

MINUTES
MEETING # 33
Intermodal Logistics Centre
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Location: ILC
 Enfield ILC, Cosgrove Rd, Enfield
 Date: Monday 4 December 2017
 Time: 4.00 pm

Attendees	
<p>Community Members: Jenny Maddocks Louise Symonds</p> <p>Bankstown City Council Graham Humphrys</p> <p>Chair Greg Walls (acting Chair)</p> <p>Minute taker Sandra Spate</p>	<p>NSW Ports Matthew Fahey Adem Long Ian Henderson</p> <p>IMT Operator/Aurizon Bill Gitsham</p> <p>Swift Geoff DeSantis</p>
<p>Apologies: Ian Colley – Chair, Silvio Falato – Strathfield Council, Trevor Brown – NSW Ports, Jacqui Thorburn</p>	

Action Items:
<p>1. Acceptance of the minutes/ actions from previous meeting</p> <p>There were no actions from the previous minutes.</p> <p>Louise congratulated NSW Ports on their maintenance along Cosgrove Road which is clean and tidy in contrast to nature strips in other sections.</p>
<p>2. Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and warehouses <p>Matt reported construction is quiet with focus on securing tenants for warehousing and the planning approval modification for the warehouse masterplan. Negotiations have been occurring with potential tenants.</p> <p>Louise sought confirmation that construction won't occur till tenants are secured. Matt confirmed building will occur after pre-lease agreements are secured with good sized tenants. Louise asked what will happen if tenants aren't secured. Matt is confident they will be.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations – IMT Operator (Aurizon) <p>Bill reported Aurizon is stilling winding down interstate operations as reported at the last meeting. After 18 December only the Port shuttle and the Carrington service (between Newcastle and Port Botany via the Enfield ILC) will be operating. There are no plans to change the port shuttle. The Carrington service takes empty containers to Newcastle and brings full containers back to the Port for export.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations – Swift and Pitkin Transport <p>Geoff reported Swift is considering adding a shift to cope with business during the peak period. The peak period for bonded boxes for cruise ships finishes between March and May.</p>

Matt asked if it would be with the existing fleet.

Geoff confirmed this is the case. Shifts are currently from 4.00am to 4.30pm, then 5.00pm to 4.00am. The new shift would be between 2.00pm and 2.00am which is outside peak traffic periods and impacts on traffic aren't expected.

Jenny asked what days Swift operate over the Christmas period.

Geoff replied every day except Christmas and New Year's Day.

Matt reported Pitkin minor operations continue.

Geoff asked whether they intended to finish at the site by the end of year.

Matt replied they are yet to decide. The current arrangement is an interim arrangement.

3. Development update

- **Mod 10 Truck in/out & Rail in/out**

Greg reported this is currently on hold while the focus is on the Goodman proposal.

- **Tarp Shed – Garden Centre (DA)**

Greg reported on a mediation session between Council and Flower Power in early November. Some clarification is required by Council and Flower Power needs to update management plans around ecological management and floorplans around uses. The mediation session was positive.

Louise asked if there is an indication on timeframes as the community has been waiting. When residents asked Council the response sounded positive.

Matt replied the mediation meeting was on November 8 and Flower Power were to provide updated management plans to Council two weeks from then.

Action: NSW Ports to update the CLC on the status of the Flower Power DA.

Louise noted the link to the Department of Planning website goes to 'seeking further information'.

Jenny said this is as two proposals are concurrent.

Greg clarified that Council has to approve the Flower Power DA, but the modification to excise that site from the original approval goes to the Department of Planning.

- **Warehouses Masterplan Mod Application (Mod 14)**

Greg reported a SEARS has been issued by the Department of Planning for the Goodman modification and an Environmental Assessment is now in preparation. Consultation will be required with identified parties. Goodman is well positioned regarding traffic and noise assessments and is likely to lodge early in 2018. It will then go on exhibition.

4. Other

- **50,000 TEU Throughput Traffic and Noise Audits**

Matt reported traffic and noise audits are required under conditions of approval as Aurizon the IMT Operator had reached the 50,000 TEU around mid-year. The traffic audit found traffic is in line with the original Environmental Assessment. Truck numbers are slightly lower and cars numbers slightly higher. There has been some through traffic through the site which NSW Ports is going to curb. The noise audit shows compliance with approval at receivers identified in the EA. Taking into account complaints noise issues are occurring in areas where sensitive receivers are not located. Consultants have been engaged to further investigate areas at Madeline Street. An update on the findings of this additional investigation will be provided at the next meeting.

