

Noise Monitoring Steering Group

URS Offices – 26th August 2014
13:30 – 16:00

Present:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gregg Portass • Graham Hooper • Jane Ford • Caroline Leatherdale • John Wade • Daniel Ellis • David Mudge | <p>Public Protection Service, PCC
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Community Liaison Manager, MVV (minutes)
Environmental Manager, MVV/Envi-Con
Construction Director, MVV
URS
Environment Agency</p> |
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Apologies:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Taylor • Jürgen Folz | <p>Environment Agency
Construction Site Manager, Envi-Con</p> |
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ITEM		ACTION
1.	Introductions, present and apologies	
	As above	
2.	Minutes of last meeting	
	<p>Minutes of last meeting were agreed. Minutes and noise monitoring reports continue to be uploaded onto MVV's website.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u></p> <p>MVV have reverted to fortnightly monitoring via URS. In addition MVV are continuing supplementary noise monitoring and results were shared with PPS.</p> <p>It was noted that where a stalemate continues a method of resolution still needs to be found. PPS to consult with the LPA and MVV to consult with their senior management. This issue is still under review by both parties.</p>	PPS/ MVV
3.	Noise monitoring report	
	<p>Monitoring since the last meeting was carried out on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th May 2014 • 12th June 2014 • 3rd July 2014 • 10th July 2014 • 23rd July 2014 • 6th August 2014 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th August 2014 <p>R17, additional monitoring location on Talbot Gardens, is still being included due to work in and around the workshop area.</p> <p>Noise levels varied between 46dB and 64dB. Noise levels were found to be still within agreed limits. Noise monitoring sessions have been staggered throughout the day and the order of monitoring receptors has been changed to ensure that a representative range of site activities is captured.</p> <p>Increased activity around the ACC has not significantly affected noise levels at closest receptors.</p> <p><u>Non Destructive Testing</u> NDT has been ongoing since October 2013 monitoring continues on a fortnightly basis and noise levels have remained within 5dB of the baseline. MVV have reapplied to continue NDT for a further 3 months (until the end of November) under the same terms as the last period and this has been approved.</p> <p>Fortnightly noise monitoring continues and reports are sent to PPS.</p> <p>MVV will continue to ensure that noise monitoring reports are placed on their website.</p>	
4.	Site actions and updates	
	<p>Installation and erection of pipework and ducts for the boiler is ongoing. Thermal insulation and cladding of the boiler, pipework and APC system is ongoing.</p> <p>Wall and roof cladding works to the main buildings are completed. Louvres to be installed.</p> <p>Concrete works are complete except for the ramp into the tipping hall and the weighbridge foundations.</p> <p>Workshop is complete, internal mechanical and electrical fit-out is ongoing. Additional noise monitoring continues at R17 (Talbot Gardens) as detailed above.</p> <p>Acoustic screens are still being used strategically around site as needed.</p> <p>Landscaping works on Savage Road are complete and in Blackie Woods are substantially complete. These areas have now been opened to the public.</p> <p>Minor excavation works for underground services are continuing</p>	

	<p>on both the east and west side of site.</p> <p>Erection of steelwork for air cooled condensers is completed and installation of the cladding has commenced.</p> <p>Pipework and ducting on pipe bridge between the turbine hall and ACC is substantially complete.</p> <p>A number of construction activities are now enclosed within the building itself including electrics, duct work etc</p> <p>Excavation and installation of the permanent sewer diversion has commenced.</p> <p>The new access bridge is open and in use and the gatehouse has been installed.</p> <p>Tipping hall roof gardens and PV panels are substantially complete.</p> <p>On-site road construction has commenced at the northern end of site and will continue in blocks as access allows.</p>	
5.	Complaints	
	<p>One noise complaint was received by MVV in relation to disturbance caused by the roof membrane flapping in the wind. Pro-active action was taken to secure the membrane as this issue had already been identified by site management.</p>	
6.	Extension to working hours	
	<p>MVV have applied to the LPA for a temporary extension to the site working hours for works inside the buildings only. Local residents have been informed of the application and the LPA have placed planning notices in the local community, inviting comments from members of the public.</p> <p>PPS stated that they usually only support such applications for continuous activities (such as concrete pours which cannot be stopped).</p> <p>Discussions around acceptable noise limits and a trial period if approved were held, including likely numbers of operatives on site and any plant or equipment to be used.</p> <p>It was noted that noise due to personnel leaving site later than usual was a significant concern; conversely, that noise due to 'day' staff leaving site at or just after 18:00 may register as being due to out of hours works.</p> <p>It was agreed that MVV would revise their application to reflect these discussions and include a trial period for the works.</p>	MVV
7.	Commissioning Management Plan	
	The Commissioning Management Plan has been submitted to the	

	<p>LPA by MVV and the details were discussed. It was noted that there may be minor changes to the programme and activities however MVV stated that this would not result in impacts that would be noticed externally.</p> <p>Contact details for members of the public to be able to contact the site throughout the commissioning process were clarified and the importance of clear communications was emphasised.</p> <p>JF noted that this has already commenced via the ILC and would also be outlined in the next Construction Newsletter. In addition, special letter drops will allow MVV to communicate more detail as required and as the programme progresses. Relevant information will also be communicated via MVV's website. The idea of placing information in the 'local announcements' section of the local paper was also aired.</p> <p>It was agreed that MVV would make amendments and clarifications as discussed.</p>	<p>MVV</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOB</p>	
	<p>Dialogue continues with the Environment Agency regarding permit pre-operational conditions.</p> <p>Other applications made to the LPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start-up protocol • Operational Noise Management <p style="text-align: center;">Date of next meeting: TBC on re-submission of commissioning plans</p>	<p>MVV / EA</p>