Tipner Regeneration – Residents Meeting

Stamshaw and Tipner Community Centre
7 August, 2013, 7pm

1) Attendees
   • Residents 17
   • Cllr Jason Fazackarley, Cllr Leo Madden
   • Portsmouth City Council (PCC) = Seamus Meyer, Kathy Wadsworth, Simon Moon, Graham Baggaley, Lee Todd
   • VolkerFitzpatrickColas (VFC) = Goodwin Kirk, Shine Salur, David Craik
   • Colas = Paul Ferroni, Steve Hill
   • Wheely Down Forge = Charles Normandale, Julie Brooks-Hill

2) Apologies
   • Cllr Ken Ferrett

3) Tipner junction artwork project
   • Charles Normandale and his team at Wheely Down Forge have been commissioned to produce some artwork for the new Tipner Interchange roundabout
   • Wheely Down Forge was established in 1983 and has built a reputation for producing high-quality artistic sculptures across the UK, working on both public and private projects.
   • The artwork will be a metal sculpture and it is aimed to create a landmark in the city
   • It is important to get people from the area involved in the artwork so they can feel a part of it
   • There are two concepts being developed:
     1. Sailing by - Boats and marine vessels
        Abstract marine vessel shapes. Inspired by Portsmouth's history of sea travel and also Tipner's specific links with everything from the various boat clubs to the old military vessels that were on the Pounds Scrapyard
     2. Freedom - greyhounds
        One side of the roundabout would have a working greyhound representing Tipner's past and the other side would have two frolicking greyhounds representing the potential for the area's future and regeneration.
   • Whichever concept is chosen it is hoped to set it within a wild flower meadow on the roundabout. This will look attractive and reduce maintenance
   • Residents can have their say on the artwork in open workshops at Stamshaw & Tipner Community Fair, at Alexandra Park on Saturday, 17 August, 11am to 3pm
   • Artists will be there to discuss both themes, residents can vote for their preference, or that they don't like either, and create their own simple sculptures on their preference using flexible wire
   • All the work created will be documented and displayed online as well as being used to help develop the final artwork
• £100,000 of Department for Transport money has been set aside for this project but it may be that not all of it is spent, we won't know until a final design has been agreed
• It is planned that maintenance of the artwork will become part of Colas’ responsibilities within the city

4) Motorway interchange and park-and-ride

Recent activity
• Tarmac laid on the northern half of the new junction roundabout
• In preparation for the southern half of the new junction roundabout the road surface on Tipner Lane has been removed, the subway demolished and utility diversion begun
• Fencing work and gabion baskets installed on the southbound off-slip
• On the southbound on slip and bus lane there has been auger boring; earthworks; modifications to the headwalls above the Whale Island Way subway and Stamshaw Lake Angling Club boat ramp; kerbing; ducting; drainage work; some tarmac laid in certain areas; installation of fencing and gabion baskets - gabion baskets are being used as they're more visually appealing, they are made of a galvanised steel which is approved for use near the shoreline and has a 100-year guarantee
• The Whale Island Way underpass is now open. There is still a cable being run through it which is held down by sandbags. VFC is aware people are emptying those sandbags in the subway and keep tidying the area as best they can. The subway will be tidied
• At Rudmore roundabout trial holes have been dug and ducting work done for electric cables
• Piling work has continued for the foundations of the new northern gantry on Horsea Island
• The park-and-ride site has had tarmac laid as well as drainage work and kerb installation

Upcoming activity
• The contraflow system will be removed from the motorway leaving three narrow lanes on each side
• On Tipner junction south (where Tipner Lane passed under the motorway) the ground will be levelled and utility diversion carried out
• The southbound off-slip will have fencing work carried out along with surfacing by the Pounds access bridge
• Ducting work for electric cables will continue at Rudmore roundabout
• The central reservation on the motorway will have the safety barrier and lighting columns removed ahead of site clearance for work to be carried out there
• Piling work on the northern gantry will continue
• The park-and-ride site will have bus lane trim installed, some tarmac laid and the old drainage pond will be filled in
• From 8-23 August changes will be made to the lane layout on the M275 which will see the contraflow system removed, but narrow lanes will remain
• Work on Rudmore roundabout and its approaches will continue for another six weeks
• The existing diversions footpaths near Osier Close and Simpson Road will continue for three months. Once work is complete they'll re-open to the public.

Traffic on residential roads
• VFC is continuing to instruct suppliers that wherever possible they are to use the new slip-roads instead of residential roads
- Identified vehicles have been banned from site
- VFC will continue to take a hard line with suppliers on this
- The road sweeping vehicle is continuing to be used to clean local roads

**Closing Tipner Lane for completed project**
- Tipner Lane will have a road surface laid across all of it, but once the motorway junction opens it will be blocked off with two sets of bollards, one set opposite the end of Range Green and the other by the entrance to the park-and-ride, this will prevent rat-running and avoid creating an area where people can illegally park or dump rubbish.

**Dust**
- The site is being damped down at least 10 times a day during dry weather. Rain helps the situation a lot.
- Hardened surfaces are being put down in places to prevent dust. The park-and-ride site has to be fully raised before surfacing can be laid.
- We are dealing with a very complex construction project and some dust and disruption of this nature is unavoidable

**Works vehicles accessing M275**
- VFC will use the most appropriate route to access the motorway for the area to be worked in and job being done.
- There are regulations in place regarding works access and these are all being followed

**Site fencing**
- Residents highlighted a couple of issues with fencing in places, including alongside the allotments at Osier Close and the gap under the temporary Heras fencing at the edge of Stamshaw Park. The project team is going to address this.

