## **BBC/EWR Line Task Group – Minutes**



**Date:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November **Time:** 13.30 – 14.00pm **Venue:** Teams meeting

## **Attendees:**

Craig Austin (CA) Dawn Staal (DS)

John Molyneux (JM) Ben Raza (BR)

Jo Branson-Budd (JBB) Antigua Riley Corion (ARC)

Gavin Chinniah (GC) Sarah Combes (SC)

No.	Discussion	Actions
1.	Apologies	
	Callum Fletcher (CF), Margaret Birtles (MB), Paul Pace (PP), Anna Robbani (AR)	
2.	Update from EWR public meeting held with Mohammad Yasin MP and Mayor Tom Wootton in attendance  SC explained the purpose of this meeting as an update for the group re the EWR public meeting held on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November. This meeting was added to the Task Group's meeting schedule on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November.	Actions carried forward:
	ARC and JBB provided an update about the topics discussed. JBB had requested the agenda for the meeting prior, but this was not forthcoming.  • EWR representatives stated that they couldn't rule out any further changes to the safeguarded zone.  • When public concerns regarding traffic were raised, EWR informed the meeting that traffic modelling is ongoing.  • EWR stated that a dedicated budget for active travel initiatives is in place.  • Residents of the Poets area expressed their disappointment at the lack of engagement from EWR – they have been unable to contact EWR.	JBB to circulate finalised Subject Experts spreadsheet and confirm process for logging all time spent on EWR matters with information saved in one place so it can be charged back to EWR under PPA.  JBB to circulate time sheet instructions.  JBB to circulate strategic and technical issue logs for all to review and add to.  JBB to prepare a briefing note for the Mayor outlining licence agreements and implications before these are signed.
3.	AOB	

JBB updated the group that EWR's feedback to the nonstatutory consultation will now be published at the end of November, not on the 10<sup>th</sup> November as they previously stated.

GC updated the group that he has contacted a KC for legal advice. JBB added that she was informed today that BBC has previously sought counsel advice regarding the 4 or 6 tracks as part of EWR.

GC provided an update regarding the Planning Infrastructure Bill (PIB): inclusion of the hope value being reduced, which is expected to be less than the current market value. Hope value refers to the additional value of land subject to a compulsory purchase order (CPO) that is based on the prospect of obtaining planning permission for a more valuable future use. It is the difference between the land's current use value and its potential market value if it were to be developed. Recently, legislation has been introduced that allows for "hope value" to be removed from compensation payments in certain cases where it is deemed to be in the public interest. We will understand the full implications as we get more details about the PIB.

ARC updated that she has created a list of impacted property addresses, with reference to the existing safeguarded zone. EWR has not confirmed all addresses impacted. This includes 53 properties. Noted that AR has completed some land registry checks.

Discussion around licences and categories of property affected by the licencing requests.

DS advised that she had a meeting with MB regarding BBC properties. A number of the properties identified for non-intrusive licences would impact substantially on the Borough's capital receipts programme if the properties were subsequently compulsory purchased particularly where "hope value" was to be removed from the value of compensation under the proposed new Planning and Infrastructure Bill.

Discussion around the requirement for specialist external support re transport modelling.

JBB to send GC all previous legal advice and evidence documents, for GC to share with KC – for next meeting.

GC to prepare questions to ask KC – for next meeting.

MB to update group with plan for licences, including time frame.

GC to look into external support for transport modelling, and associated costs

	JBB advised that she is creating a plan of BBC's immediate resource requirements, with a plan for medium term requirements to follow.  BR advised on BBC communications regarding our current	BR to circulate proposed
	activity and support for residents.	communications.
	ARC advised that EWR have requested a meeting to discuss the upcoming engagement session at the RAFA Club on Ashburnham Road, taking place on 1 <sup>st</sup> December.	
		JM to create an action plan of next steps, to include engagement, legal and finance actions
10.	Date of next meeting	
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2 – 3pm (Hybrid)	