

Minutes of the Hospital Liaison Group (HLG) meeting held on Monday 3rd April, 2023 at 6.00pm in the Audrey Emerton Building.

Present Cllr Nancy Platts (NP) Local Councillor – Chair

Richard Beard (RB) UHSx Senior Communications Manager (3Ts & Capital)

James Millar (JMi) UHSx Deputy Director of Capital Development & Property

Dave Harbutt (DH) UHSx Associate Director of Operations - Facilities

Ali Jenkins (AJ) UHSx Capital PMO Officer

Marylis Redpath (MR) Local Resident Local Resident Julian Redpath (JR) Peter Kutnick (PK) Local Resident Mayank Jain (MJ) Local Resident Paul Tempest (PT) Local Resident Michael Creedy (MC) Local Resident Geoff Todd-Ware (GTW) Local Resident Behira Graham (BG) Local Resident Mark Fuller (MF) Local Resident John Schlesinger (JS) Local Resident Jason Lee (JL) Local Resident Peter Allinson (PA) Local Resident Jon Bailey (JB) Local Resident Susan Maxwell-Stewart (SMS) Local Resident Luci Maxwell-Stewart (LMS) Local Resident Robert Donaldson (RD) Local Resident

Benjamin D'Montigny (BDM) Local Resident – BELTA Trustee

Lynn-Ora Knott (LOK)

Local Resident – Cllr Candidate (Green Party)

Tristram Burdan (TB)

Local Resident – Cllr Candidate (Labour Party)

Sarah Lewis (SL)

Brighton & Hove Local Democracy Reporter

Apologies Don Anyam (DA) BHCC Transport

Andy Renaut (AR) BHCC Transport Jane Mosley (JMo) BHCC Planning

1.	Welcome and apologies for absence	
	NP opened the meeting with introductions amongst the group.	
	The above apologies were noted.	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting (February 2023) & Matters Arising	
	JR has previously suggested the below changes to the minutes via email:	
	3.0 – HLG Meeting governance: PK expressed his disappointment that residents had not been involved in discussions regarding the parameters and timing of the traffic study completed in June 2022, beyond the feedback given in the HLG meeting prior to its start and asked that they should be involved at the earliest possible stage when the plans for Stage 2 are being considered, pointing out that	

early community involvement was the best way of minimising subsequent issues; RB accepted PK's arguments in principle, but noted that sometimes legal and planning protocols might make this problematic; JR responded to RB by pointing out that, in his opinion and based on conversations he had with unnamed council planning staff, the Trust had proceeded with a major construction project, Stage 1 of the Louisa Martindale Building, without a Section 106 agreement or CEMP, which are a required part of the planning process.

- <u>4.0 Operational Site Matters:</u> In response to RB's comments about the operation of the Red Route on the NSR, DA pointed out that it is perfectly possible and legal for the Trust to use cameras and impose fines on drivers who breach the conditions of the Red Route if they wish to do so.
- <u>6.0 North Service Road:</u> JR expressed disappointment and dismay at the Trust's proposed start date of 'late Spring 2023' for work to start on returning the NSR to two-way operation, a breach of earlier pledges to do this work much sooner, and pointed out that this timetable would mean an 8th summer when residents of the east side of Upper Abbey Road and the south/east of Walpole Road would have excessive and unnecessary volumes of traffic, as outlined in the findings of the traffic survey, passing within a few metres of their homes and gardens with the noise, pollution and negative impact on health and well-being this entails.

The minutes of the previous meeting were otherwise agreed as accurate.

3. Operational Site Matters

DH gave the meeting an update on some of the issues raised at previous meetings.

Residents had previously raised concerns about the removal of the bus shelter on the south side of Eastern Road. Following the relocation of the bus stop, and the upgrade to the real-time information screens, the shelter has been reinstated. This matter is now closed.

DH gave an update on the traffic management around the site, which included South Service Road – East, South Service Road – West, North Service Road, Eastern Road Patient Drop Off Layby.

