Tipner Regeneration – Residents Meeting
Stamshaw and Tipner Community Centre
5 June, 2013, 7pm

1) Attendees
- 11 x residents
- Cllr Jason Fazackarley, Cllr Leo Madden, Cllr Ken Ferrett
- Portsmouth City Council (PCC) = Claire Upton-Brown, Graham Baggaley, Richard Lee, Lee Todd
- Volker Fitzpatrick Colas (VFC) = Shine Salur

2) Apologies
- Seamus Meyer (PCC)
- PCC education department

3) Homes & Communities Agency / Tamdown update
- All remediation and cleaning of the soils was completed several weeks ago.
- The main operation which has been progressing for four weeks now is the import of the capping layer, which comprises recycled crushed material. The supply of this material has been slower than planned, hence the operation is still on-going.
- At the current rate of progress it is expected that all the capping work will be completed within 3 weeks.
- The current Heras fencing (in place where the sleeper wall has been removed) will be replaced with a wire mesh fence similar to that used on the greyhound stadium. The thinking behind this is that the site will be exposed to public view from both Twyford Avenue and the cycleway and therefore be less inviting for intruders (especially children) who will be seen and who also can see that there is nothing there (this seems to have worked on the greyhound stadium site). Where hoarding has been erected currently it will remain.

4) Motorway interchange and park-and-ride
   Recent activity
   - Both northbound slip-roads opened for haulage traffic - this has reduced impact on residential roads
   - Southbound on-slip has had topsoil stripped, some drainage works and street lighting removal
   - Southbound off-slip earthworks are completed
   - Earthworks have begun around Tipner bridge where the interchange will be
   - Contraflow and narrow lanes installed on the M275
   - Earthworks have begun on the park-and-ride site

   Upcoming work
   - Southbound off-slip drainage works, some box cutting involving diggers to prepare the road surface and the preparation and installation of kerbs
   - Drainage work will continue on the southbound on-slip
   - By Tipner bridge where the new interchange will be there will be drainage works, kerb preparation and laying and work on street lighting
   - Capping will be put on the park-and-ride site
   - Trial holes will be dug by Rudmore roundabout
   - More wire mesh fencing will be erected around the site
   - Towards the end of June night-time piling work will take place north of Tipner Lake bridge for a new gantry
Upcoming traffic management plans

- There will be traffic management and lane restrictions on Rudmore roundabout and the approaching roads from 17 June for around four months. Lane closures will be changed between peak and off-peak times to keep traffic flowing.
- Two-way traffic signals will be on Tipner Lane for two weeks from 10 June where it passes under the M275. This will not prevent anyone using the road, it will just mean traffic only travels in one direction at a time.
- Traffic using Tipner Lane to get to the west of the M275 will be diverted through the park-and-ride site and the northern side of the new roundabout. This is so that work can be done on making the existing road part of the interchange. A safe route for pedestrians, cyclists and traffic will be available and clearly signed and all times.
- Whale Island underpass (going from near the end of Lower Derby Road to Whale Island Way) will be closed for up to six weeks from 10 June. A diversion will be in place via the subway at Rudmore roundabout.

Noise monitoring

- Noise levels are regulated according to an agreed average level over eight hours. The daytime average mustn't exceed LAeq 75dB 12hr Weekdays and 6hr on Saturday and the night-time noise mustn't exceed LAeq 55dB (12hr). These levels are recognised standards for noise monitoring.
- Assessment of domestic and construction noise is done differently.
- Monitoring in Osier Close shows current noise is approximately half what it was before the work began when the motorway traffic was travelling at 60mph. The microphone is positioned high enough to record noise levels at first floor.
- Feedback from some of the residents closest to the work is that they hear it but it isn't intolerable.
- Some people are more sensitive to noise and there will always be times when people are disturbed but the work is regulated to minimise the impact on the majority of people.
- Noise monitoring was carried out during night-time work in May, this was done at a number of locations in residential areas and followed the work along the motorway so that the results reflect what residents experienced.
- The work didn't exceed the permitted levels for a 12-hour average but after first night it was felt workers could have done more to keep noise to a minimum. VFC have spoken to workforce about doing this and taken disciplinary action to ensure they work as quietly as possible.
- VFC have someone on site managing all night-work.
- VFC notify PCC of planned night-work with date, location and activity/equipment involved. Based on this the likely noise impact is calculated and residents who may be affected are notified. This is done as soon as the information is available.
- Certain work has to be carried out at night because the Highways Agency won't allow it during the day.
- If work is in one place then noise screening barriers can be placed next to it, however this hasn't been possible on recent work because it has been moving along the motorway.
- Work on Northern Road bridge in Cosham has resulted in some residents being placed in hotels, but this is because the noise experienced is four times the noise being made in Tipner. Cosham residents being offered hotels are based on recommended levels which aren't reached in Tipner - PCC couldn't practically provide a hotel for everyone who might want it, there has to be criteria to qualify for it.
Some of the work taking place is Colas PFI work, this has been done for years without getting complaints but is now being noticed because people are more aware of work in the area.

