

**Minutes of the Hospital Liaison Group (HLG) meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6.00pm in the LMB.**

**Present**

Terece Walters (TW)	Hospital Nurse Director (UHS)
Julian Redpath (JR)	Local Resident
Maryliss Redpath (MR)	Local Resident
Jonathan Steele (JS)	Strategic Capital Programme Manager (UHS)
Melanie Vevers (MV)	Local Resident
Ann Diver (AD)	Local Resident
Peter Kutnick (PK)	Local Resident
Michael Creedy (MC)	Local Resident
Liz Cook (LC)	Assistant Capital Project Manager
Cllr Williams	Local councillor
James O'Loughlin (JO)	Local Resident
Michael Prendergast	Local Resident

**Apologies**

Peter Lane (PL)	Hospital Operations Director
Hilda Cater (HC)	Local Resident
June Jensen (JJ)	Local Resident
Cllr Mitchie Alexander (MA)	Local Councillor – Chair
Roy Evans (RE)	Director of Capital Development & Property (UHS)
Theo Cronin (TC)	Head of External Affairs
Trevor Fitzgerald (TF)	Director of Facilities & Estates
Robert Donaldson (RD)	Local Resident
Paul Gillen (PG)	Construction Manager (LOR)
Alick Whitfield	Social Value Manager (LOR)
Mary Finlay	Local Resident
Sarah Booker-Lewis	Democracy Reporter Brighton and Hove News
John Buttery (JB)	Southern Housing
Benjamin D'Montigny (BD)	Bristol Estate Leaseholders and Tenants Association

1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	TW opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.	
2.	Chair's Opening Remarks	
	Terece Walters opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. It was noted that the session would include updates on construction progress, design clarifications, site impacts, and the opportunity for residents to ask questions.	

3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The Trust provided printed copies of previous minutes and agenda.	
4.	"You Said, We Did"	
	<p>TW presented this section to the meeting, giving an update on how items raised by residents have been progressed or resolved since the last meeting.</p> <p><b>North Service Road – Proposed Signage Improvements</b>  <i>To support clearer site navigation and reduce inappropriate vehicle access, new signage is requested for installation along the North Service Road. The aim is to make it immediately clear to drivers that the route is not intended for through-traffic and should not be used as a drop-off point.</i>  <i>Requested signage wording:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Not a through road"</li> <li>• "No drop-off"</li> </ul> <p><i>Next step:</i>  <i>Terece to arrange installation of the signage in the identified locations</i></p> <p><b>Further to the new Level 6 corridor seating, can the 3 seats in the Level 3 corridor (under the Royal Alex) be relocated to the Thomas Kemp to LMB link corridor</b>  <del><i>Further seating has been ordered in response to patient feedback highlighting distress caused by walking long distances. Previous attempts to provide temporary seating were unsuccessful, as chairs were frequently moved into clinical departments. To address this, the additional seating will be in a highly visible, bright colour to ensure it is easily identifiable as temporary seating and less likely to be relocated, with the aim of ensuring it remains in place for patient use. In addition, further artwork has been installed along the corridors to enhance the environment.</i></del></p> <p><b>Do Not Beep Your Horn - A-boards are not currently in place along the North Service Road; only one board appears to be present and not always in place.</b>  <i>Permanent signage has been installed along the North Service Road asking drivers not to use their car horns. This is intended to reduce noise in the area. The traffic management team will also speak to drivers who do not follow the signage.</i></p> <p><b>A bollard at the end of the North Service Road is broken or missing."</b>  <i>The contractor will be brought back to address this issue as part of upcoming road maintenance.</i>  <i>The road surface near the drains is starting to dip again (previously raised as a concern), these have been inspected and costs obtained looking to undertake work in April.</i>  <del><i>Bollard has been repaired</i></del></p> <p><b>Bidford and other delivery lorries are reversing into the South Service Road and idling on Upper Abbey road, before 06:30am.</b>  <i>The gate on the Upper Abbey side is operational signage is in place, and no deliveries are accepted via Abbey Road. The gate is installed on Bristol Gate just finishing the IT connection prior to it being made operational.</i></p>	<p>New seating is being repeatedly removed, Terece is looking into fixed seating options</p>

