

## **Attendance Note**

### **Meeting on the Counters Creek Scheme**

22 June 2015

Hammersmith Town Hall

In attendance for LBHF were Councillor Cowan, Councillor Fennimore, Councillor Homan, Councillor Culhane, Cllr Murphy, Ellen Whitchurch (Planning) Juliemma McLaughlin (Planning), Louise Raisey (communications), Michael Gwyther-Jones (Housing), LeVerne Parker (Legal Services), Kim Dero (Leader's Office), Natasha Joseph (Leader's Office).

In attendance for Thames Water were Gareth Bennett (Technical Director – Adam Hendry), Mark Matthews (TW Development Planning Manager), Richard Aylard (TW External Affairs Director), Hilary Murgatroyd (TW Counters Creek Communications and Stakeholder Manager), Martin Bennett (Project Director)

Also in attendance: Andrew Slaughter MP

#### **Minutes**

Cllr Cowan began the meeting by setting out the council's significant concerns that the council had not been consulted by Thames Water about its proposed sites for construction works for the Counters Creek sewer.

He told Thames Water about the strength of local feeling against the proposed sites.

He told Thames Water that the council shares those concerns and objects, in the strongest possible terms, to the sites being proposed.

Richard Aylard outlined the consultation process that Thames Water have undertaken and explained the technical requirements behind the proposals.

He clarified that Thames Water originally proposed five sites at:

- Kensington Olympia car park (the main tunnelling site)
- 5\* car wash in Shepherds Bush
- Mund Street in West Kensington
- Upper Addison Gardens
- Lots Road in Chelsea.

They now propose to use Cremorne Wharf in Chelsea as the main tunnel drive site but have identified nine additional sites in Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush. Six sites will be needed and additional or alternative sites are at:

- Gwendwr Road or Baron's Court Road in West Kensington, rather than Mund Street,
  - Land at Swanscombe Road and Norland Road, and at Rifle Place and the Town Park at Edward Woods, rather than Upper Addison Gardens and Olympia car park,
  - Holland Gardens or Addison Crescent, rather than Olympia car park,
  - Sulgrave Road on the corner of Shepherds Bush Road, rather than 5\* car wash,
  - Verulam House or Astrop Terrace off Hammersmith Grove – as an additional site.

Cllr Cowan said residents who are understandably angry by Thames Water's site proposals would be given robust backing by Hammersmith & Fulham Council and that it is the council's view that some of the sites proposed are simply unacceptable.

Cllr Cowan asked Thames Water to agree to work with the council to review the proposed sites and to meet with officers to try to find better locations for the works needed, before Thames Water progress their proposals any further.

### **Agreed**

Thames Water agreed to meet and work intensively with council officers to ensure that they have investigated all potential sites before selecting the preferred route and sites which will go forward to our next stage of consultation.

Thames Water agreed to meet again with councillors and council officers to update them on progress.