

Sydenham flood alleviation progress meeting

Horseshoe Cottage, Sydenham, Friday 17 May 14:00

Paul Stancliffe (PS)	Sydenham Parish Council	
Peter Gibbons (PG)	Aston Rowant Parish Council	Apologies
David Read (DR)	Resident	
Michael May (MM)	Resident	Apologies
Steve Hunt (SH)	Optimise	
Andrew Hagger (AH)	Thames Water	
Huw Thomas (HT)	Thames Water	

Notes of meeting

One of the two pieces of land being considered for the location of the pumping station is confirmed as belonging to Angela Murray. Her land agent has taken a reasonably positive view of Optimise's advances regarding purchase of the land. SH will speak with PG who knows Ms Murray to help with the negotiations.

SH agreed that the construction period should be in the region 6-8 months but would not realistically be able to start before the spring of 2014.

SH showed indicative drawing of the planned route for the proposed rising main and the location of the pumping station.

AH advised that the scheme would likely go before the TW Investment Committee in June or July. HT to confirm. **The scheme was presented to the full Thames Water Investment Committee including Martin Baggs and Bob Collington on 28 May 2013 and has been approved for delivery with a start due in the spring of 2014.**

SH discussed the potential programme for delivery pointing out key stages such as submitting the planning application (proposed for July 2013) and Gateway 3 in November 2013 when the scheme would be passed around the Company for matters of detail approval by Operations and others.

DR emphasised how careful Optimise must be in relation to the location of the PS in relation to the stream as any failure of the pumps must not lead to foul discharges making their way back to Brookstones.

SH advised that after Gateway 3, a further meeting would be held to look at specific H&S issues during delivery and the location of the construction compound etc.

PS & DR advised HT that any proposed planting of the verges should be put back to September as events during the summer months would lead to damage of anything sown now.

PS advised that he had been in touch with Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE) to question the position regarding the security of the power supply to the village. PS passed a copy of a schematic map of the power supply network to SH. SH will speak with SSE to understand the issues.

Next meeting to be arranged after the Capital Investment Committee meeting. HT to arrange.