	<p><b>Despite recent improvements in signage, patients arriving early (around 6:45 AM) still struggle to find Theatre Admissions.”</b>  <i>The team agreed to ask colleagues if an early reception cover can be trialled for a period to see if it improves patient experience. This has not been achieved however signage reviewed and seating provided outside the area</i></p>	
5.	Residents Questions on 3Ts Stage 2	
	<p><b>Impact on Adjacent Buildings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Concerns were raised about structural impacts and the absence of updated condition surveys.</del></li> <li><del>Project team noted prior vibration monitoring and confirmed no additional vibration works are planned.</del></li> </ul> <p><b>Building Height and Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents queried the perceived height of the new Cancer Centre compared to visuals shown.</li> <li>It was confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The building will be five storeys.</li> <li>It is significantly lower than the main hospital (Level 11).</li> <li>Only the BMU garage rises slightly at the northeast corner.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions regarding who will maintain rooftop gardens and landscaped areas.</li> <li>Estates teams will manage these areas; irrigation systems will reduce manual watering requirements.</li> <li>Raised planters are part of approved landscape design.</li> </ul> <p><b>Impact on Adjacent Buildings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A question was raised about structural impacts on neighbouring residential buildings.</li> <li>It was confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vibration-heavy works are complete.</li> <li>Standard surveys and monitoring were conducted during piling.</li> <li>There is no expectation of structural risk at this stage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6.	Update on Helipad	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><span style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;">RSCH</span></p> <p>The helipad at <del>The County in Brighton</del> is now operational, receiving patients and significantly reducing transfer times for critically ill and severely injured patients by enabling faster access to specialist emergency and major trauma care across Sussex.</p>	
7.	Update on Construction of the Sussex Cancer Centre	

	<p><b>Foundations and Groundworks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piling completed last year; all current works are low-impact.</li> <li>• The building will sit partly on the existing pile wall and partly on new concrete pads.</li> </ul> <p><b>Construction Method</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project uses off-site precast manufacture.</li> <li>• Windows will be pre-installed in the precast units, unlike earlier phases.</li> <li>• Curtain walling will still be installed onsite due to its aluminium stick-system construction.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Public Space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once construction accommodation is removed later in the project, the area will be turned into a landscaped public plaza with benches, grass, and trees.</li> </ul>	
8.	Any Other Business	
	<p><b>Community Engagement and Volunteering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team expressed interest in identifying meaningful volunteering opportunities with local charities, schools, and community groups.</li> <li>• Volunteers will be available during quieter construction periods, and activities should be purposeful rather than symbolic (e.g., not just litter-picking).</li> </ul> <p><b>Art and Heritage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents and the project team discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <del>The restoration of listed buildings and heritage lighting.</del></li> <li>○ The possibility of moving artwork (such as installations currently on display) to brighten the Cancer Centre perimeter.</li> <li>○ Some displays could be temporary or become permanent features.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9.	Date of the Next Meeting	
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Action Log as at 27.11.2025

Meeting First Raised	Action	Owner	Review Date	Status
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	TW to organise with Estates colleagues to repair the signage totem on the corner of Eastern Road and Bristol Gate.	TW	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>OPEN</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	3Ts team to alter dropped kerb in front of LMB	JS	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>CLOSED</b>
05 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	The humming noise from catering is still present and needs re addressed. TW to progress with Estates following return survey picking up the noise.	TW	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>OPEN</b>
05 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Children's Hospital Play Area - Noise Issue with symbol. TW to feed back after planned meeting with play therapists.	TW	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>CLOSED</b>
05 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	"Do Not Beep Your Horn" A-boards are not always in place. TW organising for some to be fixed to external walls.	TW	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>CLOSED</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	TW to provide an update regarding previously discussed social value initiative to provide a seating area outside A&E.	TW	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>OPEN</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Trust to secure a new councillor to attend the HLG	LC	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>CLOSED</b>