

Community Liaison Group Minutes – Meeting #7

25 February 2021

6.00-7.00pm

Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Councillor Kate Anolue – Upper Edmonton (Enfield)
Cllr John Bevan – Northumberland Park ward councillor (Haringey)
Quentin Given – Northumberland Park ward representative
Councillor Margaret Greer – Lower Edmonton (Enfield)
Peter Ley – Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
Dr Linda Miller – Enfield Town Residents' Association
Councillor Mahtab Uddin – Upper Edmonton (Enfield)
Magali Merindol – LondonEnergy Ltd
Martin Capstick – NLWA
David Cullen – NLWA
Trudi Axtens – NLWA
Rebecca Gilbert – NLWA
Christian Cosby (Chair) – AECOM

1. Introductions

1.1 Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Safety moment

2.1. NLWA introduced the safety moment, which focused on the impact of Covid-19 on young people's wellbeing and mental health – particularly those not in education or employment. NLWA noted that this puts a sharper spotlight on the NLHPP's programme of training and apprenticeships.

3. Previous CLG meeting

3.1. Actions from the previous CLG were reviewed and agreed.

4. Updates from CLG members

4.1. A CLG member emphasised the importance of creating apprenticeships for residents in Edmonton. NLWA confirmed that this is a key priority, with three apprentices from Edmonton having already been appointed. NLWA noted that future apprenticeship recruitment campaigns will continue to prioritise local residents.

5. Project and construction updates

5.1. The NLHPP Programme Director gave an overview of the project.

5.2. An update was provided on the ways in which health and safety is being prioritised for those working on the NLHPP. This includes weekly rapid antigen testing, additional PPE, daily temperature checks and proximity tracking.

- 5.3. NLWA provided an overview of construction progress on the NLHPP. Four contracts have been completed – the Northern Access Works, Sewer Diversion Enabling Works, Laydown Area East, and Laydown Area West – and construction started in January 2021 on EcoPark South. The EcoPark South works include a Resource Recovery Facility, where boroughs' bulky waste will be sorted, and recyclable materials extracted. The works also include a public Reuse and Recycling Centre. Demolition and ground works are currently underway and piling works are expected to begin in March 2021.
- 5.4. NLWA provided an update on its long-term heat supply agreement with Energetik, Enfield's local heat supply company, and LondonEnergy, the company which operates the Edmonton EcoPark. The district heating network will provide low carbon heating for around 10,000 homes in the Meridian Water development in Enfield.
- 5.5. NLWA updated the group on apprenticeship and training placements. As of February 2021, 13 apprentices have been appointed. At least 100 apprenticeship opportunities will become available as the project progresses.
- 5.6. On-site training placements were discussed. 34 placements have been delivered to date on the project. The placements help school leavers and people out of work to learn new skills that will enable them to start a career in construction.
- 5.7. A member of the CLG asked whether NLWA was considering the use of Carbon Capture, Storage and Utilisation (CCUS) technology on the new Energy Recovery Facility. NLWA clarified that CCUS technology is relatively new in the energy from waste sector, with prototype schemes currently in development in Scandinavia. NLWA confirmed that the design of the ERF will not preclude the use of CCUS in the future, when appropriate infrastructure is in place to transport and store the carbon dioxide.

6. Community update

- 6.1. NLWA provided an update on its engagement with the local community. This included adverts placed in the *Enfield Independent* and *Enfield Dispatch* in January 2021, which announced the start of the EcoPark South construction works.
- 6.2. NLWA notified the group about a forthcoming community newsletter, being distributed to 28,000 homes in the boroughs of Enfield, Haringey and Waltham Forest. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide an update on the construction of the NLHPP, as well as the project's apprenticeship and training programmes.
- 6.3. A member of the CLG highlighted the importance of advertising apprenticeship opportunities in Edmonton. NLWA confirmed that advertising in Edmonton will continue to be a key priority for future programmes of apprenticeship recruitment.

7. NLWA update

- 7.1. NLWA provided an update on waste and recycling services, and campaigns to encourage north London residents to reduce their waste. This included an overview of the Waste Prevention Exchange (Thursday 4 March) and an upcoming campaign with Keep Britain Tidy to highlight the importance of correct recycling.
- 7.2. A member of the CLG asked whether NLWA was considering measures to extract recyclable plastic from residents' waste. NLWA confirmed that it had signed a new lease to operate a waste transfer and recycling centre in Wembley, which will include a new

materials recycling picking line. The picking line will allow additional recyclable materials to be extracted from the waste stream, including plastics.

7.3. A member of the CLG asked whether, as a result of increased online shopping deliveries, volumes of cardboard recycling have increased in north London. NLWA stated that recycling figures for 2020 / 2021 are currently being analysed, and they will be reported by the Authority in due course.

8. Future CLG meeting

8.1. Members were thanked for attending and it was confirmed that the next CLG meeting will be held in May 2021.