Welcome to the first issue of Tunnel News – a regular update about events, meetings and news for sites in your area.

Public meeting for Chambers Wharf

Representatives from Thames Water will take questions and hear concerns from residents about the proposed Chambers Wharf worksite at a public meeting on 19 January 2012, 8pm at City Hall, The Queen’s Walk, SE1 2AA. The local campaign group Save Your Riverside has arranged the meeting, which will be chaired by London Assembly Member Val Shawcross. Local people will have a chance to discuss our plans for the proposed main tunnel drive site at Chambers Wharf.

A worksite is proposed at Chambers Wharf to drive the main tunnel towards Abbey Mills Pumping Station. Since phase one consultation, we have reviewed our tunnelling strategy and considered all the feedback we received. At phase two consultation we identified Chambers Wharf as our preferred site to drive the main tunnel towards Abbey Mills and receive the connection tunnel from Greenwich. We are keen to listen to everybody’s thoughts and comments about the proposed work at this site and are encouraging everyone who is potentially affected to attend the meeting.

Our second phase of consultation closes on 10 February 2012 at 5pm.

“Complete the feedback form available at public exhibitions or online at www.thamestunnelconsultation.co.uk.

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“I’m pleased to have been asked to chair this meeting and am glad that all involved will have a chance to have their say.”

Val Shawcross, Member of the London Assembly for Lambeth and Southwark

SOUTHWARK

January 2012

- Public meeting for Chambers Wharf on 19 January 2012
- Southwark residents attend drop-in sessions for Chambers Wharf and Shad Thames Pumping Station
- Thames Water meets local residents groups
Residents study plans for Thames Tunnel in Southwark

The exhibitions were a chance for residents to look in more detail at plans for both the proposed main tunnel drive site at Chambers Wharf and modifications to Shad Thames Pumping Station. Among those who attended were representatives from Save Your Riverside.

Southwark residents also visited our exhibition at Surrey Docks Watersports Centre on 12-14 December 2011 to hear more about our plans for Earl Pumping Station, just over the local authority boundary in Lewisham.

Engineers, planners and environmentalists were on hand to answer questions about the site where the CSO discharges 540,000 tonnes of untreated sewage into the river in an average year. This is the equivalent of approximately 216 Olympic swimming pools.

We propose to intercept the sewer using our existing site at the pumping station to minimise the disruption to nearby residents.

Thames Water meets with residents and business groups

Throughout phase two consultation we have met with a number of residents, community and business groups to help inform people about our proposed plans.

In December 2011, Communications Manager Nick Tennant and Senior Engineer Richard Evins met with Wheat Wharf Freehold Company Limited to discuss how proposed plans at Shad Thames Pumping Station would affect them. We have altered our plans from our first phase of consultation and no longer need to connect the CSO to the main tunnel.

At phase one consultation we proposed to use St John’s playground on Druid Street for the construction work. Further technical work has since established that flows at this site can be controlled by making modifications to the existing sewerage system. The works at the pumping station will take approximately 18 months.

Director of the Company Tim Bentley said that they recognised the need to improve facilities and carry out works, and appreciated the chance to talk over the plans with members of the team.

In November 2011, Nick Tennant and Design Manager Gareth Thomas also attended a meeting of Bermondsey Community Council to hear a presentation and answer questions from the Save Your Riverside campaign group.

If you would like to know more about our consultation or to give feedback go to: www.thamestunnelconsultation.co.uk

Residents have another chance to see our plans for all sites at City Hall, The Queen’s Walk, SE1 2AA on 18-20 January (2pm – 8pm)