

Minutes of the RSCH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Monday 2nd November 2015 from 7pm
in the Lecture Theatre, Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital

Present: Mrs Jackie Nowell (Vice-Chair)
12 local residents

Apologies: Cllr Warren Morgan (Chair)
Duane Passman, Programme Director 3Ts
Robert Brown, Head of Capital Development

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals
Anna Barnes, 3Ts Assoc. Dir. for Governance
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Communications & Engagement

In attendance

Martin Hickey, Jerram Falkus Construction Ltd
Paul Lynchehaun, Laing O'Rourke
Geoff Brown, Macmillan

1. **Welcome**

Mrs Nowell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting (15th June) were agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Badgers**

Several local residents reported that badgers had been sited and photographed at the back of the Barry Building, contrary to reports from the last meeting. Richard asked for any photographic evidence to be sent to him. Anna said that the Badgers' Trust had been in contact and that they would be liaising with her regarding any further sightings. She added that BSUH CCTV footage had shown one badger on site, but this could be a one which was in transit rather than one which lived on the site. Any action regarding the need to rehouse any resident badgers would be carried out in conjunction with the Badgers' Trust and LO'R.

3.2 **St Mary's Hall Railings**

Anna and Richard offered to follow this up as Rob was on leave.

Action: Anna Barnes

3.3 **Metal Plate off Bristol Gate**

Richard reported that the issue with the noise from the metal plates had now been resolved through taking them apart and reassembling correctly, with new shock absorbers.

4. **Macmillan Horizon Centre Development¹**

Martin Hickey provided an update. The works are now on schedule with the exterior due to be completed by December 2015. The interiors would follow, with the building being commissioned for use in April 2016. Martin reported that the tower crane would be gone by December. Geoff Brown (new manager) added that an open day would take place so that local residents could see the interior.

Action: Geoff Brown

Mrs Nowell thanked Martin for the update.

5. **3Ts Decant: Construction Update**

Richard outlined the sequence of works for both North Road Building (now known as the Clinical Administration Building):

- This would be used mainly for non-clinical services, rather than public facing services.
- Planning permission was granted on 29/10/15.
- Construction works were being scheduled to begin after Christmas.
- The building was due to be complete by March 2016.
- Richard explained that the modular buildings would be delivered via a route which local police and the Council felt appropriate. Local Authority, highways and police had previously advised use of Marine Drive and Eaton Place onto Eastern Road for some of the delivery vehicles.

Richard finished by saying that the Hanbury Building (on the Front Car Park) would be ready for occupation by April 2016.

6. **3Ts Main Scheme: Update**

Richard reported that we had been notified that the scheme had finally been approved on the 26th October, although the letter from ministers was still awaited. This would contain several conditions which would require further detailed examination. Several local residents noted that this was a historic moment and congratulated the team for their hard work to get this far. Local residents, in turn, were thanked for their support and forbearance with the works which had already taken place and were planned to commence after Christmas.

7. **Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) presentation**

Paul gave a presentation which outlined the sequencing of the main scheme development, the site logistics and other details such as the Social Value Plan (which would lead to increased employment opportunities for local people). The slides were well received, as they gave a clear understanding of the sequencing, and scale of the development over time. The presentation is available for local residents on the BSUH web site.²

There was a wide-ranging discussion afterwards which is summarised below:

- There will be a Communications Plan with identified leads so that people know who to contact if there are any problems on site.
- Further detail is required regarding the location of the holding facility and contractors' Park and Ride scheme.

¹ <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/donate/macmillan-projects/sussex-support-centre.html>

² <https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=546567&type=full&servicetype=Attachment>

- Construction traffic should avoid the seafront extensive repairs are being undertaken.
- The underground car park is scheduled to open at the end of Stage one (2019).
- The LO'R site accommodation on the St Mary's Hall site does appear obtrusive from Eastern road and will be rather unsightly.
- The South Service Road will have to be shut during the preliminary works. Richard confirmed that this was the subject of intensive discussions currently.
- The demolition of the Barry Building will require that the heritage assets are protected. (Anna led a discussion about the incorporation of a Heritage Wall within the new development). It was confirmed that a Blue Plaque to commemorate Charles Barry will be sited on the development (site to be agreed).
- LO'R was congratulated on the inclusion of a comprehensive Social Value Plan.

8. **Any Other Business**

Several residents raised ongoing concerns regarding smoking and litter from BSUH staff outside the Barry Building. Local residents had been abused when they requested that litter would be cleared up. There were also issues with idling traffic (as had previously been reported). The problems were compounded by the failure of B&HCC to clean up the street adequately. Richard apologised on behalf of BSUH for any abuse which had been experienced. Anna committed to raising it with senior management again, and to attempt to find a resolution.

9. **Next Meetings**

Monday 7th December

at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.