The May work was calculated to have an eight-hour average around 44dB. The average over one hour was around 56dB.

PCC will produce graphs representing the current noise levels together with comparisons with noise levels before construction began and whilst night-time operations were taking place.

Soil has been piled in a large bund alongside Osier Close and Harbour Way to reduce the impact of noise.

Other issues:

- Removal of access under the M275 via Tipner Lane was advertised in the paper before the start of the scheme. PCC will provide the dates of all public notices that have been published.
- The shore path still has some barriers in place and could be tidier. PCC/VFC to address this.
- Some vehicles are still using residential roads to get to site, this is often because drivers are following navigation systems. VFC are continuing to instruct all suppliers and drivers that they should use the new northbound slip-roads as a haulage route. PCC will arrange for signage to be put on Twyford Avenue stating construction traffic can't use the residential roads.
- The subway on Tipner Lane is often flooded. This has been an issue for some time and PCC will speak to Colas to see what can be done to address it.
- Residents felt that in places site fences could be bigger. VFC will review this but reassured that the whole site is fenced off, during the day gates are open when there is lots of workforce around but it is all locked up at night and there are regular security patrols.
- Acoustic barrier fencing is currently scheduled to be installed alongside Harbour Way in July and alongside Osier Close in August.
- A meeting to discuss planting alongside the southbound on-slip will be arranged for residents affected by this.
- Plans for low-noise tarmac are still progressing. The problem is it can't be done in winter so it may be that work on the M275 finishes and then the surfacing is done in the spring.
- Residents expressed concerns about dust.

5) Communication with residents:

- Tipner regeneration May newsletter was sent to more than 2,000 addresses in Tipner and Stamshaw and had updates on:
  - VFC progress
  - Tamdown progress
  - Lorry movements
  - M275 narrow lanes and contraflow
  - Stamshaw Junior School involvement in Horsea Island Country Park launch
  - Tipner regeneration contact info and meetings

- Upcoming public meeting dates are: 3 July, 7 August and 4 September.
- Best way to get information on Tipner's regeneration is to use the dedicated channels set up by PCC - 023 9268 8020 and tipner@portsmouthcc.gov.uk - or the Tipner Regeneration webpage http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/8781.html.
- When important news is put on the website or we have any other updates we send emails out to residents on our distribution list. To be added to it email tipner@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.
6) Matters arising from previous meeting on 1 May not covered above

Southern Water work
- Stamshaw Park will be restored to what it was previously. Only difference is there will be an area with an astro-turf type surface and some manhole covers for Southern Water to access the new pumping station.
- The path currently within the work site will be reinstated and the new path currently in place will also stay as it provides PCC with better access for maintenance.
- Resident asked for information on what the drainage hole Southern Water have dug by Whale Island is - PCC to revert with more info.

7) Any other business
- Does Tipner Regeneration Company have the latest information on Homes and Communities Agency's remediation? Yes.
- Will parking restrictions be introduced on Tipner Lane to the west of the M275 once the new motorway junction is complete? There are no plans to do this.
- Air quality monitoring
  The first month's air quality monitoring in the area shows a nitrogen dioxide pollution level about half the national target level. It is however important to recognise the limitations of short-term monitoring and its relevance to predicting compliance with the National Air Quality Objectives.
- Can PCC update the large plan of Tipner for the next meeting and provide copies for attendees? Yes.
- Is Tipner Lane definitely being blocked off and land on west of M275 only accessible by motorway? Yes.
- Will Rudmore roundabout subway stay in place? Yes.
- What lanes will come to Rudmore roundabout from M275 southbound? Two traffic lanes and one bus lane.
- What lanes will be on the Tipner southbound on-slip? One traffic lane and one bus lane.
- Will barriers be put on the footpath behind Osier Close to stop the regular problem of children on motorbikes? PCC is looking at improvements to this path in a separate project and will pass this request to the officer working on this.
- What measures are in place to stop people misusing park-and-ride car park at night? It will be locked up at night.
- Will double-decker buses be used for the park-and-ride? Currently no plans for double-deckers. The high frequency of buses means that they won't be necessary.
- Is there a plan for a new route to Port Solent? PCC has an aspiration for a bridge from Tipner to Horsea Island. It would give access to the new country park and Port Solent. It would be for pedestrians, cyclists, buses and possibly for vehicle access to new houses in that area. This is detailed in the Portsmouth Plan.
- Mile End roundabout needs better signal timings/management PCC to pass this to relevant department to review it.
8) **Date of next meeting**
   - Wednesday, 3 July at 7pm