

Hospital Neighbourhood Forum

St Paul's Centre

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 August 2018 from 6pm-8pm

Welcome from Deputy Richard Renouf, Minister for Health and Social Services

Format of meetings

- Bernard Place, the Project Director, explained the format of the meeting
- A question was raised regarding Westaway Court. This stated that living quarters in Westaway's big block is reasonable, but in the small block it is not as good. The questioner asked if the new building is going to be just two floors. It would be ground, first and second floors with air conditioning and other plant on the roof. More detail about Westaway would be provided at the next meeting. Bernard Place responded by saying that showing people around sites related to the Future Hospital is a definite possibility.

Early Works

- David Ahier, the Relocation Works Lead and Gary McGuire, Project Manager of J3, discussed recent progress of early and enabling works.
- Meetings have been held with neighbours about St Elmo and Westaway
- The issues raised about the construction of the hospital catering facility project in St Peter have been investigated and working with local residents and contractor solutions have been found which can be taken forward to the main hospital project; e.g. vibration, contracts for residents, etc.
- The best layout for a timeline of phasing and early works is currently being worked on.
- The engineering company for Westaway Court is well aware of site conditions because they worked on construction in Savile Street and Maison Le Pape.
- Meetings have been held to progress the design of the basement using specialists and case studies.

Construction

- Bruce Preston and Gary McGuire, Project Director and Project Manager of J3, introduced themselves
- Bruce said that they have identified the areas/buildings which may be affected by building works and that the worst source of disturbance may come from piling, but the possibility of damage would most likely occur on the building site, not to the surrounding area or adjacent buildings.
- They said that they were currently looking more closely into methods to limit disturbance and are considering extra dilapidation surveys of surrounding properties. This work would be discussed with residents who might be affected.
- Levels of vibration associated with any piling done can be adjusted by using a range of piling methods to limit potential effects
- Bruce and Gary then outlined some of their experience in limiting vibration and other construction effects on projects including:
 - Bristol Royal Infirmary
 - Bexley Wing St James's Leeds
 - Milton Court London
 - Combined University Hospital Manchester
 - Royal Albert Hall London
- Images were shown of the areas where screens and protection will be placed to deal with noise and dust.
- Kensington Place will be marshalled by a 'banksman' who will be able to prioritise public safety when construction traffic is using this road.

Survey Work

- Jessica Hardwick, Civil and Structural Engineering Lead, introduced herself and gave a brief outline of progress made on survey work.
- Jessica explained the current progress of planned and completed surveys, below ground surveys have been completed, CCTV surveys are ongoing
- Nine boreholes have been completed on the site which help monitor acoustics and vibration and water and gas monitoring.
- Further surveys have been planned including: electrics, mechanics, asbestos monitoring, structural surveys, condition surveys and traffic surveys

Planning Amendments

- Richard Glover, Head of Planning, introduced himself and provided a description of amended planning scheme for the Future Hospital.
- He highlighted that the new version of the scheme has been submitted to maximise the benefits and additions that the new hospital will bring to St Helier.
- Richard explained that concerns were raised about the height of the main building and that it had now been amended to be lower with a less imposing mass.
- The Savile Street side of Westaway Court has been 'stepped back' to create an appearance more in keeping with the domestic scale of that road.

Q&A

- Question: What are the risks/potential for archaeological findings and damage to heritage?
 - Richard Glover answered by saying that archaeological potential has been anticipated but risks are low but that there would be a watching brief on any works to ensure any archaeology is recognised.
- Concerns were raised about the flow of traffic in the area of Westaway Court by an individual who attended the Westaway Court meeting.
 - Jessica Hardwick answered this by saying that existing entrances on Savile Street will be kept in place and traffic surveys have found that there is a possibility for a reduction in traffic levels on Savile Street.
- Concerns were presented by John Baker about the agenda of the Neighbourhood Forum, stating that the prolonged use of presentation prevents the event from being labelled as a forum due to the lack of conversation and discussion.
 - Bernard Place answered this by highlighting that there would be a 30 minute period at the end of the forum for one to one conversations between neighbours and specialists. Bernard further stated that he is happy to adjust the approach used in future neighbourhood forums e.g. have fewer presentations and more round table discussion if that is preferred by neighbours.

- There were concerns on the condition of residential foundations in the surrounding area of the hospital site; a question asked if the brief given to surveyors pre-construction will also be available for residents to view.
 - Bruce Preston answered this by saying that residents will definitely be given a copy of the brief.
- A concern was raised about the current effects of the hospital chimney, neighbours have experienced bad smells in their residencies.
 - Gary McGuire answered this by saying that, because of the new hospital solely using electricity for energy, there will be no need for a chimney on the new site.
- Neighbours highlighted concerns about Newgate Street traffic issues because there is worry over a possible increase on traffic flow.
 - Gary McGuire answered this by explaining that this area would be marshalled and only smaller vehicles will be allowed to travel down Newgate Street.
 - Jessica Hardwick further stated that there may be traffic lights installed on Newgate Street and that there should not be a significant change in the amount of traffic flow.
 - Bruce Preston said that he can look into suitable timings for traffic lights.
- Constable Simon Crowcroft asked if the large amount of contractors and workers would create a significant increase in the number of vehicles parked around St Helier.
 - Bruce Preston stated that they would maintain a low peak level of worker numbers on site and there will be no parking on and around the construction site.

Future Meetings

- We shall co-produce an agenda
- We can change the structure of the forum to create a better platform for conversation and discussion
- If spinoff interest groups are a popular request then these could be organised.