

UBB - Tovi Ecopark MBT Facility – Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date

08 October 2023 18:30 - 19:00

Location

Boardroom, ToviEcopark, Courtauld Close, off Courtauld Road, Basildon, Essex, SS13 1FL, and online via Teams

Attendees

Cllr Stuart Terson (Councillor) - <i>Chairperson</i>	Graham Harris (Local resident)
Cllr Bob Massey (Councillor)	Kaye Edwards (Local resident)
Cllr Aidan McGurran (Councillor)	Rob Hill (Local resident)
Jim Aldridge (ECC)	Jane Hill (Local resident)
Kerry Burgess (ECC)	Lewis Smith (Local resident)
Chris Hearne (UBB)	Keith Bobbin (Local resident)
Natalie Curtis (UBB)	

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 02 October 2023	Chair/UBB
2	No comments raised	None
	Planning Update	UBB
3	No updates or issues to report	None
	Environmental Update	UBB
4	<p>Traffic Impact – UBB reported a slight increase in vehicle movements during October as backfilling operations commenced followed by a reduction in November and December.</p> <p>Traffic numbers will increase in January as backfilling continues and then further in subsequent months as demolition waste removal increases again.</p> <p>Movement numbers to date, and expected levels, remain in line with predicted vehicle movements as detailed in the Prior Approval planning application.</p>	None
5	<p>Noise & Vibration</p> <p>UBB confirmed that on-going noise and vibration monitoring continues during demolition activities. No concerns have been raised.</p> <p>No other noise or vibration complaints raised during the meeting.</p>	None
6	<p>Dust</p> <p>UBB confirmed that dust mitigation measures have not been required during recent months due to wet weather experienced. However, as we move through winter into Spring control measures such as damping down and mobile dust</p>	None

	<p>suppression units will be implemented and monitored to ensure dust generation is minimised.</p> <p>No dust concerns raised during the meeting.</p>	
	On-site progress since last meeting	UBB
7	<p>UBB reported during in early December, following several weeks of insolvency proceedings demolition subcontractor Squibb Group Ltd were served a winding-up order by the High Courts.</p> <p>As a result of these proceedings demolition activities stopped on site in early November and will not resume until a replacement demolition subcontractor has been appointed by UBB.</p> <p>Backfilling operations have however continued during this period and will continue throughout January and February.</p>	
8	<p>Key Works undertaken.</p> <p>UBB reported that the following key works have been undertaken since the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remaining items of processing equipment were relocated on site and then subsequently collected from site during November. This required out-of-hours vehicle movements as stipulated by traffic movement orders. • The remaining sections of steelwork for the pre-processing building were demolished. • Concrete breakdown to the air treatment facility at the north of site is largely complete with some outstanding works to be completed at the eastern end however this will likely require partial backfilling before it can be completed. • Backfilling operations have continued within the biohall area, and a conveyor pit located within the pre-processing area also backfilled in December. • The cabins required for the temporary accommodation on the biohall slabs have been delivered and set up ready to be used when required. 	None
9	<p>Sustainability Progress</p> <p>UBB reported that nearly 12,000T materials removed from site by the end of December and that 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
10	<p>UBB are currently working to identify and appoint a replacement demolition subcontractor with the target to have demolition works resuming in February.</p> <p>Cllr Terson asked how the overall programme had been affected by the delay to the demolition works. UBB explained that the ultimate date for handing the site back to ECC is governed by both the physical works having been completed and the Environmental Permit for the facility having been surrendered to the EA. The permit surrender process was always expected to take longer than the demolition works and as such this would result in a period whereby the demolition works had been completed but the permit not surrendered and therefore the site not handed over. The delay to demolition has reduced this period but it is not anticipated that the delay to demolition works will impact the permit surrender process and as such there is no delay expected to the overall handing back of the site to ECC.</p>	None

	It is targeted to have demolition works completed during Q2 2024 with the permit surrender agreed in Q3 2024.	
11	<p>UBB highlighted the following key works due to be undertaken over the next 3 months following the resumption of demolition activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued backfilling to Biohall and then air treatment facility at the north of site. Relocation to site offices from the Visitor Centre Commence removal of waste reception and visitor Centre structural steelwork and associated concrete breakdown. Begin on-site crushing of concrete arisings from demolition works, for use in the waste reception bunkers. Begin installation of new drainage channels and connections and ductwork for LV supply to surface water pumps. 	None
	Stakeholder & Community Liaison	UBB
12	<p>UBB advised that to date over 250 items of furniture and equipment have been donated to local schools and charities with a lot of equipment recently going to assist a special educational needs school in Brentwood.</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
	AOB	Chair
13	Kaye Edwards asked if anyone had any information relating to proposed works at Archers Fields close. Cllr Terson said he would look into this and would speak with Cllr McGurran.	Cllr Terson
	Next Meeting	
14	<p>Monday 08 April 2024, 18:15 for a 18:30 start; agenda and further details to be issued in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Previous placeholder has been sent out for Monday 01 April 2024, but this is Easter Monday. UBB to re-send placeholder.</p>	<p>UBB to issue agenda and location details.</p> <p>UBB</p>