UBB - Tovi Ecopark MBT Facility – Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date

07 October 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*
Jason Searles (ECC)
Kerry Burgess (ECC)
Chris Hearne (UBB)
Natalie Curtis (UBB)
Rob Hill (Local resident)
Jane Hill (Local resident)
Kaye Edwards (Local resident)
Graham Harris (Local resident)

Apologies

Cllr Bob Massey, Cllr Peter Schwier, Trenna Dawson

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 01 July 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 has increased since July following the mobilisation of replacement demolition subcontractor R Collard Limited to site, and the recommencement of physical activities on-site. Traffic numbers are anticipated to remain within expected daily journey operations. No issues or concerns raised during the meeting.	None
5	Noise & Vibration UBB confirmed that on-going noise and vibration monitoring has resumed, and results are being monitored against values previously agreed with Basildon Council's Environmental Health Team with no issues identified. No noise or vibration complaints raised during the meeting.	None
6	Dust UBB advised that dust mitigation measures are in place following the resumption of demolition works, such as:	None

	• Plant mounted dust suppression systems. • Mobile dust suppression systema located at ground level. • Water bowsers and jet washers for additional dust control where needed. Routine monitoring of these control measures is undertaken to ensure efficacy of the systems in place. Basildon Council's Environmental Health Team contacted the site during September as part of investigations into dust complaints from local residents during the week commencing 16 September 2024. • An Environmental Health Officer (EHO) attended site on 23 September to discuss the works being undertaken during the previous week. • The works undertaken were no dust-generating and the control measures in place were explained to the EHO. • The EHO deemed the control measures in place to be acceptable and no further action was taken. • It was noted that the timings of the concerns raised coincided with a fire at an adjacent recycling centre and the prevailing wind direction during much of that week was taking the smoke from the fire over local residents' properties. No dust concerns raised during the meeting.	
	On-site progress since last meeting	UBB
7	R Collard Limited have been appointed as replacement subcontractor to complete the remaining scope of works and they mobilised to site in mid-July and the have since commenced physical works on-site.	None
8	The following demolition activities have been undertaken since the previous meeting: • Internal soft strip of the Visitor Centre offices ahead of demolition, • The steel frame Maintenance building on the east of site has been demolished and breakdown of the small adjacent concrete structure is in progress. • Removal of the Waste Reception steel frame structure is underway. • On-site concrete crushing for re-use in backfilling activities has been completed for now, with further works to be undertaken following the breakdown of remaining structures.	None
9	Physical works for the following elements of the Retained Assets have also commenced recently: • Floor sawing and localised concrete breakout for the installations of new services • Installation of new surface waste drainage channels.	None
10	UKPN have attended site to disconnect the incoming HV supply to the building and have removed their infrastructure from site. Local transformers and electrical equipment have also been removed.	None
11	Sustainability Progress UBB reported that 80T of waste material have been removed from site since the last meeting. As of the end of August just over 12,000T of waste materials removed from site with 99.6% of waste generated has been sent for beneficial re-use or recycling. • 39.1% sent for re-use. • 60.5% sent for recycling	Note

	Upcoming site works in next 3 months	UBB
12	UBB advised that the following key items of work will be being undertaken during the next three months: • Completion of removal of Waste Reception steelwork followed by backfilling and concrete breakdown activities. • Removal of the Visitor Centre building. • Complete the installation of the new surface drainage system, new services, and fencing. • Commence backfilling of air treatment plant. Completion of the physical demolition and Retained Asset activities are programme to be completed by the end of 2024. Full completion of works and Handback of the site to ECC is targeted for mid-2025 following the surrender of the facilities Environmental Permit, however this will be governed by the turnaround times for the Environment Agency to review and approve the permit surrender application.	Note
	Stakeholder & Community Liaison	UBB
13	UBB advised that to date over three hundred items of furniture and equipment have been donated to local schools and charities. A number of internal doors and shelving units have been donated to a local secondary school along with a small quantity of mixed science laboratory equipment. There are limited further items available for donation, with only a small quantity of office furniture and equipment which may be available for donation upon completion of the works and UBB's demobilisation from the site.	None
	AOB	Chair
14	UBB advised that one of the UBB joint venture parent companies, Urbaser Ltd, have recently been acquired by FCC Environment and there would be some visual changes to signage and documentation such as Community Liaison Group agenda, minutes etc and the website over the coming months as the project logo will need to be updated to reflect this change. There will be no change to the project team or day-to-day operation of the project as a result of this acquisition and the Community Liaison Group should expect to see no other impact other than the change in logo.	Note
	Next Meeting	Chair
15	The next meeting will be on Monday 06 January 2025 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. Post Meeting Note: The date for the next week has been changed to 13 January 2025.	UBB to issue agenda and location details.
16	UBB to issue calendar placeholders for meetings for upcoming meetings.	UBB