Jenny asked where in Madeline Street. Matt replied where complaints have been received from.

Louise said there is a sensitive receptor in Blanch St and towards Cosgrove Road. She noticed while walking there is less noise closer to site and more further away suggesting noise may be blocked by a noise barrier when closer.

Matt said the proposed warehouse masterplan layout provides additional screening to the south east of site.

Louise suggested noise currently travels across a lot of empty space.

Jenny noted a noise wall in the original EA at the South East. This was subsequently replaced with a plan for container stacking. In the warehouse masterplan it now looks as though there is a road on the outside. NSW Ports should be aware of original noise concerns to the south at Blanch, Cecily and Patricia Streets.

Louise also recalls talk of container stacking to be used as sound walls. She had wondered if this hadn't happened because of complaints about container stacking. Noise had been loud at night for a month or so but has settled down now.

Matt replied the main noise sources are with container reach stackers are clangs and bangs. These will be screened by warehouses. Trucks are quieter and similar to existing truck noise on Cosgrove Road. The noise wall was scaled back during development as there wasn't certainty around the configuration of warehouses. If there are gaps NSW Ports will look to reinstate the noise wall to cover gaps.

Louise reported that she and other residents had experienced noise at particular times in the middle of the night typically around midnight to 1.00am. But it has been much better recently.

Matt said concerns had been conveyed to operators and issues seem to have been addressed.

Regarding container stacks in the southern area this was more to stop noise to the west. However, it can be impractical to stack containers. Empties need to be kept moving for reuse. They tie up space and containers are underutilised.

Geoff said most activity from Swift operations is between 5.00pm and 6.30pm then 3.00am to 4.00am. Between times their people are in transit or at the wharf. It depends a lot on the operator. Empty boxes generate more noise than full / loaded containers.

Louise acknowledged the situation is now much better.

- **Annual compliance tracking**

Matt reported an external audit was undertaken last week. NSW Ports performed well in their operations with landscaping and overall running. Aurizon performed well. Some opportunities for improvements were identified for Swift. Overall the audit was positive. The report goes to the Department of Planning and Environment. NSW Ports will send the link to CLC members when it is on the website.

- **Complaints summary and follow up**

There have been no complaints in this period.

- **Council updates**

Graham reported that while an administration office has been retained at the Campsie site, most of Council's business operations, including planning, traffic, roads and engineering, have moved to the Civic Tower in Bankstown. Elections were held in September for 15 councillors, 10 of whom are new; information and training workshops for Councillors are now being hosted. Council initiatives currently underway include:

- Sydenham to Bankstown lighter rail upgrade – developing the City's submission;
- Canterbury Road Review project - incorporating community feedback from recent rounds of consultation;
- Milton St, Ashbury – a rezoning proposal for industrial land to medium density residential;
- Canterbury racetrack proposed rezoning; and
- The Greater Sydney Commission regional plan proposes all current industrial employment land is to be retained and to be passed into legislation.

Matt reported contacting Strathfield Council to send a representative and hopefully this will happen in the future.

- **Pride of Workmanship Award**

Matt reported Ian H was successfully nominated for the annual Rotary Club Pride of Workmanship Award for his work at the southern end around turntable interpretation and the Mt Enfield / Intermodal lookout.

The CLC congratulated Ian by acclaim.

Ian H acknowledged the team effort in the achievement, particular those of Matt and Lynley.

- **Comments/ questions/other business**

Greg reported comments closed last week on Future Transport 2056. The Freight and Port Strategy under this has not yet been released. Ports will let CLC members know when it is.

AL suggested it was supposed to be released this week but it will likely to be early next year with 12 months for comments. The previous Strategy contained good initiatives but the disappointment was that these weren't acted on.

Jenny drew attention to an RMS letterboxed notification regarding extended clearways in King Georges Road, Roberts Road and Centenary Drive. Wiley Park is a current choke point.

Graham said RMS have been responsive to residents. They have also extended clearways at the Stacey St / Rookwood Road crossover.

Matt reported that due to a role change Trevor will take the lead for NSW Ports at future CLC meetings.

Date of next meeting: Monday 26 February 2018

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair,