

**Minutes of the RSCH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Wednesday 9th October 2019 from 7pm
Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital**

Present:

Cllr Nancy Platts (Chair)
5 Local Residents

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals

Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Communications & Engagement
Ali Jenkins, 3Ts Programme Administrator

Laing O'Rourke

No representation at this meeting

Apologies:

Jacqueline Nowell (Vice Chair)
Duane Passman (BSUH Director of 3Ts)
Paul Kennard (Laing O'Rourke)

Welcome and Introductions

1. Cllr Platts welcomed everyone to the meeting and recorded the above apologies.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (17th July 2019) were agreed as accurate.

2.1 Matters arising

There was a question regarding the parking changes on upper Abbey Road. They were originally due to take effect soon after the April HLG meeting, however this has not yet happened. Richard explained that due to a programme review currently taking place, this has temporarily been put on hold. Richard has said that he has spoken with Duane and the process will be re-started soon.

There was another question about the cigarette bins outside the front of the Barry Building. At the last meeting it was discussed that this would be fixed, however this does not seem to have happened. Richard has advised that he is meeting the director of Facilities and Estates tomorrow and will raise this point with him then, as this will fall under the control of that department. Cllr Platts has also noted that there is a need for some new bins behind the new Trust HQ building where there are a lot of hospital staff smoking and eating their lunch. Richard and Cllr Platts will work together to find a solution.

Richard has advised that the issue with the noisy manhole cover on Bristol Gate has now been resolved.

A local resident has asked if the handover date of end of 2020 is still realistic, or has this date slipped? Richard advised that there is currently a programme review taking place, and this will supply us with a renewed completion date.

A local resident has asked about the buildings on the South Tennis Courts, and if this issue has been resolved from the last meeting. Richard noted that the resident in question has emailed in this week to thank the Trust and Laing O'Rourke for resolving the issues.

3. Trust Development Update

3.1 Richard gave an update on the current progress of non-3Ts projects that are happening around the trust, specifically the Millennium Building project and the external works on the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital.

4.0 3Ts main scheme update

4.1 There were no representatives of Laing O'Rourke available to attend the meeting, so Richard Beard gave an update on the current progress of the project.

A local resident has asked about the grass verge at the bottom of Bristol Gate and the possible problem with the retaining wall when Bristol Gate is widened. Richard explained the issue to the meeting. RB said that he will speak with LOR regarding what they are able to do with the wall to stop a collapse, and will get back to the gentleman in question with a response.

There was a question from a local resident relating to the cranes. At the last meeting there was an explanation about how they will be taken down, however this stopped after the first crane was removed. Richard explained that the removal of the other cranes had been postponed as certain elements of the work had been reordered and keeping the cranes on site for a few months more is of benefit to the project. Richard has said that he will publish the new dates for the crane removals when they are confirmed, and the next crane is likely to be removed towards the end of Feb 2020. The same resident then asked about the crane that was attached to the building, and why this was needed. RB gives an explanation.

Action: Richard to publish new removal schedule for the tower cranes once known.

A local resident has asked about moving the bus stop from the top of Paston Place, and the lack of signage advertising this. There was a sign, which seems to have been removed. Richard has said that he will speak with the bus company, who are responsible for the bus stop and its signage, and ask for it to be re-instated. Another resident has said that the stop has been out of order for a long time, and it is not convenient for it to stop down the road. Due to this move, there is sometimes a 272 bus sat outside the eye hospital for a long period of time whilst it is at the end of its route. Richard will remind the bus company about the need to wait by St Georges Church.

Action: Richard to make contact with MetroBus to inform them of the above.

Update: *Metrobus have been contacted and informed about the above. They will speak to their drivers about where to wait at the end of their route, and also to their colleagues in Brighton to update the information on the old 272 bus stop.*

A local resident has asked about the possibility of a tour around the Stage 1 building. Richard has advised that this is something that he would like to do for the HLG members; however he is planning to hold this off until the internal fit out of the building is more advanced.

A local resident asked about the link bridges between Stage 1 and the Thomas Kemp Tower. Richard advised that these have not been finished yet, however the majority of the steelwork is now in place. The same resident also asked about the link between Stage 1 and 2. Richard explained how this will work.

A local resident asked about the Stage 2 Building, and the plans for it. Richard explained the timeline for the Stage 2 building, and what wards/departments it will contain once finished. The same resident has also asked about the underground carpark and if this will extend to Stage 2. Richard advised that it will do.

There was a question about the digging down for the Stage 2 building, and if it will involve the piling work which happened with Stage 1. Richard explained that this will unfortunately be necessary, as the underground car park requires significant excavation. The construction will use the screw pile method the same as Stage 1, that is considerably quieter than the other, hammered pile, option. .

A resident asked about access from Stage 2 to the Children's Hospital , and if this will still be in place when the Stage2 building opens. This will not be the case, as that area will be used for ambulance drop offs for the Cancer Centre in Stage 2. There will however be a link between Stage 1 and the Children's Hospital.

A local resident has asked what the '3Ts' means, and if this means that there are 3 stages of the redevelopment. Richard explained that '3Ts' stands for Trauma, Teaching and Tertiary Care and also gave an overview of the 3 stages of the project.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 None

6. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 15th January 2020** at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.