

IFA2 Community Liaison Group

Date: Wednesday 4th July 2018**Time: 6pm****Location: Fareham Innovation Centre****Attendees:**

Brian Mansbridge – Lee on Solent Residents Association (BM)

Roy Wilkinson – Peel Common Residents Association (RW)

Peter Wason – Hill Head Residents Association (PW)

Tony Brewer – Warsash Residents Association (TB)

Cllr Trevor Cartwright – Fareham Borough Council - Warsash ward member (TC)

Cllr Jim Forrest – Fareham Borough Council - Stubbington ward member (JM)

Cllr Steve Dugan – Fareham Borough Council - Hill Head ward member (SD)

Cllr Kay Mandry – Fareham Borough Council- Hill Head ward member (KM)

Onur Aydemir – National Grid IFA2 - UK Converter Delivery Manager (OA)

Paul Hudson – National Grid IFA2 - Cable Delivery Manager (PH)

Paul Doran - National Grid IFA2 - Lead Project Manager – UK Converter Station (PD)

Joe O’Loghlen – National Grid IFA2 - Project Officer Open Space (JO)

Charlotte Hayden – TEP Landscape Architect on behalf of National Grid IFA2 (CH)

Bilquis Mahmood – National Grid Electricity Transmission - Community Relations Advisor (BIM)

Chinedu Orji – National Grid Electricity Transmission - Project Engineer (Lead) (CO)

Paul Kelly – Newgate Communications supporting National Grid IFA2 (PK)

Kate Durrans – Newgate Communications supporting National Grid IFA2 (KD)

Item		Action
1	<p data-bbox="292 1384 1214 1413"><u>Presentation on open space by CH from TEP on behalf of National Grid IFA2</u></p> <p data-bbox="292 1456 1270 1520">PK opened the meeting and introduced Charlotte Hayden from TEP, the specialist landscape consultants leading on the design of the open space for IFA2.</p> <p data-bbox="292 1563 1246 1628">CH introduced herself and gave a short presentation to the group on the design approach to the open space.</p> <p data-bbox="292 1671 1259 1771">CH explained that from the outset, the main brief given to TEP was to encourage connectivity between Fareham, Lee on Solent, Stubbington and the Alver Valley Country Park, as well as providing an off-road route for pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p data-bbox="292 1814 1259 1915">CH set out that the plans for the open space had been informed by extensive consultation with Natural England to understand the necessary SANGS - Suitable Accessible Natural Green Space requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="292 1957 1270 2018">By way of explanation, the requirement for a SANGS in the area was derived from the ever increasing amount of new housing being built in the Gosport region. The</p>	

<p>associated increase in population has led to a greater pressure on the coastline which is a sensitive ecological area of concern, with numerous Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)</p> <p>By producing the open space, it is hoped that this will relieve part of the pressure on the coastline, especially with regards to dog walkers and cyclists alike.</p> <p>Although Natural England did not set specific criteria to classify the Open Space Development as a SANGS, TEP followed guidance in hand with past examples to design the Open Space.</p> <p>CH highlighted that during the planning stage, the open space proposals were presented in two sections, east and west, to meet the different requirements set by Fareham Borough Council and other statutory bodies.</p> <p><u>Eastern space</u></p> <p>The main requirement for the design of this part of the open space was to appropriately screen the buildings of the converter station through mounding and native tree planting.</p> <p><u>Western space</u></p> <p>The brief for this part of the open space was to protect the safeguarded space close to Solent Airport whilst providing an area for the community to enjoy and ensuring clear connective routes through to Fareham, Lee on Solent, Stubbington and the Alver Valley Country Park.</p> <p>To further enhance the safe guarded space near to the airfield, CH explained that a three metre viewing platform would be created for visitors to view the airfield. Responding to feedback from Natural England, National Grid IFA2 also proposed a dedicated dog walking space within the western space.</p> <p><u>Central space</u></p> <p>BM asked if the footpaths and cycle-ways through the open space could be different and not just separated by a white line.</p> <p>Within the central space, CH added that low level planting had been agreed to create a variety of vegetation throughout the seasons as well as to help predator birds to establish a variety of ecological habitats on the space.</p> <p>RW asked if the hedgerow surrounding the boundary of the open space would be retained and reinforced to provide good screening for the converter station buildings. In response, CH explained that the hedgerow surrounding the boundary of the open space would be retrained and enhanced. A mixture of small trees and</p>	
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	<p>larger trees would be planted within the eastern space to provide some immediate screening as part of a longer term plan to limit visual impact.</p> <p>JM queried whether the news that further local land would be needed to create the Stubbington Bypass would lead to a reduction the amount of open space provided by National Grid IFA2. CH explained that there would be no reduction in the size of the open space and that the impact of the bypass has been taken into consideration during the planning stage.</p> <p>BM asked if the public footpaths and cycleways would have white lines to separate the different walkways. CH clarified that the public footpaths would not have white lines to separate the footpaths from cycleways.</p> <p>By way of an update, after a review, the footpaths will not have any visual segregation. However, there is a planning condition to ensure an aspect of visual segregation between cyclist and pedestrians on the central cycle path is delivered. National Grid IFA2 are having ongoing discussions and any feedback from members on how this planning condition may be met would be extremely welcomed.</p> <p>[CH left the meeting]</p> <p>JO thanked CH for her time and stated Phase1A works were due to start in August. National Grid IFA2 has now appointed a contractor, I&H Brown to complete the works. National Grid IFA2 anticipates the majority of the work to be complete by 2019, with elements of the open space ready for public access this year. However, to the presence of the EPC Contractors which will be on site until 2020, the entirety of the open space will not be completed until 2020.</p> <p>KM asked if National Grid IFA2 had considered the possibility of creating a direct connection into the Alver Valley Country Park. In response JO said that National Grid IFA2 did look into direct connections into the Alver Valley Country Park. However, as National Grid IFA2 were not responsible for completing this work it was agreed with Fareham Borough Council, that National Grid IFA2 would make a financial contribution for improving existing connections instead.</p>	
2	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>KD informed the group that Alison Roast from Lee on Solent Residents Association had given her apologies to the meeting and that Brian Mansbridge would be attending in her place.</p>	

