



The Moors at Arne Project, Stakeholder Liaison Group
13 July 2023, 17:00 – 18:30, Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Project Team

Simon Humphry – Environment Agency Project Manager

Neil Watson – Environment Agency Coastal Engineer (Wessex)

Hayley Hills – Environment Agency Community Engagement Officer

Lucy Pendlebury – Environment Agency Assistant Project Manager

Luke Mackenzie-Harvey - Kier Project Manager

Kate Sampson - Kier Public Liaison Officer

Welcome

The project team gave a brief welcome.

Terms of Reference Update

The project team shared the need for the terms of reference to be updated at the start of the construction of the project. The highlights of the update are that the group is an advisory and information sharing group for the members to hear about points of interest and development within the project and will be a place to provide clarity on the projects aims, structure and timescales. The project team suggested the Stakeholder Liaison Group would best be held 3 times a year.

- A question was raised about how the section 106 monies will be spent and whether the project team able to say who will sit on the committee to spend the funds? Catherine has found a contact in Dorset Council and suggests a steering group will be created. The monies will be spent as local as it is able.
- A question was raised around the terms of reference reflecting the ongoing monitoring commitments and what the intention was report on the monitoring objectives would be? There is a comprehensive monitoring plan in place for the project and will be shared as ready and appropriate for sharing. The project team will update the terms of reference to reflect these.

Project Updates from the EA Project team and Kier

The project team shared the progress of the drone imagery and suggested that this will be shared over the course of the project, to see the change within the site, in future stakeholder liaison group meetings. Kier shared an organogram of the team on site at Arne. Kier updated the group with the current works undertaken on site and shared the compound field has been started this week and the HGV entrance.

There was a reminder that it is a construction site and reminder that as a safety aspect people need to sign in through site office and if visiting the site, please use the LGV access.

When the compound is ready the Kier will be welcoming visitors this will be shared through the communication routes. Kier also shared the programme of works and ecology update, see slide pack.

- A question was asked around what the Furzebrook structure was? A sheet piled structure with 3 culverts running through and it is the control structure between the freshwater and the salt water
- Will there be report back on the archaeological surveys? Yes, there will. There will be archaeological investigations within this and next years programme of works. Whilst the full reports may take some time to be created, there will be some finding from this that can be reported back as in previous stakeholder liaison groups.
- A question was asked how the team thought the traffic movement is going? From the project point of view is fine. There was some building works along the Arne Road that had added some additional parked traffic along the route and some site signs have been moved to accommodate cyclists from some communications that had been received.
- A further question was raised about whether the damage would be repaired as there had been reports of damage through the Arne Parish Council? A video of the route was taken, and damage created by the project will be repaired.
- A comment was shared that the verge on the south side of the Arne was already in a bad state before the Arne Moors work was undertaken.
- A comment was raised on how well the route was set out and being managed.
- A comment was shared on how helpful the team have been, and the HGV drivers were amenable to other road users and pedestrians.
- A question was asked around the site office and whether there would be the opportunity to visit to raise concerns and ask questions? The construction of the site compound should take 6 to 8 weeks and then will trial an open-door policy. Kier will issue a communication when the compound is completed.

Next Steps

The project team shared the proposal of the next stakeholder liaison group meetings (see slide pack) and thought having a face to face in October to capture feedback on the construction season. It was suggested this could be at Stoborough village hall if available.

- A question was asked if the information be made available prior to the meeting to support effective meeting? Yes where we are able to share information before meetings we will commit to do this.