

**Minutes of the RSCH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 25 May 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  
17 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**

Geoff Brown, Macmillan Horizon Centre Manager  
Nick Hibberd, Head of City Regeneration B&HCC  
Jonathan Abbott, Project Director, LO'R

**Apologies:**

Robert Brown, Head of Capital Development BSUH  
Heather Mytton-Sanneh, Head of Cancer Environments, Macmillan  
Patrick Warner, Brighton and Hove Bus Company

**1. Welcome**

Cllr Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting (23 March) were agreed to be an accurate record. It had been agreed to circulate Arthur Birds's email as an addendum following his recent hospital stay, as he was too ill to attend in person (appendix 1).

**3. Matters Arising**

These were all covered under the main agenda.

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

Geoff Brown reported that ground floor of the centre was complete, and was now occupied by BSUH staff. The next floor would be complete by the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. He confirmed that 24 additional car parking spaces would then be available for patients/carers. Geoff also explained the sorts of services which would be available, and that recruitment of volunteers was well underway.

Cllr Mitchell asked several questions about the operation of the car park. Geoff Brown reiterated that it would be controlled, and that visitors would be encouraged to use public transport where

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

possible. This was a requirement of the Green Travel Plan submitted to B&HCC. It was agreed that the forthcoming open day would take place on a Saturday, and that visiting would also be possible for 2 additional sessions during the week, TBC. Geoff would notify residents via the HLG mailing list.

**Action: Geoff Brown**

## 5. **3Ts Main Scheme update**

5.1 Duane gave an update on the main scheme activities currently taking place. He explained the rationale for closing the South Service Rd, so that site diversions could take place prior to the construction of Stage One.<sup>2</sup> The diversions were also required to enable the construction of the lift up to the Helideck on TKT. Duane then outlined that mitigations which had been undertaken to reduce the impact of this road closure. These included reducing the size of delivery vehicles,.

Duane added that the Patrick Warner from the local bus company had been consulted (as suggested at the last HG meeting) and was satisfied with the proposed construction traffic routes. He added that the Company had offered to provide BSUH with information from the automated traffic tracking system, in order to avoid congestion at key points.

Duane apologised for the inconvenience to local residents thus far. There were several questions about the impact of the works on site, as well as helpful suggestions:

Two Bristol Estate residents had experienced problems with the tower crane alarm which had been faulty. They had also had continuing problems with the deliveries of linen, noises from Millennium building associated with the Neurosurgery theatres, and noxious smells from the hospital. They also mentioned the overgrowing hedge at the back of Millennium and staff parking on the estate. Whilst noting that some of these problems were not 3Ts specifically, Duane suggested the following:

- Duane said he would investigate the linen delivery issue.

**Action: Duane Passman**

- Richard explained that the Millennium noise was being mitigated by the construction of an acoustic baffle. He would also investigate the possible location of talking smoking bins.

**Action: Richard Beard**

- Nick Hibberd offered to contact environmental health regarding the noxious smell to see if BSUH was taking appropriate measures<sup>3</sup>. Nick also offered to contact Housing Services about the overgrown hedge.

**Action Nick Hibberd**

- Jonathan Abbott apologised for the tower crane alarm and said that one of his operatives had returned to site to deal with it as soon as he was notified. It was agreed to set up the 24 hour help line as soon as possible in case of any similar issues.

**Action: Jonathan Abbott/ Duane Passman**

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<sup>2</sup> [HLG presentation 250516](#)

<sup>3</sup> Post –meeting note. Identified as caused by works to the MRI suite and being addressed.

- Nick Hibberd said that he would look into enhanced traffic enforcement, on the Bristol Estate. However it was noted that staff parking could not be prevented on the Bristol Estate if it was legal.
- Cllrs said that they were sympathetic to the removal of some parking spaces on Upper Abbey Road and parking enforcement, if required in order to improve the flow of traffic. Local residents suggested a stop line and some improved signage at the exit into Upper Abbey Rd.  
**Action: Duane Passman**
- Local residents also suggested a text alert system if works were scheduled to take place out of the agreed hours (see attached presentation). BSUH to investigate if this was feasible.  
**Action: Richard Beard**
- Jonathan added that the proposals for improvements to the junction at Arundel Rd (Lidl) would also ameliorate the issues of traffic management, and would include a pedestrian crossing and traffic lights.

## 6. **Decant Update**

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

- Courtyard Building completion had been affected by a burst pipe this week
- Clinical Administration Building (next to A&E): We will let local residents know when construction is due to start. Ground anchors are being established currently. This is being built by Galifford Try who will attend meetings with Bristol Estate residents (being arranged).
- Hanbury (Front Car Park) Building would be complete by July 2016.

## 7. **Any Other business**

7.1 A resident who lives close St Mary's Hall asked about if the new site huts on the tennis courts had planning permission. Duane confirmed that this had been granted in January 2016 and that he would circulate the notice<sup>4</sup>.

**Action : Anna Barnes**

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

## 8. **Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 20 July** at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.

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<sup>4</sup> [Planning permission for site huts](#)

## Appendix One

Notes from Arthur Bird to Richard Beard (and responses) re recent hospital stay

I can answer all your queries here and will ask for this email to be put into the minutes of the next HLG meeting if you are unable to attend. Here goes...

1 The existing Corridors are far too narrow for the transport of the standard Hospital Beds by Hospital personal

The corridors in the redevelopment buildings will be of a width where two full size hospital beds will be able to pass each other. Patient transfer routes between departments will be at the back of the new buildings whilst the main public thoroughfares will be at the front. So not only will the corridors be wider but there will be less people in the areas used to transfer patients.

2 The junctions / intersections between the Corridors are far too small for the hospital beds to be turned from one corridor to the next with the beds getting stuck at 45 degrees between the two corridors, damaged walls and Door Jam's are proof if needed of this.

The width of the new corridors will easily allow for a bed to be turned. We can't guarantee that the occasional poor driver won't catch the wall but there will be ample room for beds to be manoeuvred.

3 The far too few Lifts, do not have large enough dimensions to enable both hospital Bed and Porter to safely transport beds the porter has to stand in a very small space by the side of the bed, as there is not enough space for them to stand at the front or rear of the bed to be able to control it

There will be dedicated bed lifts, dedicated facilities management lifts and dedicated public lifts in the new buildings. The bed lifts will be of ample size to accept a patient on a bed, staff attending the patient and any equipment that needs to move with the patient.

4 The existing Doorways are far too small to enable the safe movement through them, there is only a few cm's tolerance between bed and door, again the damage to the door jams is painfully obvious.

Any doors where patients will be transferred on beds or trolleys have been designed with this purpose in mind. For instance the doors to the single patient rooms can be opened up to accept even the largest of patient beds and the bulkiest of equipment.

5 It is not enough to have a multitude of opening windows, if the air flow is restricted by the arrangement of the front office desks and closed ward doors, all that happens is that open windows result in a slight increase in air pressure within the ward area and not ventilation, what is needed is a correctly designed passive natural cross flow ventilation system between windows within the ward area.

The buildings will have environmental control systems, so the windows will not open. The size of the buildings makes the use of a cross breeze system, as you describe, pretty impossible to implement. Experience has taught us not to rely on the breeze for ventilation, there is almost always too much of it or too little. An environmental control system makes it much easier to keep patients warm when it is cold outside and cool when it is hot outside. It also makes much more sense in terms of energy control and environmental impact.