

Minutes of the Hospital Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Monday 10th March 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)

21 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

Simon Henderson (Macmillan)
Russell Jones (Jerram Falkus Construction Ltd)
Eddie O'Shea (Laing O'Rourke)

Apologies:

Cllr Chaun Wilson
Karen Hicks- Project Leader-3Ts (Laing O'Rourke)

1. **Welcome**
Cllr Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **The minutes were approved as accurate.**
3. **Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre**

Russell Jones and Simon Henderson gave a brief update about the programme. Simon explained that the start date was, in fact 10th March (that day). He outlined some of the first steps in the programme as follows:

First 4 weeks

Ecology impacts (checking for bats or nesting birds)
Erection of scaffolding
Demolition

Russell said that during this time the footpath to the North of the site would need to be closed. He also committed to noise monitoring of all demolition/construction, and that notice would be given to local residents a week in advance of these types of activities. As the building was to be BREEAM excellent¹ there would be 100% waste recycling from the site. Russell then explained the programme of engagement with local schools in order to maintain site safety, and measures to discourage parking by site operatives in the vicinity. As was discussed at the previous meeting in January, this would be a 56 week programme,

¹ <http://www.breeam.org/about.jsp?id=66>

and the hours of operation would be 08.00-18.00 Monday to Friday and 08.00-13.00 Saturdays (with no noisy activities before 08.00 on Saturday)

CIlr Morgan thanked Simon and Russell for this presentation.

4. **3Ts decant and logistic presentation**

Duane Passman and Rob Brown have a presentation about the first three decant schemes² as follows:

Overview -Rob Brown
Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital Paediatric Audiology (RACH)- Duane Passman
Front Car Park (FCP)-Eddie O'Shea
Courtyard Building (CTYD)- Eddie O'Shea
Future decant schemes- Rob Brown

Overview

Rob explained the site logistics, the location of the decanted services and the timescales.

RACH

Duane outlined the 6 month programme, including the location of the new service within the Children's hospital, and the logistics of converting the offices to a clinical facility. This would mean that children who were currently treated within the Adult ENT department would receive the service in a more appropriate setting.

FCP

Eddie gave a general presentation about the Considerate Constructors Scheme³ before laying out the first steps in the programme. This scheme meant that communication would be maintained between local residents and Laing O'Rourke over issues such as noise, deliveries, dust dampening etc. For instance he committed to avoiding deliveries during peak times such as school runs morning and afternoon and to giving advance notice of any weekend deliveries. As with Jerram Falkus, he said smoking was not permitted on site and parking would be discouraged. He then explained the first steps of the programme for this six storey building adjacent to the Barry Building. This principally involved changing the vehicular access in and out of the forecourt in front of the Barry Building for reasons of safety.

Courtyard

Eddie then outlined the first steps for the Courtyard building which involved column strengthening in the wards underneath.

North Road Building (NRB) Building 545 and Brighton General (BGH)

These schemes (not yet funded or programmed) were briefly described. Eddie and Rob finished by saying that if local residents had any concerns there would be well publicised communication channels for addressing them.

Local residents had several questions about these arrangements:

One person asked when the works would start, and Duane said they would start within the next two months but the precise date had not yet been agreed. There was another question about the safety of children on route. It was agreed that Eastern Road was a very busy thorough fare, but that site operatives could not be responsible for the safety of people outside of the site boundaries. There was a detailed discussion about the clinical impact of these schemes on inpatients and visitors. Duane outlined how the new locations

² <http://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/about-us/hospital-redevelopment/hospital-liaison-group/?assetdet4614628=514166>

³ <https://www.ccscheme.org.uk/index.php/company-registration/how-to-be-very-considerate/company-code-of-considerate-practice>

of services had been chosen to ensure better adjacencies in most case, led by, or in full discussion with clinicians. He added that patients would be sent letters regarding the changed locations prior to visiting the site.

5. **General update on 3Ts development**

Jackie then took the Chair as Cllr Morgan had to leave. Duane said that he had not received any further indication about when the decision regarding the Outline Business Case would be made. However, he said that the funding which had been provided for the conversion of St Mary's Hall and the three imminent decant schemes was allowing BSUH to make positive progress towards the long overdue redevelopment of the site.

6. **Any other business**

Rob gave a brief presentation of the 3rd Cardiac Theatre which recently been completed (a development of circa £3million). This provided patients with one of the most advanced theatres in the UK. The partnership with LOR had worked really well and was a good indicator for the future success of 3Ts. Duane explained that he felt it was important for local people to see the clinical improvement which had been achieved thanks to their forbearance over the last year.

Cllr Mitchell said that there was a motion going to Council on 27th March requesting that the Council press the Government to approve of the OBC and the immediate release of funds to progress to the next stage of the business case development for the RSCH site. Duane reiterated his thanks for support from local residents and B&HCC.

Jackie thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was then closed.

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