



Meeting Notes

Environmental Liaison Group Meeting No. 31



1 September 2015, 10:00 to 13:00

Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth and site

Attendees:

Elizabeth Morrison	Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) – Chair
Maggie Paterson	EDT
Colin Goodsir	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Liam Soden	FCBC
Steven Westwater	FCBC
Niall Corbet	Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)

Apologies for Absence:

Steven Brown	EDT
Kenny Bisset	Fife Council (FC)
Rod McCullagh	Historic Scotland (HS)
Gavin Martin	City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)

Item	Subject	Description	Action
1	Introductions and apologies	EDT provided a welcome and apologies.	
2	Actions from previous meeting (ELG 30)	<p>EDT advised that the minutes from ELG meeting 30 have been uploaded to the website.</p> <p>EDT confirmed progress regarding actions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCBC re-submitted Headland's report to EDT, regarding removal of the remaining section of the entrance wall at St. Margaret's Hope Lodge, as a separate report and not an appendix to Headland's Archaeological Watching Brief Report 2013. • EDT requested closer views in aerial photos of St. Margaret's Marsh for SNH. EDT to provide latest photo to SNH and consider whether installation of larger markers is required. • EDT to source and provide plans of the completed B981 to SNH to progress de-notification of the small areas currently designated as St. Margaret's Marsh SSSI. This action to be undertaken when the fence alignment, which will define the edge of the SSSI, is finalised. • EDT provided the planting plan showing the proposed planting beside the North SUDs, adjacent to SSSI, to SNH. 	<p>Note</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>EDT</p>
3	General		
3a	Project update	<p>The Estuarine bird survey quarterly report Q15, Dec 2014 to Feb 2015 was issued to SNH and FCBC 01/07/15. Q16, March-May 2015 is currently under review.</p> <p><u>St Margaret's Marsh SSSI</u> FCBC has installed pre-cast headwalls, control chambers and pipework for sea-wall sluices at St. Margaret's Marsh. Installation of the timber weir system to control inundations remains outstanding. A second cutting of the rank grassland lying between the seawall and the reedbed and excavation of channels on the landward side of the three sea wall control</p>	Note

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		<p>chambers has also been undertaken.</p> <p>SNH advised that monitoring should be put in place for future inundations. EDT to investigate suitable equipment with SNH.</p> <p>Alternative RSPB contact provided by SNH regarding reed bed management. Site meeting to be arranged in the near future.</p> <p>EDT to coordinate establishment of a Steering Group to take on long term management of St Margaret's Marsh.</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>EDT</p>
3b	Review/approval of environmental information for publication on website	Air Quality Monitoring Reports for April, May and June 2015 have been uploaded to the project website. The July 2015 report is currently with the local authorities for comment by 02/09/15 and will be uploaded shortly.	FCBC / EDT
3c	Complaints/issues arising	<p>Since the last ELG, in early June 2015, there have been a small number of enquiries / complaints, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind-blown cement deposits from concrete works at north tower during high winds. • Road and footpath cleaning on A904. • Mud on the road near North Queensferry. • Excess surface water run-off at Echline Fields following heavy rain. <p>All issues addressed by FCBC.</p>	
4	Principal Contract (FCBC)		
4a	Programme June 2015 – August 2015		
	i) Land (north):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northbound A90 tie-in completed and opened to traffic. • Utility and realignment works at Hope Street ongoing. • Finishing works to surfacing, utility diversions and traffic lights at new junction of Ferrytoll Road, B981 and King Malcolm Drive ongoing. • Construction of deck at Ferrytoll viaduct ongoing. • Earthworks and spreading clay at north SUDs basin ongoing. • Assembly works for north viaduct ongoing and temporary works at north abutment prior to launch of north viaduct ongoing. 	
	ii) Land (south)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excavation and rock breaking at Echline. • B924 realignment completed and opened to traffic. • Seeding and landscape maintenance for verges at A904 and Queensferry gyratory. • Construction of stone walls at Queensferry gyratory ongoing. • Road formation works from B 800 to Queensferry gyratory slip roads ongoing. • Installation of filter drains and ducting for lighting and communications adjacent to mainline between Queensferry gyratory slip roads and south abutment ongoing. • Earthworks at B800 realignment north/Ferrymuir Retail Park completed. • B800 overbridge completed and opened to traffic. • Earthworks, fencing and surfacing at public transport links ongoing. • Strengthening and repair works at Dalmeny Railway Bridge ongoing. • Installation works at gantries ongoing. 	
	iii) Marine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper pier lifts at N1 and base pier lifts S1 ongoing. • Foundation works at Pier S2 ongoing. • Pier S3 completed and final launch of south approach viaduct completed. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tower lifts ongoing with Central Tower at lift 46, North Tower at lift 49 and South Tower at lift 47. 	
	iv) Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site-wide environmental monitoring ongoing for noise and vibration, air quality and groundwater. The programme of monitoring for groundwater may be revised after inundations at St. Margaret's Marsh have commenced. • Monitoring of silt mitigation measures for site runoff ongoing. • FCBC ecological monitoring indicated approx. 120-130 terns (post-breeding) on Longcraig Island. • [redacted – protected species information] • Estuarine bird surveys ongoing by EDT. • Japanese knotweed and Giant Hogweed almost eradicated by treatment during 2015. 	
4b	<i>Outline proposals September – November 2015</i>	<p>All items detailed in 4a to be progressed. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifting deck sections for Queensferry Crossing into place. • Demolition of former B800 bridge. • Launch of north approach viaduct. 	
4c	<i>Consultation requirements</i>	N/A	
5	Any other business	<p>Site visit undertaken to discuss provision of fencing in conjunction with stone walls at Queensferry Gyratory and to inspect progress with installation of sluices in sea wall at St. Margaret's Marsh.</p> <p>SNH suggested that scour protection at the control chamber outlets may be required. Site visit to be arranged during high tide.</p>	Note
6	Next meeting and venue	The next meeting is scheduled for 01/12/2015 at 10.00hrs in the Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth.	