

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

Present:

Cllr Warren Morgan (Chair)
Jacqueline Nowell (Vice Chair)
Cllr Gill Mitchell
14 local residents

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals

Anna Barnes, 3Ts Associate Director for Governance
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Communications & Engagement
Robert Brown, Head of Capital Development BSUH

In attendance

Jonathan Abbott, Project Director, LO'R
Geoff Brown, Macmillan Horizon Centre Manager
Andrew Renaut, Head of Transport Policy & Strategy

Apologies:

Heather Mytton-Sanneh, Head of Cancer Environments, Macmillan
Duane Passman, Programme Director 3Ts

1. **Welcome**

Cllr Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting (25 May) were agreed to be an accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

These were all covered under the main agenda.

4. **Macmillan Horizon Centre Development¹**

Geoff Brown reported that ground floor of the centre is complete, and is now occupied by BSUH staff. The next two floors are still being snagged. However the entire development will be complete by the first week of September (a revised completion date). He confirmed that 24 additional car parking spaces have already been made available for cancer patients/carers.

Geoff provided additional details about the proposed open days which would take place over 5 days (including the weekend) so that people would have several days to visit. Geoff will notify residents via the HLG mailing list.

Action: Geoff Brown

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

5. **3Ts Main Scheme update**

5.1 Richard gave an update on the main scheme activities currently taking place. He began by saying that 50% of the site has now been handed over to Laing O Rourke. The main activities which have taken place have involved building the structure required for the helideck. Operatives are working at height so this has necessitated a range of safety measures. Richard also outlined that activities scheduled to take place over the next couple of months which include excavation and minor demolition. Richard apologised for the inconvenience caused to local residents by the site diversions and closure of both the North and South Service road.

5.2 Jonathan then outlined other activities taking place on site including directional drilling into the chalk, taking redundant modular buildings off site, and instillation of modular buildings at St Mary' Hall (to be complete by 22nd August). Jonathan explained that risk and method statements are necessarily robust and detailed as the construction site is adjacent to clinical areas. This means that dust mitigation measures are enforced at all times and buildings are being demolished painstakingly. The main demolitions are scheduled to start in February 2017.

There were several questions from local residents:

- Would waste be taken off site via the same route as construction deliveries to the site? Jonathan confirmed that this would be the case, as agreed with B&HCC.
- Will the South Service Road be closed for the rest of the year? Jonathan confirmed that it would.
- What would be done with landfill from the site? Jonathan and Anna briefly outlined the NHS/Construction industry standards regarding recycling and waste as opposed to sending waste to landfill²³. This is also a planning condition⁴. It was suggested that the waste could be of value to local construction projects such as Marina Way. LO'R to investigate.

Action: Jonathan Abbott

6. **Decant Update**

6.1 Rob a brief update regarding the remaining decant schemes. He explained that approximately 600 people have moved staff base at a cost of circa £45m:

- Courtyard Building completion is still affected by the burst pipe. This is an insured event. However significant remediation works are now required (including data replacement of new data cables). Completion date is therefore likely to be September.
- Clinical Administration Building (next to A&E): This has not yet commenced owing to delays in the approval process via NHS Improvement.
- Hanbury (Front Car Park) Building would be complete by September 2016 (a revised forecast). This will enable Nuclear Medicine to move out of the current inadequate premises.
- Sussex House: Minor works are taking place on site to enable Audiology services to move off the demolition site. There is a temporary building at the rear of Sussex House which is being used for audiology testing and routine maintenance.
- Cancer Centre: Minor works are also taking place for the reasons outlined above.

² <http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/policy-strategy/engagement-resources.aspx>

³ http://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Sustainability_in_building_design_and_construction

⁴ Condition 62: No development of the Stage 3 site shall take place until a scheme for the storage of refuse and recycling has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be carried out in full as approved prior to first occupation of the Stage 3 development and the refuse and recycling storage facilities shall thereafter be retained for use at all times.

7. **Any Other business**

7.1 Residents asked a series of detailed questions about the developments on site:

- Cllr Morgan: Is signage being renewed /replaced as the site is changing all the time? Richard confirmed that as buildings change their function, signage rationalisation is taking place. Other residents confirmed that the site is now very difficult to navigate and the front entrance is particularly uninviting. Richard agreed and said that now that duplicate entrance and exits had been reduced, it is even more important to make the main entrance clearer and easier to access. The scaffolding/ damaged canopy is scheduled to be removed, but this is being hindered by the need to ensure that this can be achieved without compromising patient safety.
- A local resident asked why the Clinical Administration Building had not yet started. As stated under 6.1, Rob confirmed that this had been held up by the FBC approval process (and release of capital funds). He again apologised for the inconvenience the closure of the North Service Road had caused.
- There was an extensive discussion about the closure of the service roads more generally, and the impact this was having on traffic management across the site. In particular the impact on traffic flows on Upper Abbey road was noted. Several helpful suggestions were made about mitigating these problems, such as reducing parking and enforcing existing parking regulations with regard to double yellow lines.
- There was also a long discussion about waste management on site, and the nuisance it caused to local residents. It was confirmed that the transfer route is determined by the need to protect patients/staff safety on site and is therefore not necessarily the most direct route.
- Jackie then asked if the promised newsletter/bulletin is ready for distribution. Richard confirmed that he would circulate this imminently for comment and apologised for the delay. He confirmed that he would investigate other more proactive, targeted methods of communication including text alerts ahead of planned works on a regular basis.

Action: Richard Beard

- As stated local residents requested more assertive management of the traffic flow in Upper Abbey Road, and enforcement measures against persistent litterers. Andy said that he would look into enhanced parking enforcement, on the Bristol Estate. Gill said likewise against those who drop cigarettes butts and litter. Richard agreed to follow up with internal BSUH communications.

Action: Richard Beard

- Cllrs also said that they are sympathetic to the removal of some parking spaces on Upper Abbey Road, if required, in order to improve the flow of traffic. This would involve consultation with local people about the reduction in spaces, and their likely replacement elsewhere.
- A representative from Facilities and Estates was requested to attend the next meeting to answer some of the more detailed operational questions (particularly regarding the noise and movement of refrigerated lorries/disposal of waste on site).

Action: Anna Barnes

7.2 Cllr Morgan thanked Richard, Rob and Jonathan for their updates and thanked people for their attendance.

8. **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 21 September at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.