

**Minutes of the RSCH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 from 7pm  
in the Lecture Theatre, Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital**

**Present:**

Cllr Warren Morgan (Chair)  
13 local residents

**Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals**

Anna Barnes, 3Ts Assoc. Dir. for Governance  
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Communications & Engagement  
Duane Passman, Programme Director 3Ts

**In attendance**

Nick Hibberd, Head of City Regeneration B&HCC  
Paul Lynchehaun, Project Director, LO'R  
Kyle McClelland, Director, Turner and Townsend  
Andy Renaut, Head of Transport Strategy and Projects, B&HCC

**Apologies:**

Robert Brown, Head of Capital Development BSUH  
Sean Collins, Laing O'Rourke  
Heather Mytton-Sanneh, Head of Cancer Environments, Macmillan  
Mrs Jackie Nowell (Vice-Chair)

1. **Welcome**

Cllr Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting (21 January) were agreed to be an accurate record providing the following amendment was made:

5.3 The site investigations currently taking place, as well as diversions of the underground services would require the *North Service Rd to be shut periodically.*

**Should be:**

The site investigations currently taking place, as well as diversions of the underground services would require the *South Service Rd to be shut for a period.*

3. **Matters Arising**

These were all covered under the main agenda.

4. **Macmillan Horizon Centre Development<sup>1</sup>**

In Heather's absence Duane reported that the centre was now due to be handed over by the contractor at the end of March. He added that 24 additional car parking spaces would then be

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

available for patients/carers. This parking would be monitored and controlled. Some BSUH staff would also be based on the lower ground floor.

## 5. 3Ts Main Scheme update

5.1 Paul gave a presentation which outlined the planned traffic routes to the Consolidation Centre.<sup>2</sup> The route described accessing the Centre via Woodingdean, and then delivering supplies via Marine Parade, then Eastern Road. He explained that deliveries would be staggered so that supplies would only be called to site when needed and scheduled via the use of “Juggler” system<sup>3</sup>. This had been the subject of a presentation back in 2010 (attached)<sup>4</sup>

5.2 Local residents raised several serious concerns about the proposed routes:

- Would the junctions at Woodingdean and Falmer be able to cope with the level of traffic?
- How would the existing traffic such as buses be affected?
- Would the roads such as Falmer Road be able to cope with the articulated lorries?
- What size lorries would these be? 24 tonne or 40 tonne?
- Arthur Bird requested that his concerns be formally noted in case of an accident.
- BSUH/LO’R was asked to monitor the situation very carefully in case of adverse impacts.
- A local resident asked when this route had been decided<sup>5</sup>.

5.3 It was agreed that the route would be discussed with Brighton & Hove Bus Company and the results of that discussion fed back to the next meeting.

**Action: Anna Barnes**

5.4 B&HCC was asked to take enforcement action regarding the number of people parking in contravention of exiting traffic regulations along Wilson Avenue, which would add to the congestion on this road when 3Ts was at its peak of construction. Andy was also asked to provide information about other road improvements which were planned in Brighton.

**Action: Andy Renaut**

5.5 Laing O’Rourke was asked to update the attached 2010 presentation regarding access and logistics and to clarify the weights/size of the lorries.

**Action: Paul Lynchehaun**

5.6 More general questions were then asked about the risk of flooding and disposal of waste water. Duane requested that the flood risk assessment, which had formed part of the 2011 Full Planning Application should be attached to the minutes<sup>6</sup>.

**Action: Anna Barnes**

5.7 Duane then outlined the plans to close the South Service Road as well as the North Service road over the next nine months so that LO’R could continue to prepare the site for the Stage One

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=554531&type=full&servicetype=Attachment>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.infoworks.laingorourke.com/innovation/2013/apr-to-jun/an-innovation-article.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=322034&type=full&servicetype=Attachment>

<sup>5</sup> Post meeting this was confirmed as being in December 2015, **not** spring 2015, as was suggested in the meeting.

<sup>6</sup> [http://wam.brighton-hove.gov.uk/PlanningWAM/doc/Supporting%20Document\(s\)-1943699.pdf?extension=.pdf&id=1943699&location=VOLUME3&contentType=application/pdf&pageCount=1](http://wam.brighton-hove.gov.uk/PlanningWAM/doc/Supporting%20Document(s)-1943699.pdf?extension=.pdf&id=1943699&location=VOLUME3&contentType=application/pdf&pageCount=1)

development. This would take place until from the end of April 2016 to the end of December 2016 and would increase traffic movements by 1200 vehicles over a 24 hour period. This was also necessary for work to continue on the Clinical Administration Building adjacent to A&E. It was agreed that further planning was required prior to this closure taking place. However, all other options had been explored and this remained the only possible solution currently.

- 5.8 Duane clarified that an off-site supplies distribution centre in Woodingdean was now no longer required, as smaller vehicles would (instead) access the main site directly. This would reduce double handling but could potentially increase the number of vehicles accessing the site.
- 5.9 He added that vehicles would have to use Upper Abbey Road for deliveries during this period and that the West exit would be opened up for this purpose. Duane apologised for the inconvenience this would inevitably cause local residents.
- 5.10 On a more positive note it was reported that the off-site park and ride facility at Marina Way had reduced staff parking on site considerably since it had begun in early March. This may mitigate some of the increased congestion during construction and had already improved parking for patients/visitors.

## 6. **Decant Update**

6.1 Kyle gave a brief update regarding the remaining decant schemes as follows:

- Courtyard Building would be complete by April 2016
- Hanbury Building would be complete by June 2016
- Clinical Administration Building would be complete by December 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.

6.2 Kyle explained that delays had occurred during the commissioning of the Courtyard Building mainly because of problems integrating the existing BSUH building management system with the system in the new build.

## 7. **Any Other business**

7.1 A resident who lives close to the western side of the hospital site complained about the noise created by the children in the sensorial garden and on the slide adjacent to the RACH. He also reiterated concerns about litter generated by smokers. Richard agreed to look into the problems with the use of the garden. Cllr Morgan offered to contact environmental health regarding the anti-social behaviour on the street (litter/smoking).

**Action : Richard Beard/Cllr Morgan**

7.2 Cllr Morgan thanked Duane and Paul for their presentations and thanked people for their attendance.

## 8. **Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 25 May** at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.