

Romsley Community Liaison Group

Summary of meeting – 26/4/16

Attendees:

Lois Swift – Community
Jayne Holloway – Parish Council
Sarah-Jayne O’Kane – STW
Sean Bowler – Parish Council
Dominic Moore – STW
Steve MacKellar – Jacobs (STW consultant)
Nigel Stead – Community
Mike Buckley – Community

- Terms of reference for the group, along with chair and vice-chair were agreed.
- The group agreed the rolling agenda items:
 - Planning process update
 - Construction & schedule
 - Design impact
 - Environmental issues
 - Commissioning and operation
 - Reinstatement
 - Community Legacy
 - Communications from the meeting
- It was announced that the contract for the raw water part of the project (the pipeline and break pressure tank) has been awarded to Barhale and a representative from the company would attend future meetings.
- Planning application
 - STW are responding to objections via Bromsgrove District Council, and also responding to various queries from the community
 - A report from Bromsgrove DC is due in the next four weeks and the application is currently pencilled in to go before the planning committee on 6 June ‘16. STW are speaking to the Planning Officer regarding and conditions that may be imposed. STW hope to see the conditions before the meeting, but it may be afterwards.
- The community asked for clarification on pile driving – will there be any? Severn Trent confirmed that there are no plans to do any at the moment – the current designs and plans have no need to do this.
- The community asked what the retaining structure for the cut out bank will be. Severn Trent confirmed that the plan is that the break pressure tank itself will be the retainer, but the finalised design will be

done with the contractor now that they're on board. The contractor should hopefully be able to confirm at the next meeting.

- The community expressed concerns around dust, air quality and noise. STW will respond at the next meeting with full answers and explanations.
- Working hours
 - Severn Trent have asked for the working hours to be 7am – 7pm, Monday to Friday and 7am – 1pm on Saturday. This seems to be the biggest issue for the community
 - 8am – 6pm may be better, but what does this mean?
 - Severn Trent stated they are happy to work 8am – 6pm, but asked does that mean on site at 7:30 and starting work at 8am or on site at 8am? If they understand what the community want, they are happy to oblige.
- The break pressure tank site
 - The community expressed concern over the location of the site and the fears of it “industrialising” the entrance to Putney Lane. They asked if it was possible to change the access point to further up Bromsgrove Road, therefore using Putney Lane as a one-way system?
 - Benefits include moving HGVs away from houses, which would also have a positive impact on the amount of noise and dust experienced by these residents.
 - Severn Trent agreed to look at the options, speak to Barhale (the contractor) and bring an outline plan of what is possible to the next meeting
- Lighting
 - The community were told that the lighting would be no taller than 6m, however the plan suggests 8m high poles – what is true? Severn Trent said that their understanding was also that it was 6m at the highest. STW will investigate and report back at next meeting.
- Hoppers
 - Severn Trent confirmed that the hoppers weren't part of the original plan for the break pressure tank. There are concerns over the visual impact of the hoppers and the noise etc during construction. The community asked if the hoppers needed to be there at all.
 - Severn Trent explained that the PAC dosing does need to be done at Romsley so that the water has a long enough contact time with the carbon (40 mins). So unfortunately it is a necessary evil. Severn Trent will work hard to do as much as they can to hide the hoppers though, and more work is going on to see what options there are for what else can be done.
 - The community asked that once there is a final design, can better visuals be produced? STW agreed to produce the visuals asked for by the group.
- Other things briefly discussed and put onto the agenda for future meetings include tree planting and what would happen in the event of a catastrophic failure.
 - Severn Trent have been in touch with the local school and have offered the services of the Severn Trent education team. And they have also agreed to sponsor Romstock 2016.

Next meeting – 24 May, 7:30 pm. Function Room at The Bell has been booked.