Tipner Regeneration – Residents Meeting

Stamshaw and Tipner Community Centre
4 December, 2013, 7pm

1) Attendees
Residents x 12
Cllr Jason Fazackerley, Cllr Leo Madden
Portsmouth City Council (PCC) = Seamus Meyer, Martin Lavers, Claire Upton-Brown, Graham Baggaley, Lee Todd
VolkerFitzpatrickColas (VFC) = Goodwin Kirk, Shine Salur

2) Apologies
Cllr Ken Ferrett, Kathy Wadsworth (PCC) and Simon Moon (PCC)

3) Motorway interchange and park-and-ride
Progress since last meeting:
- Completed alterations on Tipner Lake Angling Club access.
- Continued installation of the new lighting and preparations for footway on Tipner Lane.
- Continued ducting works, shaping verges and raising ironworks on new Tipner Interchange and started installation of communication cables and some advance signs
- At Rudmore Roundabout have completed surfacing work, antiskid and lining work. Also continued traffic signal installation
- Started tarmacking the park-and-ride car park and planting some trees.
- Completed the foundations for park-and-ride building and started erecting the steel frames.
- M275, Central Reservation – completed the snags on the central reserve concrete wall and some lighting.
- M275 – safety, environmental barrier and signage installation on various areas. Motorway communication work started with cabling
- Gantry – Installation of some signage
- Southbound on-slip & bus lane – continued installation of the environmental barrier, street lighting and red bus lane surfacing. Planting started.

Upcoming activity
- Tipner Junction – complete communication cable works, installation of footway, street lighting, toucan crossing and revetment works.
- Rudmore Roundabout – complete street lighting installation.
- Bus Lane – Completion of landscaping around Stamshaw Park
- Rudmore Slip Roads – Install environmental barriers and lighting columns
- Park-and-ride – complete surfacing, continue building works continue with the extensive landscaping.
- Southbound on-slip & bus lane – complete communication equipment installation
- M275 – Completing safety barrier / environmental barrier installation in various areas. Completing communication equipment work, Install directional signage.
- Tipner Lake Bridge – Structural Repair Work in the new year
• M275 CCTV and speed cameras will be de-mobilized in next few days
• Installation of communication cabling and equipment on gantries – requires northbound lane 1 closure daytime until Christmas and southbound lane 1 closure up to one week, beginning of December.
• Direction sign installation on M275 – various lane closures – TBC.
• Tipner interchange / Tipner Lane – This week traffic is to be switched to use the circulatory route across the junction. With the footpath on the junction being moved to its permanent route prior to Christmas shutdown
• Majority of work on interchange is completed. Park-and-ride building work will continue until end of March.
• Commissioning signals at Rudmore
• Bus lane modifications into the city

Other areas discussed:
• VFC will be closing the site over Christmas, a security presence will be maintained throughout this time.
• Still some work to be done on traffic lights at Rudmore roundabout, they could be activated in late January.
• A gate will go where there is currently a gap in the environmental barrier north of Stamshaw Park. VFC will work to get the gap closed as soon as possible.
• At the end of the project the cycle path running through Stamshaw Park from Tipner to Rudmore roundabout will be in place with improvements made to it.
• PCC will continue to send advance notice of night-work to residents in areas likely to be affected by it.
• Following treatment some Japanese knotweed has been buried in the centre of the junction. It had been chemically treated for 4-5 years prior to this, wrapped in a membrane and buried at depth following expert advice taken on the subject.
• There are currently no plans to bring in parking restrictions on the west of the M275
• A contractor working on behalf of SSE or Virgin Media dug up part of Tipner Lane and caused disruption to bus services. As soon as PCC became aware of this we tried to move them as soon as possible.
• The only VFC work anticipated to cause disruption to residential roads will be final surfacing
• The new junction will open around the end of March. It won't open until Tipner Lane is blocked off, this will all happen at the same time to avoid creating a rat-run.

4) Park-and-ride operations
• First is in the process of being appointed as the operator for the park-and-ride and will attend the February meeting
• The service will open shortly after VFC finish their work
• Will use double-decker buses.
• It will have 665 spaces including ones for disabled, parent-and-child and charging points for electric cars.
• The building is currently being constructed and will have toilets, a small office, utility room, seating area and possibly a drinks machine. The aim is for it to be a safe, inviting, warm environment.
• Service will require a subsidy from PCC. Running costs for service will come from existing maintenance funds.
• PCC projects for improvements to the city centre road and The Hard will be planned with park-and-ride in mind and allow for future growth as much as possible.
• Buses will get priority on Rudmore roundabout signals.

5) Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) update
• HCA has three bids it is considering and is looking to appoint a development partner in January.
• PCC believes HCA aiming to start working on homes in autumn 2014. Will have to complete detailed planning application and gain permission, but could carry out some minor infrastructure work before this.

6) Tipner Regeneration Company (TRC) update
• Negotiations for TRC access across PCC land on west of M275 and PCC to get land to build bridge to Horsea Island are on-going. If agreement can be reached it will mean TRC construction traffic wouldn’t have to use residential roads.
• A new road would impact positively on existing land values and PCC has a responsibility to get best value for the public in such situations.
• If a construction route were formed a future developer could apply to make it a permanent route for residents, this would be assessed on its own merits.
• TRC planning permission has a condition which states the development has to include the widening of Twyford Avenue.
• TRC has written to PCC outlining a proposed change in its remediation strategy and PCC is considering whether this can be done within existing permissions or requires a new planning application.

7) Communication with residents
• 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

8) Matters arising from previous meeting on 6 November not covered above
None

9) Any other business
• Colas is responsible for cleaning the shore path running between Tipner and Whale Island under its contract with PCC
• Planting proposals have been amended following discussions at the last meeting.
• The normal M275 speed limits are staggered to tie in with the M27 motorway speed limit
• Low noise surfacing has been installed on the M275 to reduce noise
• PCC will look at lights being installed on M275 and whether anything needs to be done to prevent them shining on homes

10) Date of next meeting
As VFC will be having a two-week break over the Christmas period it was agreed that there would be little to update on at the start of January so the next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5 February, starting at 7pm.