

UBB - Tovi Ecopark MBT Facility – Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date

01 July 2024 18:30 - 19:00

Location

Laindon Suite, Holiday Inn Basildon, Festival Leisure Park, Waterfront Walk, Basildon, SS14 3DG, and online via Teams.

Attendees

Cllr Aidan McGurran (Councillor) - *Chairperson*
 Cllr Bob Massey (Councillor)
 Jason Searles (ECC)
 Kerry Burgess (ECC)
 Jim Sims (Basildon Council)
 Chris Hearne (UBB)
 Lauren Jones (UBB)

Bob Friend (Local resident)
 Stuart Terson (Local resident)
 Rob Hill (Local resident)
 Jane Hill (Local resident)
 Kaye Edwards (Local resident)

Apologies

Graham Harris (Local resident)

Trenna Dawson (Local resident)

Distribution

Attendees & Invitees

Item	Action	Actions
	Welcome & Introductions	
1	Introductions around table and those joining via Teams.	None
	Comments on minutes from previous meeting held 08 April 2024	Chair/UBB
2	No comments raised	None
	Planning Update	UBB
3	No updates or issues to report	None
	Environmental Update	UBB
4	Traffic Impact UBB reported that daily site traffic had been reduced over the last 3 months with minimal traffic other than staff vehicles. Traffic numbers will increase in coming weeks but will remain within expected daily journey operations. No issues or concerns raised during the meeting.	None

5	<p>Noise & Vibration</p> <p>UBB confirmed that on-going noise and vibration monitoring will resume in the coming weeks prior to the recommencement of demolition activities with monitors to be installed in key locations as per during previous works.</p> <p>No other noise or vibration complaints raised during the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr McGurran asked what people should do if they had any complaints and UBB advised that Natalie Curtis or Chris Hearne could be contacted by phone in the first instance or to use the project e-mail address toviecopark@urbaser.co.uk, failing that to present themselves at the site gate and ask to speak with the UBB project team.</p>	None
6	<p>Dust</p> <p>UBB advised that dust had not been an issue with there having been no dust generating activities having been undertaken since the last meeting.</p> <p>When demolition works recommence control measures such as damping down, and mobile dust suppression units will be implemented and monitored to ensure dust generation is minimised.</p> <p>No dust concerns raised during the meeting.</p>	None
	On-site progress since last meeting	UBB
7	<p>UBB reported that following previous demolition subcontractor Squibb Group Ltd having gone into liquidation last year there had been no further demolition activities on-site whilst the procurement process for a replacement demolition subcontractor was undertaken.</p> <p>UBB advised that they had concluded negotiations with the preferred replacement demolition subcontractor and the required document to formalise their appointment was currently being circulated for signing by all parties.</p> <p>Arrangements have been made since the last meeting for the disconnection of incoming supplies with the gas supply having been completed purged and disconnected and arrangements in place for the disconnection of the incoming HV supply ahead of demolition recommencing.</p>	
8	<p>Sustainability Progress</p> <p>UBB reported that there has been no removal of materials from site since the last meeting, so figures remain unchanged.</p> <p>To date early 12,000T materials removed from site to date and 99.6% of waste generated has been sent for beneficial re-use or recycling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39.1% sent for re-use. • 60.5% sent for recycling 	Note
	Upcoming site works in next 3 months	UBB
9	<p>UBB advised that they are expecting the subcontract for the replacement demolition subcontractor to be signed in the coming days with them mobilising to site in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Once works have resumed the following activities will be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on-site crushing of existing concrete arisings for use within Waste Reception bunkers • Commence removal of Waste Reception and Visitor Centre structural steelwork • Commence concrete breakdown for Waste Reception suspended slab. • Begin installation of new drainage channels and connections, and ductwork for new LV supply to site. 	Note

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence backfilling of air treatment plant. <p>Following the disconnection of the HV supply to site, UKPN will undertake works outside the site boundary to remove the incoming loop to the site. These works will be managed by UKPN and will be subject to local permits etc for works in the road/footpaths.</p> <p>It is targeted to have demolition works completed during Q4 2024 with the permit surrender agreed in Q1 2025 however this is governed by the time taken for the Environment Agency to process the Environmental Permit surrender application.</p>	
10	<p>UBB are not in a position to confirm name of replacement subcontractor until the subcontract has been fully signed, but will advise of this, and intended date for works to recommence, when in a position to do so.</p>	UBB
11	<p>Jim Sims enquired about the size of the demolition subcontractor and whether there were any social value requirements within their subcontract. UBB advised that the company was a large reputable demolition company within the industry and that whilst there were no specific social value clauses within the subcontract UBB were continuing their efforts to identify opportunities to re-use furniture and equipment through local schools, charities etc where possible.</p>	Note
12	<p>Bob Friend asked for confirmation on the extents of demolition in regard to breaking out of concrete structures within the ground. UBB confirmed that concrete foundations and slabs below ground level would not be removed. All superstructure above ground level is to be removed down to ground level and all voids and bunkers will be backfilled up to ground level.</p>	Note
13	<p>UBB explained that the location of the mobile crushing unit will be in accordance with exclusion zones agreed as part of the Prior Approval planning process. Noise monitoring will be undertaken once this commences to ensure that there is no impact on residents. Squibb had previously operated their crusher for a period prior to their liquidation and on-site monitoring showed no significant noticeable impact the southeast site boundary.</p>	UBB
14	<p>Rob Hill asked for clarification of the extent of HV cable removal by UKPN as they had been impacted by the installation of the site supply. UBB confirmed that UKPN had advised that works would only be of a local nature just outside the site boundary and remove the incoming loop to site. No works are expected beyond a single worksite on Courtauld Road.</p>	Note
15	<p>Jim Sims asked if the existing HV capacity was being held for future use on the site. UBB advised that following the disconnection of the supply the capacity would be released back to the grid and any future supply to the site would need to be reinstated at a later date.</p>	Note
16	<p>UBB advised that further details would be provided in due course regarding timings and location for UKPN's works to provide a new LV route to site. This will mainly affect residents to the southeast of site so UBB will ensure that residents are informed of these works with as much notice as possible.</p>	UBB
	<p>Stakeholder & Community Liaison</p>	UBB
17	<p>UBB advised that to date over 250 items of furniture and equipment have been donated to local schools and charities and having now vacated the Visitor's Centre there may be further items available including laboratory equipment such as pipettes, test tubes etc which would be suitable for a secondary school.</p> <p>Any enquires should be e-mailed to Toviecopark@urbaser.co.uk stating the organisation interested in the materials and what materials they would be interested in.</p>	None

18	Jim Sims and Cllr McGurran both suggested that they might be able to assist with identifying further interest. UBB to update the available items list, with photos where possible and circulate to meeting invitees.	UBB
	Meeting Invitee Suggestions	
19	Following the recent changes to local Councillors and up-coming Essex County Council By-election this week there will be some new invitees to be included on the distribution for future meeting invites. Cllr McGurran to forward names and e-mail address to UBB for addition to the distribution list.	Cllr McGurran
	AOB	Chair
20	Bob Friend enquired on working hours for the remaining works. UBB advised that site working hours agreed as part of the Prior Approval planning process allow for noise generating works to be conducted between 08:00-18:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00-13:00 on Saturdays, no works which could be heard at the site boundary are permitted on Sundays and Bank Holidays.	Note
	Next Meeting	
21	The next meeting will be on Monday 07 October 2024 at 18:15 for a 18:30 start. The agenda and further details will be issued in advance of the meeting, but it is likely that it will be held at Holiday Inn again, UBB to confirm nearer the time.	UBB to issue agenda and location details.