



Meeting Notes

Environmental Liaison Group Meeting No. 2



2 August 2011, 10:00 to 12:00

Arrol House, Rosyth

Attendees:

Elizabeth Morrison	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) - Chair
Steven Brown	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Maggie Paterson	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Rebecca Spalton	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Chris Gall	Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) – by phone
Niall Corbet	Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)
Mike Bland	Marine Scotland (MS)
Douglas Mayne	Fife Council (FC)
Jim Watson	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Paul Hillman	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Steve Cox	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Kevin MacLeod	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Zoe Miller	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Derek Chambers	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Mark Little	John Graham (JG)
Richard Docherty	John Graham (JG)
Lianne Rafferty	John Graham (JG)
Roland Tarrant	Sisk Roadbridge (SRB)
Paraic McCarthy	Sisk Roadbridge (SRB)
Natasha Collings	Sisk Roadbridge (SRB)

Apologies for Absence:

Adele Shaw	Historic Scotland
Colin Megginson	Marine Scotland
Darren Hemsley	Scottish Natural Heritage
Wendy McCorrison	West Lothian Council
Stephanie Little	Fife Council
Keith Miller	City of Edinburgh Council

Item	Subject	Description	Action
1	Introductions and apologies	All parties introduced themselves.	
2	Minutes and actions from previous meeting	EDT confirmed the following actions from the last Environmental Liaison Group (ELG) 28/06/11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Terms of Reference have been finalised and will be published on the website by 05/08/2011. Ongoing items eg management plans, surveys and additional licences to be discussed under relevant section of agenda. 	EDT
3	General update	EDT explained that EDT staff (TS and Jacobs Arup Joint Venture) are now based at Arrol House from 01/08/11. Contact details for all parties will be circulated. EDT confirmed that the M9 Junction 1A Contract was awarded to Sisk Roadbridge (SRB) on 20/07/11.	EDT

		<p>EDT provided an update on Advance Works as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M9 J1A replacement otter holt was constructed [location confidential – protected species] 19-20/07/11. The first stage of exclusion works were undertaken at one of the existing holts, which will be monitored and excluded when activity has ceased. The anticipated programme for exclusion is mid August 2011. • The archaeological advance works have been completed and Historic Scotland have signed off all areas for the FRC project as archaeologically sterile for the commencement of construction. The post-excavation assessment, analysis and reporting is in progress and the final report due for completion February 2012. • FCBC, JG and SRB to be provided with a copy of Historic Scotland's sign-off. <p><u>Environmental Management Plan (EMP)</u> EDT reminded all that an EMP must be prepared and implemented in accordance with the Code of Construction Practice and that site works (except non-intrusive surveys) can not commence until the EMP has been accepted by the EDT.</p> <p>Contractors must consult with the relevant following statutory consultees before the EMP is finalised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edinburgh Council, Fife Council and West Lothian Council • SNH • Marine Scotland • SEPA • Historic Scotland <p>The EMPs will be made available on the project website.</p> <p><u>Complaints</u> EDT confirmed a meeting was held on 26/7/11 with residents at Parklea, Rosyth, to resolve concerns about noise and visual screening.</p> <p>No further complaints have been raised to date.</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>EDT</p>
4	Principal Contract	<p><u>Badgers</u> FCBC confirmed that a second replacement sett was constructed on 29/07/11 [location confidential – protected species]. Photos will be forwarded to the ELG.</p> <p>FCBC are currently progressing transfer of the badger licence applications to Mike Harris to enable exclusion works to commence 15/08/11. A new existing sett has been identified [location confidential – protected species]. One of the licence applications has been updated to include the new sett.</p> <p><u>Bats</u> FCBC are preparing bat licence applications. Dawn and dusk surveys at known and potential roosts have commenced.</p> <p><u>Bluebells</u> FCBC's bluebell expert undertook surveys in May 2011 and is producing a report with recommendations, which are to be discussed at the consultation meeting with SNH on 04/08/11.</p>	<p>FCBC</p>

		<p><u>EMP</u> The first draft of the EMP was submitted to the EDT on 26/07/11 as part of the Project Management Plan and is under review by EDT. The EMP is to be developed for individual elements, including Species Management Plans.</p> <p><u>Design</u> Proposed repositioning of a SUDS pond at St Margaret's Marsh SSSI to be discussed at the consultation meeting with SNH and SEPA on 04/08/11.</p> <p><u>Programme</u> Early activities include Marine GI and trial blasting. Noise issues for these activities are currently under review with the Noise Liaison Group.</p>	
5	Fife ITS	<p><u>Consultation</u> JG confirmed that they are engaging with SEPA and SNH and have agreement in principle to works. Key items include the control of surface water. A site assessment will be undertaken for each gantry location with consultation with SEPA, as necessary, being undertaken.</p> <p>JG is liaising with Coal Authorities and SEPA for mine consolidation works.</p> <p>All present agreed that no significant residual environmental impacts are anticipated for Fife ITS, which will be constructed mostly within the existing motorway corridor. SNH have no outstanding issues with Fife ITS.</p> <p><u>Programme</u> JG to be on site early September, subject to approvals being in place.</p> <p><u>EMP</u> EMP, NVMP and PCNV have been submitted and are under review by EDT.</p> <p><u>Parklea</u> JG attended meeting with Parklea residents on 26 July. JG are currently concluding their designs and consultations.</p> <p><u>Site Compound</u> JG in discussion with Scottish Water and SEPA regarding water and sewer connections.</p>	
6	M9 J1A	<p>SRB provided a presentation of their company and methods of working.</p> <p>SRB indicated that no design changes are planned and that Consult and Comply certificates were obtained during tender period.</p> <p><u>Programme</u> Early works include pre-construction surveys/site walkover/arboricultural survey and compound set-up. This will be followed by site clearance/fencing and earthworks.</p> <p><u>EMP</u> SRB confirmed that the EMP is in preparation and they propose to submit it to both TS and the statutory consultees simultaneously for comments.</p>	SRB

7	Any other business	<p><u>CEEQUAL</u> EDT advised of intention to discuss with FCBC, JG and SRB their intended approach to CEEQUAL and sustainability before the next ELG meeting.</p> <p><u>Format of ELG Meetings</u> All present confirmed that they are happy with meetings being attended collectively by FCBC, JG and SRB and the potential benefits from sharing information.</p> <p>SNH highlighted that it would be useful for contractors to provide a one month look-ahead programme of key dates for proposed works at each ELG meeting.</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>FCBC/JG/SRB</p>
8	Next meeting and venue	<p>The next meeting will be held 30/08/11 at 1000hrs in Arrol House. Details of the shuttle bus from Inverkeithing station to Arrol House will be circulated.</p>	