

Minutes of the BSUH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Monday 13th April 2015 from 7pm
in the Lecture Theatre, Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital

Present:

Mrs Jacqueline Nowell (Chair)
Cllr Gill Mitchell
15 local residents

Apologies:

Eddie O 'Shea, Decant Project Leader Laing O'Rourke, Brighton 3Ts Decant Programme.
Cllr Warren Morgan

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals

Duane Passman, 3Ts Programme Director
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Communications & Engagement
Rob Brown, Trust Head of Capital Development
Anna Barnes, 3Ts Associate Director- Governance and Programme Office

In attendance

Martin Hickey, Jerram Falkus Construction Ltd
Patrick Warner, Business Development Manager, Brighton and Hove Buses

1. **Welcome**

Jacqueline Nowell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting (9th February) were agreed.

3. **The Macmillan Horizon Centre**

Martin Hickey gave an update on the construction of the Macmillan Horizon Centre. The previously reported delays have now been minimised as the problems with the utilities have been resolved. Jerram Falkus is still forecasting completion in December 2015. The concrete frame is currently under construction, and the beams are being fabricated off site. These should be delivered in June 2015. Martin offered to provide some visual images of the project at the next meeting.

Action: Images to be presented at the next meeting.

4. **3Ts Decant Update**

Rob Brown gave an update on the 3Ts decant programme on the two sites, one in front of the East Wing of the Barry Building, known as the Front Car Park Building and the other on the courtyard by the Thomas Kemp Tower. Rob thanked local residents for their patience with the disruption, particularly recently to traffic flow caused by the over-sailing of the crane.

The modular buildings have been constructed off site and are now being delivered. The completion date is still December 2015. The steel grillage for the Courtyard Building is also

currently being built, and the modular build will be complete by September/October 2015. Rob finished by giving an update on the progress of the North Road Building. Various services will be relocated there including ENT and Audiology. Together, these schemes will enable the main scheme to start in 2016 after demolition and site clearance has taken place.

Questions:

One local resident asked if the issues with the crane and the intermittent road closures would happen in 3Ts. Duane thought not as the crane would be further back from the road for stage 1. He offered to present the site logistics at the next meeting.

Duane was asked if there were other lessons to be learned from the decant project. Duane said that the traffic management procedures would merit more attention (specifically the agreement with Sussex Police) so as to avoid construction traffic via Eaton Place.

Another local resident asked the modular building would have lifts. Duane informed him that they would.

5. **3Ts update**

Duane Passman gave an update on progress of the approval of the Full Business Case (FBC). Although approval had not been granted prior to the Election as hoped, Duane was hopeful that this would be granted over the summer. The recent visit from the Health Secretary, and cross-party support for the scheme meant that he was confident that approval would be forthcoming, regardless of a possible change in Government.

Questions:

Jaqueline asked whether this was sufficient time, given the need to find a consolidation centre before 2016, and to appoint the contractor. Duane Passman explained that there would be sufficient time in 2016 as the consolidation centre would not be needed until the site had been cleared and it would be costly to it up too early. Duane said a lot depended on the procurement methodology as this would dictate what sort of consolidation centre would be needed. This was therefore an issue for LO'R.

Anna Barnes added that various activities were being carried out in advance of the construction programme, such as market testing and the involvement of the supply chain so as to be ready in 2016.

Another local resident asked when the helipad would be built. Duane replied that this would be one of the first phases, and was planned to be ready for 2017.

Action: A site logistics presentation at the next meeting.

6. **Other Trust capital projects**

Rob Brown updated the meeting on the implementation of the plans to transfer some neurosurgery activity from Princess Royal Hospital (Haywards Heath) to the Royal Sussex County Hospital. The capital works on Level 5 of the Millennium Building and level 4 of the Thomas Kemp Tower are in preparation for this and include a new bi-planer angiography suite. Other capital schemes include:

- New MRI scanners on site, two replacements to be sited behind the Barry Building and one on level four of the Thomas Kemp Tower that will be available for use by Neurosurgery as part of site reconfiguration and by the Children's Hospital.
- Changes and expansions to ITU.
- Fluoroscopy suites being replaced
- Renovation of the Sussex Eye Hospital (windows and interiors)
- The development of radiotherapy services in the Preston Park area of Brighton and in satellite units in East and West Sussex. (The East being planned for construction this year).

Action: Visual images of these projects for the next meeting.

7. **AOB**

A local resident asked Duane about the St Mary's Hall site which appeared untidy. The security gate had been kicked in and the temporary Harris fencing was unsightly. Duane Passman replied that some site works were still continuing at St Mary's, hence the temporary fencing. Rob Brown agreed that the railings would be painted shortly and the overall site made more presentable.

Jacqueline Nowell asked if the problem with the heating at St Mary's Hall (reported at the previous meeting) had been resolved. Rob replied that a temporary fix had been found, but the longer term solution was still being investigated.

8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 1st June** at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.