There was a question about who will be able to use the Eastern Road drop off area. DH advised that the layby on Eastern Road will be used predominantly for PTS vehicles. People being dropped off by friends or family, or those arriving by Taxi, will be encouraged to use the car park in the basement area of LMB, which gives each driver 15mins drop off / pick up time before being charged.

There was a question about what the UHSussex are doing to monitor air pollution around the RSCH site. DH advised that two portable air quality testing units had been purchased and would be used in various locations to monitor the air quality.

Several residents from Bristol Gate asked if this equipment could be used outside their homes, as they are regularly having PTS vehicles parked outside their houses with the engines running while waiting to pick up or drop off patients. This is an issue that has been going on for some time.

DH will liaise with UHSussex traffic officers and ask they actively encourage waiting PTS vehicles to move to the appropriate waiting area.

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RD raised an issue with cars on the NSR sounding their horns while waiting for

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the car park. DH advised he would investigate the locations of the signs advising people to not sound their horns.	
PK asked if the Traffic Officers could be deployed on the western boundary of the site where cars are often waiting to pick up from the hospital with their engines running.	
NP will discuss with BHCC traffic wardens the possibility of increasing patrols in this area.	NP
Residents Questions	
RD informed the meeting he had received an email from RB stating that following a meeting with the play therapy team, the symbols would not be removed. There are however several mitigations to reduce the noise levels which the Trust will investigate.	
RB and DH will continue discussions about what mitigations could be put in place.	RB/DH
RB also noted clinical colleagues would not be made available for these discussions due to their commitments to patients.	
BDM asked if the Trust would be able to facilitate conversations with BHCC about installing more crossings around the hospital site. NP noted this was a topic which needed further discussion and it should be included on the agenda for the next meeting.	AJ
BDM asked if UHSussex would be willing to discuss with local residents possibilities for remodelling the grass bank near to ED. RB confirmed that conversations with the hospital charity had already taken place, and this is something they are interested in pursuing.	
RSCH Capital Development Update	
JM gave the meeting an update of various projects taking place around the RSCH site, including works on the North Service Road, imaging equipment installations and ED refurbishment.	
BG raised concerns about lorries turning into the NSR, and the turning being too tight for them to make without mounting the pavement, which leads to road signs and walls being hit. JM confirmed part of the NSR works includes a remodelling of the junction with Bristol Gate.	
Stage 2 Update	
RB gave the meeting an update on the progress of the 3Ts Stage 2 project, including timelines for hoarding erection, soft strip out and the main demolition works.	
Louisa Martindale Building Update	
RB gave the meeting an update on the commissioning and operational readiness works taking place ahead of the opening of the Louisa Martindale Building, including works taking place on the L01 shop fit-out and the preparation for service moves into the building.	
Any Other Business	
JR and RB both thanked NP for all her hard work in chairing the Hospital Liaison Group, on behalf of both UHSussex and Local Residents.	

Next Meeting	
The next meeting is planned for Monday 3 rd July.	



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Action Log as at 03/04/2023

Meeting First Raised	Action	Owner	Review Date	Status
3 rd April 2023	DH will liaise with UHSussex Traffic Officers to ensure they are actively encouraging all waiting vehicles to move to the appropriate waiting areas.	DH	10 th July 2023	Open
3 rd April 2023	DH will review the locations of signs advising waiting drivers on the NSR to not sound their horns.	DH	10 th July 2023	Open
3 rd April 2023	NP will speak with BHCC Traffic Wardens to request increased patrolling of the roads surrounding the RSCH site.	NP	10 th July 2023	Open
3 rd April 2023	RB & DH will continue discussions to investigate what mitigations could be put in place to reduce the noise levels from the symbols in the sensory garden by RACH.	RB / DH	10 th July 2023	Open
3 rd April 2023	Pedestrian crossings around the RSCH site would be added to the Agenda.	AJ	10 th July 2023	Open