3	<p><u>Agree the minutes of last meeting</u></p> <p>PK asked the group if all members could agree the minutes of the first meeting, which took place on Wednesday 22nd March 2018.</p> <p>PW asked if the terms of reference could include the agreed detail on the longevity of the group, stating that the community liaison group would last into the first year of operation of the IFA2 project at least. KD responded and said that this would be included in the terms of reference.</p> <p>BM referenced the last minutes and requested whether more clarification be added on the restricted hours of working for larger deliveries in the minutes. KD agreed and said this would be amended in the minutes.</p> <p>All agreed the minutes. National Grid IFA2 will make these available on the project website.</p>	<p>KD to amend terms of reference as per comments and issue alongside minutes.</p>
4	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>PK stated that following the last meeting, KD would produce a list of all the contractors and members of the NGET and National Grid IFA2 team. This would be put up on the project website, which is currently being revised.</p> <p>RW commented on the incident which occurred back in April regarding a contractor lorry which used the incorrect delivery route when making a concrete delivery to National Grid IFA2. In response, PD explained that since the last meeting, National Grid IFA2 had been working hard to ensure that all contractors making deliveries to the site used the correct routing map as per the approved Construction Traffic Management plan.</p> <p>PD informed the group that all contractors had been given a further briefing on the agreed route and presented with flash cards communicating the approved routing clearly. He added that the team had also issued contractors with labels for them to place on their livery and that for all major suppliers to the project contractors are briefed appropriately and signage is enforced. However, the difficulty mainly occurred when minor suppliers made small deliveries to the site as part of a larger delivery round.</p> <p>PD added that National Grid IFA2 also keeps a record of all deliveries made to site, as well as the registrations of the vehicles. This helps National Grid IFA2 monitor whether drivers are taking the right route and investigate when enquiries suggest this is not happening.</p> <p>OA reiterated that following the incident regarding a delivery driver taking the wrong route, National Grid IFA2 had been working hard to ensure that all measures were in place to ensure this incident was not repeated.</p>	<p>KD to provide list of contractors and members of teams ahead of the next meeting.</p>

