

New Tyne Crossing Strategic Partnering Forum

Meeting Minutes

04/08/08

TT2 Offices, 2pm



Item	Action
<p>Introductions:</p> <p>Jackie Pamler (NTMBC) Linda Whitworth ('A' Team – East Howdon) Chris Rowell (Jarrow Neighbourhood Manager) Ken Tyrrell (Jarrow Neighbourhood Management Board) Jim Robertson (AJAR) Cllr Tom Hanson (STMBC) Aileen Brewis (STMBC) Felicity Amber (TWPTA) Nicolas Caille (Bouygues TP) Mike Page (Tyne & Wear Freight Partnership) Trevor Jackson (TT2) Peter Hedley (TT2) James Hudson (TT2)</p> <p>Apologies;</p> <p>Tamsin Greulich (TT2) Cllr Jim Allan (NTMBC) Richard Simpson (TWPTA) John Hogger (Environment Agency) Mark Wilson (Tyne & Wear Partnership) Claire Lancaster, (NTMBC) Stuart Smith, (Wood Holmes Group) John Edwards, (STMBC)</p>	
<p>Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agreed by all as a fair record of discussions.	
<p>Project Update</p> <p>North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The link road between the Tyne Tunnel Roundabout and the Northumberland Docks Road Roundabout (Greggson's) has been officially closed. Information was relayed to key stakeholders, including tunnel customers and local residents, well in advance via leaflets, VMS, website and email updates, as well as	



through regional media and traffic news. A public drop-in session had also been held in advance of the road closure to notify the public about the range of traffic management plans due to be introduced.

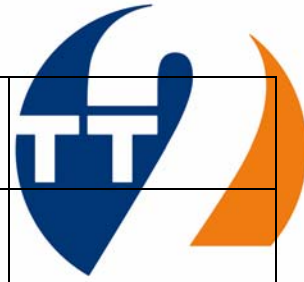
- Tyne View Terrace has a road diversion road in place, outside of the Howdon basin.
- The bentonite silos are now in place (large red columns/ tanks located at the bottom of the A19 Southbound, before entering the tunnel).
- As a result of the traffic management measures in place, improved traffic flow into the tunnel has been achieved: southbound queues during peak hours have been noticeably reduced.
- TT2 are continuing to review rat running in local streets. East Howdon residents have reported a much improved situation, as their streets are no longer used as a ran run for tunnel access; this improvement is praised by local residents.
- The local public perception to date is that the New Tyne Crossing project is progressing well.

South

- Traffic island removals at the South entrance to the tunnel have allowed earthworks preparations to begin. BYGTP have been able to do this without affecting traffic flows entering and exiting the tunnel at the South Junction. The removal of the traffic islands has also enabled improved traffic merging systems to be introduced at the tunnel entrance.
- Piling works will begin at Riverside Park. This work is not anticipated to generate a noise nuisance, due to the techniques and equipment that will be used.
- DiaphragmWall installation will not commence until September 2008.

South Local Partnering Forum Update

- Discussions were held regarding the anticipated 'noise' impacts from the piling works and Code of Construction Practice regulations.
- New footpaths created by the construction corridor have been described by some people in the community as feeling "claustrophobic". TT2 and BYGTP have worked with the council to address such concerns.
- Local employment and training opportunities were discussed. TT2 updated members on the CV submission process for job hunters, and of the potential 'Construction Skills Academy' development,



<p>for which discussions are underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All issues raised during the meeting were resolved at the Local Forum. 	
<p>North Local Partnering Forum Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some local residents have expressed concern that some local recruitment agencies appear to be issuing different messages to the information being given out by TT2 / BYGTP. This matter has been investigated by TT2 and it was identified that the employment agency were working independently, and providing false, inaccurate information about the project. ▪ Site security was discussed, due to concerns about people trying to access the construction site. 	<p>Security to be added as agenda item at next SPF, with specific invite to go to North Tyneside Police.</p>
<p>Silverlink Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TT2 leaders have met with the Mayor of North Tyneside to try to work collaboratively on the Silverlink issue. As a result the Mayor has launched a 'Silverlink Petition' online. TT2 encouraged all involved in the New Tyne Crossing project to support this petition. ▪ Cllr Wood is meeting with the Highways Agency, backed by Central Government support, to explore the issue strategically. ▪ TT2 will issue hard copies of the petition to local community venues to encourage sign up, as the petition is currently only accessible on the internet. 	
<p>Future Project Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diaphragm wall preparation will begin at the end of August 2008 in the North; and at the beginning of September in the South. ▪ South earthworks will begin mid August 2008. ▪ Dredging of the River Tyne will commence in winter 2008/09. 	
<p>Next Meeting – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next meeting to be held on 20/10/08. 2pm at Jarrow Town Hall. 	