

Four members from Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council met with representatives from SITA UK, Bancon Construction and Aberdeen City Council to receive an update on progress on the construction of the Recycling Centre at Grove Nursery, Hazlehead Avenue. A representative from Hazlehead Community Centre Management Committee was also present.

Martin Cracknell, Strategic Development Manager for SITA UK chaired the meeting and gave an overview of progress since the last quarterly liaison group meeting held in June.

Mr Steven Dziewialtowski, Project Manager, Bancon Construction informed the meeting that the target quantities of materials which were to be imported during the school holidays had been achieved. This involved moving 7000 cubic meters of soil to level out the site. There had been a 2 week delay at the start of construction but bulk earth works were completed during the school holidays.

The recent problem of mud/hardcore material that spread over Hazlehead Avenue during the movement of bulk earth works was raised by your representatives and it was reported that a road sweeper had been deployed by Bancon Construction to clear this debris and no further problems had been reported.

Other work achieved within that time frame included excavating out soils and sub-soils as part of the levelling process and use that material to form perimeter embankments.

On-site drainage work will continue to mid- October and is on-going. The materials to be delivered to the site will include gravel, kerbs and surrounds for the pipes.

Off-site drainage is in the process of being arranged. Before this can begin, traffic management plans will have to be in place. Over the next two to three weeks neighbouring residents will be notified. The pipe to connect the road drains will be laid at a depth of 2 meters.

A 7 foot concrete retaining wall will also be constructed over a period of 7 weeks, starting 2nd September. It is estimated that this part of construction will be completed by Mid-October. During that period, 7 lorries per day will deliver the necessary materials.

Summary of next stages of construction:

- on-site drainage, off-site drainage during next 6-8 weeks, this involves a road closure on Hazledene Road and will take 1 week to complete the connection of the off-site drain into main sewage pipe on Hazledene Road
- Concrete pouring work will involve 4 pours per day over a period of 7 days.
- Work on boundary walls to start on 2nd September with reinstatement of the drystone wall.

- Oct-Nov kerbing to roads and construction of concrete slab area
- During concrete work likely to be 2 lorries per hour for 2 weeks
- Contractor will try to avoid school drop off times
- Amenity building to be constructed mid to late October
- Planting/screening will consist of Hedera and acoustic fences surrounding site providing soundproofing and screening of site.
- Tree planting to replace diseased trees that were felled before the start of construction. will be a mixture of trees and not all saplings so some more mature trees to be planted to help to screen recycling centre from Hazlehead Avenue and footpaths etc.
- Recycling centre to be opened in January 2014, any ideas for the opening of the site are welcomed by SITA.
- SITA will be advertising for staff to operate the site and will fill the positions locally.

The next quarterly meeting of the Grove Nursery Community Liaison Group will take place on 13 November, 2013.

If you have any queries or issues you would like your representatives to raise, please forward these to [craigseacc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:craigseacc@hotmail.co.uk).