5	<p><u>Construction update</u></p> <p><i><u>Converter station – Daedalus</u></i></p> <p>PD reminded the group that, following the last meeting, National Grid IFA2 had completed the piling activity for the converter station. 700 piles have now been placed in the ground. The next stage is construction is “pile caps” which are concrete foundations that are constructed on top of the piles themselves. It is then these pile caps that the steel columns for the buildings will sit on. This is anticipated to last for the next two months. The main steelwork of the buildings will be erected in phases during autumn, with a goal of ensuring the structure is weather proof before the winter.</p> <p>In addition, PD explained that on site, a site office had been established by the main contractor, ABB. A number of the National Grid IFA2 team had moved into the office. PD invited members of the group to attend the site office if they had any questions on the development of the converter station.</p> <p>RW asked when the website redesign was scheduled to happen. In response PK informed the group that over the next month a thorough website redesign was being completed. This would look to make the website much more accessible and engaging to show the relevant construction updates as they happen. OA added that alongside a full redesign, new images would be uploaded alongside videos on the development of the project.</p> <p>PW asked for confirmation that full RF screening such as a Faraday Cage would be installed within the converter station. PD confirmed that this was correct; indeed screening would be more intensive than was probably necessary, as retrospective fitting would be far more difficult and expensive.</p> <p>PW asked what was being done to mitigate against noise and vibration from the converter station. In response, PD explained that as part of National Grid IFA2’s planning permission, it must comply with different requirements for noise, vibration and health and safety. While the contractors appointed by National Grid IFA2 do not feel that this cladding is strictly necessary, further measures are being investigated in the unlikely event that the facility emits more noise than anticipated.</p> <p>PD explained that following RW’s question at the last meeting, asking why so much hedgerow had been removed along Broom Way, National Grid IFA2 had investigated and found there were two reasons for hedgerow removal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To ensure the cycleway diversion was wide enough and far enough away from the S278 bell mouth works.2. To ensure there is a clear visibility for cars and vehicles leaving and entering the site safely. PD added that following the completion of the converter station this space would become a car park for people visiting the open space.	
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By way of an update, National Grid IFA2 have examined this and will be altering the fence line on the open space and an additional 14 linear meters of hedgerow will be installed at this locality.

BM asked when these works would be completed. In response, PD stated that National Grid IFA2 does not currently have a confirmed date for the completion of the S278 works. He highlighted that following ground investigations, the team had found that the ground was much softer than first anticipated. Additionally, the investigations revealed that the water service pipe under the site was located much higher up than had been recorded.

As a result, National Grid IFA2 is now in the process of drawing up revised plans to ensure the S278 work is done safely and with no impact to the water service.

BM stated that more notice needed to be given to the local community in advance of these works recommencing.

In response, PD acknowledged how widely and frequently Broom Way was used and agreed that National Grid IFA2 should provide greater notice in advance of the work recommencing than it had previously. All agreed that the work should be carried out during the night and in the school holidays.

KD informed the group that National Grid IFA2 had recently attended local junior schools in Fareham to hold school assemblies on site safety during construction.

Cables – Chilling

PH explained that construction at Chilling was progressing well and informed members that the main activity currently is preparing the landfall location where the HVAC cables will come ashore. This work involves drilling during the summer to drill the ducts at the landfall.

It was anticipated that civil works will be completed in August. However, the drilling rig will stay on site until the end of September.

PH added that a number of deliveries would be taking place off shore in the next few weeks. This is to minimise the number of deliveries using local roads.

Speaking on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET), BIM noted that at Chilling, joint communications were taking place between NGET and National Grid IFA2 on all the work taking place at Chilling.

PH informed members that, at the time of the meeting, a number of diving investigations were taking place between Chilling and Daedalus. These investigations were to look for unexploded ordinance amongst other potential obstacles. The vessels carrying out the investigations had guide vessels around them to protect the divers and ensure other public vessels were kept away.

