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Minutes of the LAWP meeting on 10 June 2020 via Zoom

Attendees

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| Richard Read | (RR) | LAWP Secretary (Temporary Chair) |
| Tom Uglow | (TU) | LAWP Secretariat |
| Elliot Kemp | (EK) | GLA |
| Tom Campbell | (TCa) | Hillingdon |
| Linda Beard | (LB) | Havering |
| Jill Warren | (JW) | Havering |
| Joe Collinson | (JC) | Bexley |
| David Payne | (DP) | MPA |
| Peter Huxtable | (PH) | BAA |
| James Sutton | (JS) | Ingrebourne Valley Limited |
| Phil Aust | (PA) | Day Group |
| Phil Essex | (PE) | Harleyford Aggregates |
| Simon Treacy | (ST) | Brett Group |
| Tony Cook | (TCO) | SEEAWP Chair |
| Mark Wrigley | (MW) | The Crown Estate |

1. Introductions and Apologies

The Secretary welcomed all to the meeting and announced that as there was no chair, he would stand in for the meeting. Elliot Kemp (EK) who is responsible for aggregates at the GLA stated that he is happy to chair meetings in future. This was agreed by all.

Apologies were received from James Trimmer (PLA).

2. Minutes and related matters

Minutes of 28 November 2019 meeting:

JS clarified that Ingrebourne Valley Aggregates is named Ingrebourne Valley Limited.

The Minutes were accepted.

Progress on actions arising from 28 November 2019 meeting and correspondence:

The Secretary reported that the outstanding action from the Minutes concerned TCa and Julia Thomson engagement with ALBPO about a joint London Aggregates Assessment.

TCa reported that this had been discussed at a ALBPO meeting on 9th Jan and no issues were raised.

The Secretary reported that the matter of a joint London LAA being part of the LAWP contract had been raised with MHCLG (Lonek Wojtulewicz). *Note: see Item 4 below.*

The Secretary drew attention to the correspondence attached to the Agenda

Other matters arising from Minutes that are not included on the Agenda:

EK informed the AWP that his responsibilities did not extend to wharves which are covered by the transport team. There will be a senior planner covering wharfs and aggregates and that person could attend the next meeting.

Action1: EK to arrange the attendance of the GLA officer responsible for wharves at the next meeting

TCo enquired about London Mayoral elections. EK stated that they have been delayed like the Borough elections for a year - the next term would be for three years instead of four.

DP and PA reported they had attended an ALBPO meeting to help provide an understanding about minerals and the importance of safeguarding. DP thanked TCa for facilitating the meeting who added his thanks to DP and PA for their presentation and will pick up actions from that meeting later in the agenda.

3. South East Inshore Marine Plan Consultation

The Secretary reported that the joint LAWP/SEEAWP response to the consultation is outlined in 20/02. He added that LAWP/SEEAWP report 20/01 on the consultation and draft response had been circulated for comment by 14 March. The Secretary clarified that the Plan covered the tidal Thames but only extended to high water mark.

PA said he had added comments on the draft response and thought the MMO had got it a little bit wrong, but noted this had been addressed in the response.

ST felt the Plan was supportive and acknowledges the importance of aggregates infrastructure and felt the response was measured.

TCo added the infrastructure safeguarding policy in the Plan which includes protection from development opposite wharves is new to marine planning and SEEAWP should press for a similar policy to be included in future reviews of the South Marine Plan.

Action 2: Secretary to request SEEAWP be advised to note that the infrastructure safeguarding policy in the South East Marine Plan, which includes protection from

development opposite wharves, will be raised at SEEAWP when the Review of the South Marine Plan is considered

4. AWP Contract 2020 - 2023

The Secretary stated that a six-month extension of the existing contract commencing 1 April 2020 had been agreed between Hampshire County Council and MHCLG. It was noted that this roll forward will run out quickly, barely providing enough time to undertake a procurement for a full term contract.

TCo enquired whether the preparation of a joint London LAA would be involved in the AWP contract. The Secretary replied that no commitment has been made but the matter would still be pushed.

DP said that he would ask Mark Russell (MPA) who has regular contact with MHCLG to raise the matter.

5. Aggregates Monitoring (AM) 2019 Survey

The Secretary reported that there has been little progress on the AM Survey but it was understood the BGS are proceeding with a review of the methodology.

Note: It has been subsequently learned that the BGS will commence the Survey in July (first the part concerning planning authority information and subsequently the survey of operators), but results would not be available until the end of the year or the beginning of next.

It was noted that when this was discussed at the recent SEEAWP there was strong support for SEEAWP to undertake an interim survey. It was asked whether the LAWP should do the same.

PA stated that answering the questions on the operator survey isn't particularly taxing so if the information helps it should be undertaken. ST and JS endorsed this view.

