

Balfour Street Project Group

13.02.2019 Meeting 3 Minutes

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Attendees

(DM) Cllr Darren Merrill – Chair

(AR) Alex Rozema, Principal Project Manager - LBS

(JR) Jonathan Russell – Contracts Manager – FMC

(JH) Jonathan Hamston – Consultation and Involvement Officer - LBS

(RES 1-15) Local Residents

LBS = London borough of Southwark

(DM) = Southwark Ward Councillor

FMC = FM Conway

RES = Local Residents

Apologies

(AS) Alwyn Samuel - Principal Engineer - LBS

Date of next meeting: 20th March – 6.30pm – 8pm

Item	Description	Action
1	Progress Update	
	Works are currently about three weeks ahead of schedule. Current work on Rodney Road should finish by the end of February.	
	Work on the raised table at the Rodney Road junction is scheduled to be done overnight in order to minimise disruption to the bus timetable.	
2	Discussion of junction raised tables	
	The improvement plans have always included raised tables at the junctions of Balfour Street with Chatham Street, Henshaw Street, John Maurice Close and Victory Place. To complete this work fully as originally planned will involve closing each of these junctions in sequence for a period of 4-6 weeks each. Council officers recognise that, particularly	

	<p>where the street is a cul-de-sac, this will cause considerable inconvenience as residents will not be able to park their cars on these streets. An alternative approach was suggested, involving tarmac surfacing for part of the raised tables – this would involve phased closure at either end of Balfour Street, but individual roads would remain accessible throughout except for 1-2 nights for resurfacing. The disadvantage of this approach was the loss of the use of high quality materials to influence perception of the road, in keeping with the rest of the works.</p> <p>It was noted that there were significant construction works scheduled on Chatham Street for late March, which would require works vehicle access.</p> <p>It was agreed to develop these proposals in more detail and present them to a wider group of residents at the meeting on 20 March 2019. It is anticipated the work would be scheduled for May/June.</p>	<p>JR/AR</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Issues raised by residents</p>	
	<p>Salisbury Estate residents reported not receiving a letter before the road was closed in front of their homes, preventing access. <i>Response: FMC to review communications to ensure appropriate notices are issued.</i></p> <p>Concern that future meetings would not be promoted widely enough. <i>Response: Council will consider a mail-out to all residents and/or information on the noticeboard.</i></p> <p>Residents noted inconvenience of bus stop closure on Rodney Road and asked when this would be reopened. Request for TfL attendance at these meetings should the issue continue. <i>Response: This are expected be completed by end of February and the bus stop will be reinstated then.</i></p> <p>Residents noted incidents including a fire engine having to reverse to access Balfour Street from Rodney Road, dustcarts and removal vans having difficulties and riding the kerb. <i>Response: There may be issues during the works that can be addressed should we be informed of them occurring. We have undertaken vehicle tracking that shows that, once completed all standard large vehicles will be able to access these streets. Large home removal vehicles have been tracked and we are confident there is sufficient space within the road to accommodate one of these vehicles reverse turning into Henshaw Street</i></p> <p>Resident noted issue with the temporary lights – called contractor at 6.30 to say that these were not working, but no one came to fix until 9.45. <i>Response: Agree that is a long delay, the repair team may have been engaged elsewhere. JR advised to contact him directly should this issue be repeated.</i></p> <p>Resident noted likely disruption and inconvenience to residents from proposed overnight works at Rodney Road junction. <i>Response: Cllr agreed to submit an enquiry as to whether this could be managed as a day closure – though this was unlikely as Rodney Road is a significant bus route and the works can be undertaken at night to minimise this disruption.</i></p> <p>Resident queried who was going to look after the new planting beds. <i>Response: this would be an opportunity for local residents to look after the space – but the Council has ultimate responsibility to maintain these.</i></p>	<p>JR</p> <p>AR/JH</p> <p>DM</p>

	<p>Resident queried whether any loading bays were planned for Trafalgar Place or Henshaw Street. <i>Response: no loading bays are planned – however delivery vehicles are permitted to stop on DYL for loading and unloading.</i></p> <p>Headteacher at Victory Primary School noted concern at impact on parents and children of proposed temporary closure of Victory Place – school needed to be notified as well as residents. <i>Response: Cllr agreed to arrange a meeting with the school.</i></p> <p>Residents noted concern at multiple street lights being inoperative for extended periods, such as on Rodney Road. This was creating a sense of danger at junctions. <i>Response: Council officers agreed to follow up with UK Power Network and LendLease, who controlled when lights were brought back on. The ones on Rodney Road should be done next Thursday. Temporary lights were not thought to be a good idea as they would require a generator – noisy.</i></p> <p>Resident expressed concern that the road narrowing would lead to increased traffic build-up and cars idling. <i>Response: The expectation is that there should be fewer cars, travelling more slowly. Road widths will allow for the passing of two vehicles, including one being a parked supermarket deliver truck.</i></p> <p>Resident asked whether we would put up more 20mph signs to encourage observation of the speed limit. <i>Response: We avoid putting up too many signs to prevent clutter, so there are no signs planned for Balfour Street. The road narrowing and humps should be enough to discourage speeding.</i></p>	DM
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