**Motorway surfacing**
- The completed project will have low-noise surfacing on the junction and motorway

**Earth mounds by Osier Close and Harbour Way**
- The earth mounds were created to give residents some screening from the motorway
- They aren't permanent but part of it may be retained in the final landscaping
- Sometimes material will need to be taken away to use on the site. Other material may replace it if available

**Parking for people using land west of M275**
- There will be no extra parking provision on the east of the M275 for people using the facilities on the west of the motorway. When the project is completed anyone using that area will be able to access it via the new junction and there are no plans for extra parking restrictions on the western side

5) **M275 maintenance work**

**Overview**
- The works will affect three bridges on the M275- Pounds Access Bridge, Tipner Interchange Bridge North and Tipner Interchange South
- The bridges on the M275 were constructed in the 1970’s and the waterproofing to these three bridges has now come to the end of life and requires replacing
- No changes are being made to the bridge structures, they will remain the same size
- In June two-thirds of the waterproofing for the northbound carriageway was done, the rest still has to be completed
• The problems from the work in June have been reviewed, we have seen where errors were made and ensure the same mistakes don't happen again
• Next phases of work will be done during the week when traffic flows are lower in the summer
• Waterproofing work is weather dependent but we're using a sheeting method which reduces that
• All works will be carried out overnight with some lane closures
• The works will be carried out in three phases and will involve the following works
  o The removal of the existing carriageway surface down to the concrete bridge structure
  o Removal of the existing waterproofing to the bridge decks
  o The application of a new waterproofing layer
  o Resurfacing of the bridge decks
  o Replacement of the existing bridge joints

Work commencing 12 August
• These works will affect the Southbound carriageway only
• All works will be carried out at night commencing at 8pm and finishing at 6am
• The works will take place over four nights
• There will be two lanes operating southbound each night and three lanes operating southbound throughout the day

Work commencing 19 August
• These works will affect the Northbound carriageway only
• All works will be carried out at night commencing at 8pm and finishing at 6am
• The works will take place over four nights
• There will one lane operating northbound each night and two lanes operating northbound throughout the day
• We may be operating traffic signals in the area manually during peak periods in order to minimise traffic delays

Work in September/October
• These works will affect both northbound and southbound carriageways and further details will be provided to you nearer the time once our proposals have been finalised

Offer of hotel accommodation
• The upcoming night-work on the M275 has the potential to disturb residents. It is not excessively loud to the level that there is an obligation to provide alternate accommodation, but PCC recognises there has been daytime work in the area since January and wants to offer residents some respite, particularly because people will be more likely to have windows open at this time of year
• The work is the same as work which has been carried out in the last six months so residents don't need to worry they are about to be exposed to something considerably louder than they have already experienced
• Night-time noise must not exceed an average level of 55dB over an eight hour period
• Letters offering accommodation have been sent to 375 homes. Different residents have been offered accommodation on different nights according to where they live and where the work is taking place
• There is no set budget for the hotel accommodation, if someone in the areas affected requests it PCC will do its utmost to meet their needs
• The short notice of the accommodation offer is because the exact dates of the work were not able to be confirmed until very near the time. This has made it quite challenging to get accommodation.
• PCC has searched for accommodation in a 30-mile radius and been able to accommodate everyone within 15 miles of Portsmouth through nine different places
• If people would prefer to remain in their own home that is their own choice and no alternative compensation will be offered

6) Homes & Communities Agency update
• Tamdown have completed work on the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) land
• HCA are continuing to market the development opportunity as previously advised

7) Tipner Regeneration Company update
• Tipner Regeneration Company (TRC) not in attendance

8) Communication with residents
• August newsletter being distributed this week with information on junction progress, HCA update, Stamshaw & Tipner Community Fair, artwork project
• PCC has been out in the community engagement vehicle several times in July. The aim is to speak to people who we may not usually engage with and there have been a mixture of pre-defined times for specific areas and ad-hoc visits to places with high footfall. Look out for us out and about in future
• Stamshaw & Tipner Community Fair is taking place on Saturday, 17 August, 11am-3pm, at Alexandra Park. Attractions include:
  o Information on Tipner regeneration projects
  o Tipner junction community art workshops and portable forge
  o Central arena with performances from various dance groups, including Stamshaw based Dance Destiny
  o Express FM compering the event and running competitions etc
  o RSCPA fun dog show residents can enter their dogs in
  o My Journey Portsmouth - promoting sustainable transport:
    o Cycling simulators with Portsmouth routes
    o Cycle-powered smoothie maker
    o Bike doctors offering basic bike maintenance
    o D-Day Museum jeep, costumes and other artefacts
    o Mountbatten Centre sports taster sessions
• Harbour School pupils and teachers visited the site last month to see progress being made
• Upcoming public meeting dates are: 4 September and 2 October
• 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,

9) Matters arising from previous meeting on 3 July not covered above
Emergency traffic plan
• Following the request at the July meeting for information on PCC's emergency traffic plan arrangements have been made for an officer to attend the September neighbourhood forum meeting about this
Responsibility for land between PD Fuels site and Stamshaw Junior School
• HCA now owns this land but the previous access rights, including the cycle path, remain unchanged. HCA is responsible for maintaining the land so those access rights can be used. It may be that landowners choose to negotiate alternative access routes as developments progress.

10) Any other business

   Bridge to Horsea Island

   • PCC’s core strategy shows an aspiration to build a bridge from Tipner to Horsea Island but currently we do not have the funding for this

   When will TRC start work and can the whole area be developed as one?

   • In an ideal world the whole area would be developed as one but unfortunately different landowners with different motivations (such as the economy and likelihood of selling homes) make that difficult.

   • TRC’s planning permission was granted in March 2012 and gives three years to start the remediation process and seven years to begin building homes

   • HCA is confident its development can progress.

11) Date of next meeting

   • Wednesday, 4 September, 7pm