	<p>TC noted that the ongoing communications from National Grid IFA2 and NGET at Chilling were going well and stated that he would also welcome updates on the diving investigations being included in the newsletters sent to residents in Chilling.</p> <p>PH explained that the survey vessels would also be working off shore in the next few weeks to repeat some of the surveys to ensure no unexploded bomb or other obstacles were missed.</p> <p>PW asked whether the current footpath diversion at Chilling could be changed as the current diversion made the walking route considerably longer. In response, PH explained that following concerns raised by residents on the footpath diversion at Chilling, NGET were currently investigating the possibility of creating an alternative, shorter route. However, due to ecological constraints, such as badger setts, it is unable to implement any new route until August.</p> <p>PH confirmed that the original footpath will be reinstated after NGET has completed its work in this area.</p> <p><u>Cables – Daedalus</u></p> <p>PH informed members that National Grid IFA2 is planning to mobilise the site at Daedalus airfield in August, ready to start work from September to January. Its primary focus will be limiting any impact on the roads and footpaths. It has yet to finalise its plans for work at Monk’s Hill beach; PH agreed to provide an update at the next Community Liaison Group meeting.</p> <p>RW inquired as to whether National Grid IFA2 had looked into the possibility of using any of the surrounding the hovercraft slipway close to the site. In response, PH stated that National Grid IFA2 were investigating the possibility of using the nearby hovercraft slipway. RW stated that he would provide OA with the contact details of Cllr Beavis who helps to manage the Lee Hovercraft slipway in Gosport.</p> <p><u>Chilling substation</u></p> <p>CO introduced himself and said that he was the project manager for NGET’s work at Chilling.</p> <p>CO informed members that NGET had made good progress on the upgrade of the Chilling substation which was required to facilitate the delivery of IFA2. He explained that to upgrade the existing Cable Sealing End compound to a 400kV substation NGET had begun levelling the ground on the site. Following the completion of this, it will begin the screw piling work required to establish the foundations of the new substation.</p>	<p>KD to give Ellie Naismith from NGET updates on the diving investigations.</p> <p>PH to provide update on beach front works at next meeting</p>
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<p>6</p>	<p><u>Communications update</u></p> <p>PK explained that Newgate Communications is currently undertaking a full website redesign. He asked members whether they would be willing to comment on the website and give their feedback once it was live.</p> <p>BM added that if National Grid IFA2 wanted to communicate project activity that will impact on the local community it could do so through the Lee on Solent Residents Association Website which also has an LRA Facebook feed.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Planning applications update</u></p> <p>OA updated members on the two new applications National Grid IFA2 was preparing to submit in the next month.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To make minor changes to the positioning of the converter station buildings. OA informed the group that these changes would not have any adverse effect on the noise, RFI or other sensitive planning obligations. 2. To extend the working hours during certain days of the week and during certain times in the year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Saturday afternoons b. Summer months <p>OA added that Newgate Communications would provide a briefing for stakeholders on the planning applications and where to find them on the Fareham Borough Council website.</p> <p>OA reiterated to the group that the biggest deliveries for the converter station would be the transformers. The best method for delivery was still being discussed with officers and National Grid IFA2, including whether it would be possible to use the hovercraft slipway.</p>	<p>KD to produce briefing for members on planning applications.</p>

	<p>BM later added that, MoD does not own the Lee Hovercraft Slipway, it is currently 'owned' by the Government Agent "Homes England" until they dispose of it either through sale or transfer to another authority. Neither does MoD own the slipway approach but the Queens Harbourmaster Portsmouth(QHM) controls use of the Solent in that area, in the public interest. Neither MoD nor QHM are likely to prevent legitimate use of the Solent. Any maritime contractor will co-ordinate their activity with QHM just as is currently the case for the much more complex NG cable laying operations within the Solent.</p> <p>PH informed members that at Chilling, National Grid IFA2 was also looking into the possibility of submitting a similar application to extend its permitted working hours. During certain times of the year, this would involve 24 hours working.</p> <p>PH reminded members that these changes were highlighted in the planning stage and are necessary to ensure the project stays on time and the installation of the cables create as little impact to residents and the local ecology as possible.</p> <p>By way of the update, these applications have now been submitted to Fareham Borough Council.</p>	
8	<p><u>Other questions</u></p> <p>BM asked National Grid IFA2 to ensure that any closure of Stubbington Lane is appropriately communicated to stakeholders. He asked that members of the CLG were consulted on National Grid IFA2's proposed approach to communication.</p> <p>PK asked when works at the beach huts were scheduled to take place. In response, PH explained that the works didn't have a specific date yet but they were looking at January/February 2019.</p> <p>BM recommended that it would also be good to investigate the possibility of getting Hampshire County Council to attend a future meeting as the highways authority.</p> <p>PW asked if the planned road works along Stubbington Lane would result in a full road closure. In response PH explained that it would not be a full closure of Stubbington Lane and instead it would be a lane closure which would be operated by traffic lights.</p>	<p>KD to include beach huts works on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>
9	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>PW asked if the minutes of this meeting could be provided sooner than the last minutes. In response, KD confirmed that members would have the minutes by the end of the month.</p>	<p>KD to include item on the</p>

	<p>BM asked if the terms of reference would be reissued and then agreed at the next meeting. PK confirmed that this would be the case, following the amendments that were agreed earlier in this meeting.</p> <p>PD asked if an update on the installation of the cables at Peel Common Roundabout and the realignment of the road could be included on the agenda for the next meeting. PK confirmed that this would be an item on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	agenda for next meeting.
10	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>KD noted that the next meeting would be in late September/ early October and that a date would be confirmed alongside the issuing of these minutes.</p>	KD to firm up date for next meeting.