

# Balfour Street Project Group

10.04.2019 Meeting 4 Minutes

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## Attendees

(AR) Alex Rozema, Principal Project Manager – LBS – Chair

(AS) Alwyn Samuel, Principal Engineer – LBS

(RM) Ryan McGibbon, Delivery Manager Electrical and Street Lighting - LBS

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

Local Residents

*LBS = London borough of Southwark*

*(DM) = Southwark Ward Councillor*

*FMC = FM Conway*

*RES = Local Residents*

## Apologies

(DM) Cllr Darren Merrill – Ward Councillor

(JR) Jonathan Russell – Contracts Manager – FMC

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 6.30pm – 8pm** - Balfour Street Housing Project, 67 Balfour Street, SE17 1PL.

Item	Description	Action
1	<p><b>Outcome of raised tables survey</b></p> <p>The outcome of the recent survey on proposed raised junction tables is that the council has opted to proceed with Option B – asphalt tables. This decision was taken giving specific consideration to the needs of the more vulnerable residents.</p> <p>Option B will involve 1-2 nights of night work and closure of each junction. Work crews will undertake any noisy works during the first half of the works, avoiding noisy works after 12pm. The junction of Henshaw Street</p>	

	<p>will be profiled to resolve the current ponding issue.</p> <p>Current estimate is that John Maurice Close will be done in July, subject to coordination with Thames Water, and the other two will follow that. Residents should receive written notice 2 weeks ahead of the works.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Lighting issues</b>	
	<p>RM presented a summary of the status of various lighting issues in the Balfour Street area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lights out on Rodney Road near Heygate Street Junction – these are the responsibility of Lend Lease. It was acknowledged that it may be necessary to be more proactive in contract enforcement.</li> <li>- Lights at junction of Balfour and Munton should be working again soon – RM will notify AR</li> <li>- Lights at junction of Rodney and Balfour – awaiting transfer by UKPN but pencilled in for week 26<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>- Noted that the new white LED at junction of John Maurice and Balfour was too bright – need to be bright as on a junction, but RM agreed to check whether angle could be adjusted</li> <li>- Noted that there is a blind spot at John Maurice Close – design has been passed as safe, and we are not allowed by Department of Transport to install mirrors – it was suggested that the blind spot may in part be caused by one of the non-functioning lights.</li> <li>- Queried whether we check if lights are on when Lend Lease say they are – we have a night scout scheme to check that all lights are operating.</li> </ul> <p><i>Response: RM committed to be a point of contact for lighting enquiries and complaints – AR to circulate his contact details.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RM/AR</b></p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Progress update</b>	
	<p>AR summarised progress as per information on the web page. He will circulate the schedule and proposed diversion routes. Noted that the diversion for the closure of Wadding Street would be quite a long diversion.</p> <p>It was noted that closure of bus stop would be needed for Stead Street works. Residents queried whether this would coincide with existing bus stop closure for Lend Lease works. Residents requested advance notice of bus stop closures via website.</p> <p><i>Response: AR will investigate any clashes and work with Lend Lease to minimize disruptions to bus services where possible.</i></p>	<b>AR</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Issues raised by residents</b>	
	<p>Need for a raised table on Munton Street, as there is a lot of fast morning traffic, and this is a popular crossing point for children.</p> <p><i>Response: AR noted that there will be a raised table installed on Munton Road near the corner with Balfour Street. Any additional calming required on Munton Road would be picked up as part of the Quietway review.</i></p> <p>Noted the tables on Wadding Street and Stead Street are in a poor state and were damaged not long after installation.</p> <p><i>Response: Unfortunately these are out of the maintenance defect period however LBS will refer the issue to our maintenance for review.</i></p> <p>Noted that lots of cars, including cabs, were using Henshaw Street as a car park. Residents requested review of CPZ and better enforcement – e.g. to make sure residents of new developments were not accessing permits/spaces.</p> <p>Particular issues are with car parking on Sundays, and cars idling whilst waiting for children.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AR</b></p>

*Response: A request for a review of the Zone M1 CPZ will be referred to the Highways Programme team for consideration as part of next financial years programme.*

Issue with Conway drivers using untaxed vehicles, parking for long time on residential streets, idling engines for warmth in winter.

*Response: An investigation has taken place and we are aware of some untaxed vehicles being used within the works area. We are satisfied the contractor is working within the law and certain vehicles they are using are exempt from UK road tax and DVLA registration.*

Issue with delivery and service vehicles using Victory Place despite it being a 'no vehicle' street – possible this is a result of Rodney Road works preventing access to Trafalgar Place.

*Response: AR will advise traffic enforcement of the issues.*

Residents suggested there should be other ways to feed in, since not everyone could attend evening meetings – for example automatic updates when the website is updated.

Residents noted that the cycle lanes on Old Kent Road are driving traffic onto Balfour Street – it was regrettable that Balfour Street residents had not been consulted on these. There was a need for pedestrian crossings.

*Response: AR advised that concerned residents should raise a formal complaint if they wanted this issue considered.*