

**Local Liaison Group Meeting**  
**Tuesday 1st April 2008**  
**Rose and Crown Public House, Old Romney**

Attendees

Jim Pilcher - East Guldeford resident  
Sandra Banyard - Old Romney Village  
Simon Holt - NRL  
Ian Gardner - NRL  
Martin Kelly - NRL  
Emma Spraggs - NRL  
Claire Smith (CSS) - NRL  
Philip Jones - Maxim Communications

Not present

Caroline Solly - Brookland resident Ivychurch Parish Council  
Colin Hill - Brookland Parish Council  
Simon Ashworth - Councillor from Lydd, adjacent farmer at LCC  
David Rhys-Jones  
Neale East - Rye resident  
Eddie Lang - East Guldford resident  
Barbara Walsh - Former councillor at Lydd  
Pat Brazier - Camber Parish Council  
Belinda Cripps  
David Cripps  
Frank Kerry

**ACTION**

**Introductions**

**Matter arising from residents**

Address for Eddie Lang to be amended

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**Update on construction**

- IG advised that 92% of road construction is complete with the remainder being completed during week commencing 07.04.08
- Piling work - 11 of 26 turbines bases and one of two met masts has been completed. Eight further weeks of piling is expected
- Six of 26 foundations poured and this work will run into July
- Work is on-going at the substation site where the foundations are now complete
- Cabling work is scheduled to start at the end of April. The lane off the A259 to Appledore road will be closed from the road onto the substation (potentially week commencing 21.04.08). The lane is likely to be closed for one week and traffic lights will be in operation. It will close after 9am to avoid disruption during rush hour and NRL will be bound by the Highways Agency rules with regard to road closures
- Turbine delivery is expected at the end of June (although this may move by a week or so)
  - o A 'dummy run' will take place from Folkestone (this has now happened)
  - o The turbines will be delivered via the M20 and A259
  - o Local police will be informed

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- 2 convoys of 3 deliveries are expected a day
  - Notification of turbines deliveries will be provided to the local press, Parish Councils and through the LLC forum CSS/PJ
- The main power transformer is expected during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. This is the heaviest delivery but is a single delivery – not 26 off.
  - Anemometry masts now do not need to be put in place in advance as correlation measurements are now not needed. So anemometry masts will be constructed as part of the turbine erection process
  - Each turbine will be constructed with tower, nacelle and hub put in place followed by each blade. The first completed turbine should be in place in June with construction ongoing into September – this will be dependant on the weather.

### PR

- Local press will be contacted when construction of turbines starts CSS/PJ
- PR to arrange individual press visits (to include Andy Helmsley of the Rye Observer as requested by JP CSS/PJ

### Environmental Grants

- Meeting on 03.04.08 to review grant applications received and allocate funds NRL
- Allocation of funds will be carefully controlled
- Shepway District Council and Kent Rural Council to attend grants meeting

### Questions

SB - has the project gone over budget?

MK - there are no concerns over budget

JP - where are the generators being made? Are there any concerns with regard to salty air/saltwater and rusting?

MK - the generators are coming from Germany. NRL is aware of salt water in the air and the designs are made accordingly.

### Construction working times

MK confirmed that a gate with a lock has now been installed to stop contractors going on site too early. People had been using the side lane near Trinity Cottages but this has been infrequent

SB reported that residents were quite happy. She expects comments when road works are in place but doesn't anticipate problems.

JP reported there were few adverse comments.

JP requested NRL looks at increasing local press coverage

### Misc

- Ian Gardner provided photographs of work progress to date and turbine manufacture.
- Photographs of turbines being manufactured to be circulated with LLC meeting minutes (*attached*)

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm Venue - on site (tbc) to view current construction work and confirm details of turbine delivery

The following meeting will be arranged to view erected turbines

*Thank you for your attendance.*