

**Minutes of the RSCH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 from 7pm
Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital**

Present:

Jacqueline Nowell (Chair)
Cllr Gill Williams
9 Local Residents

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals

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

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Paul Gillen – Senior Construction Manager.

Apologies:

None

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

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (10 April 2019) were agreed.

2.1 Matters arising

Jacqueline started by asking about the Helideck, and how the works are progressing. Duane informed the group that the Civil Aviation Authority testing has begun, and is progressing well. The Trauma Lift is currently delayed due to issues with fitting the lift car, which are out of the control of the trust or LOR. Currently we are looking at completing the works by Christmas 2019. One local resident asked what the testing will involve, and will there be constant helicopters landing and taking off for a prolonged period of time. Duane said that there will need to be some test flights, but these will not be continual throughout the day.

Jacqueline also asked about the cladding on the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, as the work that was taking place seems to have stopped. Duane advised that the work is still progressing, however there may be periods where it appears that there is no work taking place. There will be further updates to the Hospital Liaison Group when there is more information to pass on regarding this work.

A local resident asked about the power supply for the welfare cabins used for this job, and if they will be diesel generators. Duane advises that there will be a communication sent to the local residents regarding the RACH project.

3. Trust Development Update

- 3.1** Duane and Richard gave an update to the group on the current progress of the Millennium Building Project.

4.0 3Ts main scheme update

- 4.1** Paul Gillen was in attendance from LOR to give an update.

Paul advises that the 4 remaining Tower Cranes on the Stage 1 site will all be removed before the end of 2019. The first crane to come down will be TC4, the closest crane to the Sussex Cancer Centre, will be removed in August, with the next two cranes to come down in September and October. These will involve a single lane closure of Eastern Road at the front of the Stage 1 site. The final crane will be removed in November, and this will involve a full closure of Eastern Road. All traffic management will be approved by BHCC, and local residents will be notified when the plans are confirmed.

Paul also informed the meeting that there will be other short-term lane closures on Eastern Road in the coming months as various large pieces of equipment are delivered to site.

A local resident asked about the amount of light that is emitted from the Stage 1 building at night. Paul advises that all the lights within the site are being changed to timers, and this will enable greater flexibility in the times that the lights are switched on.

Richard gave the group a presentation on the parking changes to Upper Abbey Road. This will involve the removal of 6 parking bays at the bottom of Upper Abbey Road. There will be 1 additional disabled parking bay added to the existing bay, and these will move further up the road. The communal bins will be moved to the same location as they occupied during the temporary road diversions in 2018. The existing joint use parking bays on Upper Abbey Road will change to resident only bays.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1** A local resident raised a complaint regarding people parking on Bristol Gate and blocking driveways. A number of complaints have been made to various people within the Trust but there has not been a response received. Duane has said that the Trust will follow this up internally, and with BHCC to try and find a remedy to parking, albeit temporarily, in front of people's drive ways.

Action: Richard Beard

- 5.2** A number of the local residents in attendance raised concerns over the amount of litter generated from people smoking on the streets surrounding the hospital site. It was asked if there could be some provisions within the site made for people wishing to smoke, and if also there could be some cigarette bins provided. Richard said he will follow this up with colleagues within the Estates Department as part of their regular meetings. Paul informed the group that all LOR staff are told that they are not allowed to smoke on BSUH land, and also that they must dispose of their litter responsibly if smoking on the public highway.

Action: Richard Beard

5.3 A local resident has raised concerns about vehicles picking up and dropping off outside of the Barry Building. The area is becoming dangerous for pedestrians that are either walking in/out of the Barry Building, or along the footpath next to Eastern Road. This is mainly caused by vehicles reversing near to pedestrian routes.

5.4 One local resident has asked if the manhole cover on Bristol Gate can be fixed, as it makes a loud noise each time it is driven over. Richard advised that he is already in discussions with the Estates team regarding this, and will ensure the issue is resolved.

Action: Richard Beard

5.5 Duane was asked when the Stage 1 Building would see its first patients through the doors. Duane explained that the building will be handed over to the Trust at the end of 2020, and there will then be a period of time where the building will be set up ready to receive its first patients, with the first ones expected in early 2021.

5.6 This explanation was followed up with a further question about the car parks underneath the buildings, and when these will be open. Duane advised that the car parks will be open at the same time as the buildings for Stages 1 & 2.

5.7 It was noted by a local resident that for two nights in a row recently there has been an alarm sounding for approx. 90 minutes each night. Richard explained that this was due to a fault in a vital lifesaving emergency alarm on the site. Unfortunately, there are a lot of them places around the Stage 1 site, which is why it took some time to locate the faulty alarm and it sounded on the second night. This issue has now been resolved.

5.8 There is an issue with some delivery drivers leaving their engines running whilst making deliveries on the South Service Road. There are Trust security staff in the vicinity, but they are not enforcing the rules by making the drivers switch their engines off. Richard said he will talk to the Security Team about this matter.

Action: Richard Beard

5.9 A local resident has said that the hoarding line along Eastern Road makes it very difficult to see oncoming traffic when crossing at the bottom of Bristol Gate. Paul informed the resident that the original plans from BHCC had the hoarding line running to the edge of Bristol Gate, and LOR actually requested the current placing of the hoarding due to safety fears. It is unfortunately not possible for the hoarding to be moved any further back. He also commented that an extra zebra crossing had been put in place just to the east of Bristol gate to help pedestrians cross the road more safely.

5.10 Jacqueline Nowell asked about the moving of the Chapel, and how/when that would be done. Duane advised that this will be moved in sections, and will be carried out shortly before the completion of the Stage 1 Building as it is key to enabling the demolition of the Barry Building.

5.11 A local resident made a complaint about the temporary site offices on the South Tennis Courts at St Mary's, and people using the outside areas to make phone calls, which overlook people's gardens/houses. This is an issue that is regularly communicated to staff, and they are reminded of their responsibilities to the local residents when using the south tennis court building. Paul and Richard both said that they would remind their colleagues that these areas are for emergency use only.

6. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 9th October** at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.