.

There were several questions from HLG members at this point.

One local resident asked for clarification about the aims and objectives of the Hospital Liaison Group. She made some additional comments about the importance of good clinical care. Duane reasserted how a good environment had been shown to improve the patient experience as well as improved the clinical care provided by the staff (as discussed at the last meeting).

Cllr Morgan thanked Duane for this update and for the discussion which had followed.

4. Decant schemes:

1. Front Car Park
2. Courtyard Building
3. Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital

Rob proposed that he would give a fuller presentation at the next meeting on the 10th March. This would be prior to construction starting. Duane agreed with this suggestion and explained that the 3rd scheme would not impact on local residents being mainly internal works to relocate paediatric audiology out of the main hospital.

Action: Rob Brown/Duane Passman

A local resident asked if these 3 schemes would proceed if the main scheme was not approved.

Duane replied that the current accommodation in Jubilee ward and Nuclear Medicine did not meet modern standards and that these schemes would improve the estate regardless of whether 3Ts was approved. Anna added that clearance at the front of the site was also required before the main development could take place so the 3 decant schemes added value with or without 3Ts.

6. **Any other business**

Duane provided clarification via the contractors that the CCTV cameras at St Mary's Hall School could not see into residential properties across Eastern Road. This was because they did not have sufficient reach and were angled to see directly in front of the Hall rather than into the residential properties. Rob added that the legal position was that any accidental residential images that could be captured were legally required to be destroyed. However, as the cameras did not have this amount of magnification, this was not necessary.

7. **Date of the Next Meeting:** is scheduled for Monday 10th March 2014 7pm-9pm 2013 AEB.
Future meeting:
19 May 2014