

**Minutes of the RSCH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Wednesday 10 January 2019 from 7pm
Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital**

Present:

Jacqueline Nowell (Chair)
6 local residents
2 Interpreters (Action for Deafness)

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals

Anna Barnes, 3Ts Associate Director for Governance
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Communications & Engagement

Laing O'Rourke

Colin Cowen, Logistics Manager, Laing O Rourke

Apologies:

Duane Passman, Director of 3Ts, (BSUH)
Cllr Gill Mitchell
Cllr Warren Morgan
Andy Renaut, Head of Transport Strategy and Projects (Brighton and Hove City Council)
Noel Stockdale, Senior Construction Manager

1. Jacqueline Nowell welcomed everyone to the meeting and recorded apologies.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (14 November 2018) were agreed.

2.1 Matters arising

- 4.1 The team were asked if crane TC1 had been removed. Colin confirmed that it had.
- 4.2 Flood lights: A local resident asked why the lights were on all night, even though it was agreed they would be switched off late at night. Colin explained that some lights had to be left on in case anyone came onto site (whether authorised or not). He added that once the structure was enclosed, the light pollution would be far less.
- 6.1 There was a further discussion about the suspension of parking bays on Upper Abbey Road. Cllr Mitchell reminded the meeting that it was the responsibility of BSUH to find the costs of the suspension order and the lost revenue to B&HCC. There was a discussion about the level of cost such suspensions would incur. It was agreed that further discussions would take place between B&HCC and BSUH, to include a clarification of the updated costs.

Action: Richard Beard & Andy Renaut

3. Trust Development Update

- Richard outlined the progress on level 11 of TKT which now included 8 extra beds. He added that 18 additional beds were being added from mid-February.
- Richard then outlined plans for review work on some area of the cladding on the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, the scaffolding for which had already been erected at the front of the Children's Hospital. One local resident asked if contractors would be parking on site and if this would add to the weight of traffic on the North Service Road. Richard said that the scaffolding lorries would arrive, unload and then be on their way and that the process would be reversed when the scaffolding was taken down.. The work, he said, would be mainly in the day time. He added that BSUH has no authorisation to prevent people from parking in the local streets.
- There was a question about the timescales for the A&E development. Richard explained that these works were currently paused until the impact of the latest additional beds was fully understood.

4. 3Ts main scheme update

Colin provided an update of the works in progress:

- Tunnelling works had begun in order to facilitate the link between the new development and TKT. There would also be 3 other link bridges between the Stage 1 Building and the Thomas Kemp Tower on levels 5, 6 and 7. This will vastly improve both access and wayfinding across the site.
- The bulk of the work over the coming year would involve internal fit out.
- There was a question about the hammering/banging noise from site. This was explained as being caused by the removal of the metal frameworks, known as gas props, that support the pre-cast elements of floors. Once the concrete for a floor has dried sufficiently these are removed and used on the next floor up. Because they are load bearing it is sometimes necessary to use percussive force to remove them. It was explained that the noise is more noticeable now because the upper floors do not have other buildings in the way to dampen the sound and so it travels further. Colin reassured residents that this noise will cease once the framework is complete later in 2019. .
- A local resident asked if Grenfell had highlighted any risks and if the fire retardation properties of the cladding or insulation had had to be changed because of it. Colin replied that the cladding panels were concrete and the insulation mineral wool. There had been no need to change the specifications as they met the safety requirements.
- There was a question about the date that the trauma lift would be operational. Richard confirmed that this was still on schedule for spring 2019.

5. Traffic Management

- 5.1 Richard gave a presentation regarding the changes to the Eastern Road/Bristol Gate junction to allow the widening of the road. This would take circa 30 weeks over 2019, and was necessary to create access to the underground hospital car park. During this time access to the Cancer Centre would be maintained, but the foot way would be reduced or blocked at various points in time and it would be necessary to narrow both Bristol Gate and Eastern Road at certain points in the works programme. Neither road however would be so restricted as to require the use of traffic lights.¹

¹[Bristol Gate Widening Presentation](#)

5.2 Jacqueline thanked Richard and Colin for their updates.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Richard suggested that the meetings could now be quarterly as there was less to report, and, if necessary local residents were able to raise issues directly with the 3Ts Team, This was agreed.

7. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 10 April** at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.