PH stated that its effectiveness would vary area to area and he could only speak for BAA members. However, he thought that none of them seemed to think there would be a problem.

DP added that Tarmac had furloughed significant numbers of their staff, but an interim survey should not be a problem provided the data is accessible. He warned that it would not provide a national picture if the 'majors' were not involved.

The Secretary enquired of MW whether the Crown Estate will be publishing same level of data as previous years.

MW replied that they expect to publish all the normal reports, RR asked if they were proposing providing landing data by authority, MW replied that this is usually done on a regional basis. Tonnages landed by wharf are due shortly.

Note: MW subsequently reported to the Secretary that 2019 marine aggregates were available on <https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/en-gb/what-we-do/on-the-seabed/minerals-dredging/>

Action 3: LAWP Secretariat to undertake an interim survey of aggregates sites.

6. Any other Business

Mineral Consultation Areas (MCAs)

TCa asked for advice on mineral consultation areas for safeguarded aggregates facilities and queried the size of area required.

DP advised that the MPA's research indicated that a MCA covering an area within 100m – 250m. (but generally 250m) of a safeguarded facility is used. In an urbanised area like London 250m. would cover a lot of development.

TCo added the type of development would determine the need for consultation and added individual circumstances should be determining factor.

DP agrees that it is not about creating a perfect consultation process but raising the profile of aggregates facilities with development managers.

PA agreed for the need for a process underpinned by policy.

TCa thought that any advice from LAWP would be helpful and more so if was incorporated in the London Plan as an SPD.

EK thought that this should be a relatively easy process but did not think it needs to be a policy.

After discussion it was agreed that TCa would draft some text about MCAs that the LAWP would need to agree as a basis for advice to the Boroughs.

DP said that the POS/MPA guidance provides some advice.

Action 4: TCa to circulate some questions for LAWP to consider at next meeting as a basis of advice to the Boroughs on MCAs

Note: This has been actioned - TCa circulated some questions via email and comments should be sent to Tom cc. LAWP Secretary.

Action 5: DP to circulate POS/MPA guidance on safeguarding

Note: This has been actioned.

Action 6: The Secretary to include the topic of MCAs and wharves on the agenda for the next meeting

Impact of Covid 19 lockdown

The Secretary requested information on the impact of Covid 19 lockdown on the organisations represented on LAWP.

EK responded that most Boroughs are operating as normal with online committees, and the GLA are continuing with working at home until December. However, a large amount of work is being delayed.

ST added that operators are reopening sites with Brett are opening operations after taking an early view to close them.

It was noted that infrastructure construction in London is proceeding, but housing has not fully returned to previous levels.

The Secretary enquired about the quarries in Redbridge, Hillingdon, and Havering. ST, JS and PE said they were operating, and it was noted that the majority of aggregates operational staff were back working. Sales are busy on the west side of London, but less so in the east.

It was remarked that permitting processes, planning and environmental, had slowed.

TCo added that it was a very similar picture in the South East with activity picking up.

The Secretary reported on an email from James Trimmer which stated that the Mayor had formally signed off a review of the wharves in January, which was sent to MHCLG in early February. Since it has been delayed by the impact of Covid 19 he was unaware of the timescale for consideration by the Minister.

EK said he would provide further information from colleagues via email.

Action 7: EK to advise LAWP on progress on the wharves review

Note: This has been actioned

Miscellaneous

DP stated that the MPA had been advised that a new planning white paper is expected, and a lot of Government activity is anticipated, including a rewrite of the NPPF, with a corresponding adverse impact on minerals. Attention was drawn to the Environment Bill which is progressing through Parliament.

7. Next meeting

12 November at 14.00.

EK to Chair. Given the uncertainty over relaxation of Covid 19 restrictions this will be online unless announced otherwise.

Actions

1. EK to arrange the attendance of the GLA officer responsible for wharves at the next meeting

Actioned

2. Secretary to request SEEAWP be advised to note that the infrastructure safeguarding policy in the South East Marine Plan, which includes protection from development opposite wharves, will be raised at SEEAWP when the Review of the South Marine Plan is considered

Actioned – noted by SEEAWP

3. AWP Secretariat to undertake an interim survey of aggregates sites.

Actioned, but limited response

4. TCa to circulate some questions for LAWP to consider at next meeting as a basis of advice to the Boroughs on MCAs

Actioned - TCa circulated some questions via email and comments should be sent to Tom cc. LAWP Secretary.

5. DP to circulate POS/MPA guidance on safeguarding

Actioned.

6. The Secretary to include the topic of MCAs and wharves on the agenda for the next meeting

7. EK to advise LAWP on progress on the wharves review

Actioned