

**Minutes of the RSCH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Wednesday 20 January 2016 from 7pm
in the Lecture Theatre, Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital**

Present:

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

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals

Anna Barnes, 3Ts Assoc. Dir. for Governance
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Communications & Engagement
Robert Brown, Head of Capital Development

In attendance

Martin Hickey, Jerram Falkus Construction Ltd
Sean Collins, Laing O'Rourke
Heather Mytton-Sanneh, Head of Cancer Environments, Macmillan
Gwyneth Tyler, Head of Services – South and East Region, Macmillan

Apologies:

Duane Passman, Programme Director 3Ts
Paul Lynchehaun, LO'R

1. **Welcome**

Cllr Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He was able to attend as this was on a Wednesday, as opposed to the usual Monday. As this was a better day for many people it was agreed to investigate changing HLG to a different day of the week.

Action: Anna Barnes

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting (02 November) were agreed to be an accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Litter and smoking at Royal Sussex County Hospital Perimeters.**

Several local residents complained that litter and smoking was still a problem. Courtney King House was particularly affected and abuse was reported when people had been approached about this. Representatives from the Trust agreed that littering and smoking associated rubbish was not acceptable although Richard reminded residents not to put themselves at risk by confronting perpetrators. Anna reported that she had sent a communication on this issue to the Trust wide electronic emails system which was sent to all staff. Richard added that if staff could be identified by their ID badges, this would be taken up with them by senior management. He requested names to be sent to him in the first instance. One local resident requested that a cleaner from the Trust should be employed clear this litter away. Anna said that she would investigate this suggestion.

Action: Anna Barnes

4. **Macmillan Horizon Centre Development**¹

4.1 Martin Hickey provided an update. The works are continuing with the exterior due to be completed by March 2016. The interiors would follow, with the building being commissioned for use in April 2016. Martin reported that the tower crane had now been removed (slightly delayed because it was “winded off” twice in December). Martin confirmed that an open day was scheduled to take place soon so that local residents could see the interior.

Action: Martin Hickey

4.2 Martin concluded by saying that the car park would be brought into use early (February), which would provide circa 22 car parking spaces for cancer patients. These would be made available via a voucher system for patients undergoing treatment.

4.3 Heather added that Brian Eno had designed an ambient room for the use of patients requiring complementary therapies. This would be in addition to other services such as light refreshments (Sanctuary café), information and counselling. The financial support of the Sussex Cancer Charity was acknowledged and appreciated.

4.4 A local resident congratulated the team on the proposed development, as well as securing the input of Brian Eno.

4.5 Cllr Morgan thanked Martin for the update.

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

5.1 Rob gave a presentation of the sequence of works to complete the Hanbury Building (Front Car Park), the Courtyard Building and the North Road Building (now known as the Clinical Administration Building)²:

- Courtyard Building would be complete by March 2016
- Hanbury Building would be complete by June 2016
- Clinical Administration Building would be complete by September 2016
- Adult Audiology would move into Sussex House by May 2016.
- The remaining works to Building 545 and the Cancer Centre will be complete by May 2016.

5.2 This would enable the demolition of the Latilla and Jubilee blocks to take place so that the main scheme development could begin.

5.3 Rob then moved on to discuss the logistics of preparing for main scheme occupation of the South East corner of the site. The site investigations currently taking place, as well as diversions of the underground services would require the North Service Rd to be shut for periodically. This had led to a decision to take deliveries off site, and to lease a facility in Woodingdean. This would result in smaller vehicles accessing the site, particularly on Upper Abbey Rd.

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

² [HLG presentation Jan 2016](#)

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

6.1 Rob handed over to Sean who presented some slides showing the proposed sequence of works between January and July 2016 (included in presentation attached). He also outlined plans for the use of the neighbouring site for a park and walk scheme to prevent construction workers requiring parking on site. This may also be used as a logistics/consolidation centre (TBC). Sean gave details of the site investigations and diversions currently taking place, as well as preparations for the helideck construction. He also outlined plans for the erection of the site huts in St Mary's Tennis Courts.

6.2 At this point local residents asked a range of questions, principally about the impact of increased construction activities on site. These are summarised below as well as BSUH/LO'R responses:

- What would be the impact of increased traffic movements on pre Victorian properties? – Sean thought the total increase in traffic movements was around 5% in total, however a B&HCC traffic engineer to be invited to the next meeting to answer any queries.
- Were the existing inadequate lifts being renewed in TKT? - Yes.
- Why were deliveries currently being allowed outside of agreed hours (one at 6.40am was reported) - to be investigated.
- Why was the proposed consolidation centre now in a different location? - Still under discussion, not confirmed as negotiations are continuing.
- Why was a buzzer on a reversing lorry activated at 02.00am despite previous agreements? – To be investigated.
- Where is the Communications plan, and who would be the main site contact? – LO'R to provide 24 hour contact, but Richard Beard initially.
- Why are Trust contractors parking in adjacent pay and display bays in local streets? – Operatives need to access their tools and are permitted to park in local streets if they pay accordingly.
- How many additional parking spaces will be provided in the underground car park? - 298 new spaces.

Action: Anna Barnes/Rob Brown

6.3 Richard added that the Council and the Police not LO'R or BSUH had the sole authority to dictate the route of construction traffic (24 tonnes at most), after appropriate input from B&HCC. However, it was likely that Marine Drive/Upper Rock Gardens/Eastern rd would be the preferred route.

7. **Other Trust Projects**

7.1 Rob finished by presenting some slides of various schemes which had just been completed :

- Medical Resonance Imaging
- Neurosurgery
- High Dependency Unit
- Mortuary

7.2 Cllr Morgan thanked Rob and Sean for these presentations and thanked people for their attendance.

8. **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 23 March at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.