

Romsley Community Liaison Group

Meeting summary

19 July 2016

Attending:

Jayne Holloway (Parish Council), Shaun Bolar (Parish Council), Nigel Stead (Resident), Lois Swift (Resident), Mike Buckley (Resident), Steve Mackellar (Jacobs), Sarah-Jayne O'Kane (STW), John Thomas (Barhale), Gareth Smith (STW)

The minutes from previous meeting and summary document were agreed and signed off

The following topics were talked through:

1. Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

- Planning committee deferred to Aug 1st to address traffic management issues
- Lots of work is ongoing to address the issues around construction traffic and a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) has now been created and circulated. Feedback from the Parish Council and Worcester Highways have been incorporated. This will be presented at the planning committee.
- The entrance to the site was discussed. Current plans are to enter to the right from Putney Lane. The thinking at present is that Putney Lane won't need to be widened. The possibility of an entrance from Bromsgrove Rd was looked at, but the traffic is fast and splays are limited and so it's unsuitable, plus the pipeline will come through that area too. Barhale would rather put in place further traffic measures. The group looked at other options, including temporary traffic lights and temporary traffic calming in Putney Lane. Barhale will discuss with Highways.
- It was suggested that when the work is about to start a community meeting / drop in is set up to tell people what is going on. This was agreed.
- **Working hours** - STW will accept a condition that no plant or machinery will be used until 8am although people will arrive on site at 7am. There will be a designated area where this applies. It was made clear that the work on the BPT will be those hours, however the pipeline traffic can move outside of these hours to avoid peak traffic times.
- Barhale reassured the group that they will do everything to contain mud on site and a roadsweeper will be available when needed.
- There will be someone on site at the BPT site out of hours for security.

2. Community Information

- The plan is that once planning permission for the whole scheme is granted, a leaflet will be created for all affected people along the entire route of the pipeline. This will be tailored for specific communities. A draft sent by the Romsley CLG will be used as a template for the wider leaflet and there will be a version specifically for Romsley.
- The Facebook page has been renamed and is now - Romsley Residents - Severn Trent Resilience Project

3. Noise surveys

- Barhale will carry out noise surveys for those residents that want them, in the way that the residents want them.

4. Catastrophic failure

- Local residents have asked “What happens in the event of a catastrophic failure of the proposed new break pressure tank?”
- The following bullet points try address this question:
 - Catastrophic failures of this type of concrete structure which is surrounded by earth works is unheard of.
 - The tank is fed by pumps which can be switched off in the event of evidence of problems and the tank drained completely very easily to Frankley Reservoir.
 - Structure like this contain under-drains which are regularly monitored for early signs of leakage from the structure so remedial works can be undertaken long before any possibility of structural failure arises.
 - The maximum volume of water stored is only about the same as could be fitted into a 4 bed roomed house so not enough to cause any major damage.
 - When we are not abstracting water from the River Severn (ie the vast majority of the time) the water in the tank will be kept at a lower level
 - There is level control in the tank to keep it from overflowing.
 - Safeguards in the form of separate level switches will shut off the pumps to prevent more water coming into the tank in the event of a fault on the level control system
 - We have modelled the tank overflowing to make sure it does not cause flooding to anyone’s house.
 - We have put another safeguard to turn off the pumps as soon as any flow in the overflow pipe is detected.

Date of next meeting: 20th Sept to plan community engagement

