



**Glasgow Airport Rail Link
Existing Line Community Liaison Group
Monday 27 March 2006
Hillington Primary School, Glasgow**

Present

John Goldie (JG)	Hillington, North Cardonald and Penilee Community Council
Councillor Brian Lawson (BL)	Member for Gallowhill and Whitehaugh (Renfrewshire)
Derek Neilson (DN)	East Govan Community Council
Trevor Schuster-Davis (TSD)	Dumbreck Community Council
Councillor Alistair Watson (AW)	Member for North Cardonald (Glasgow)
John Halliday (JH)	SPT
David Gardner (DG)	SPT
Eleanor Bagnall (EB)	Faber Maunsell
Lynne McNaught (LM)	Weber Shandwick

Apologies

Wendy Alexander MSP	Scottish Parliament
Councillor Richard Manser	Renfrewshire Council

ACTION

1. Introductions and Apologies

John Halliday opened the meeting, and introductions were made.

2. Presentation on CLG Remit and Status of GARL

JH led a short presentation on the objectives and remit of the CLG and the status of the Glasgow Airport Rail Link project.

DN asked what issues the Existing Line CLG would be likely to address. JH advised that the group might consider working hours or unsociable hours during construction, compensation and the Code of Construction Practice. Issues for future meetings can be raised in advance and placed on the agenda.

3. Overview and progress of GARL

JH explained the parliamentary process to the group, and stated that the Bill committee had its first meeting on 14 March.

At this stage, it has been suggested that the Preliminary stage could be concluded by June, with a debate in the Parliament. Subject to approval by MSPs, the Consideration Stage could be completed by December 2006 / January 2007.

The Bill Committee will hold meetings in April and May, in the Scottish Parliament and in Paisley.

The provisional dates for these meetings are:

Tuesday 18 April Scottish Parliament

Monday 24 April Paisley (venue tbc)

Monday 8 May Scottish Parliament

Monday 15 May Scottish Parliament

Monday 22 May Paisley (venue tbc)

4. Forthcoming work on GARL

JH advised that the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) was available on the GARL project website. As a living document, it will be updated continually and then be placed before the Bill Committee. The CLGs would have a role in feeding into this document.

Hard copies of the Code of Construction Practice will be sent to all CLG members with the minutes of the first meeting.

5. Issues Arising and Questions

Bill Documentation

DN requested that the Bill documents be placed in Elder Park Library to allow access to Govan and Drumoyne and surrounding communities.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Bills Unit advised that it is not usual to place hard copies of Bill documents in all libraries, and that staff would be trained to access documents online. PT has

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sent a letter to Elder Park Library advising that all Bill material is available online, and giving contact details for the Communications Team for any further information.

Linburn Road

JG asked if noise and vibration monitoring would take place at homes on Linburn Road.

DG advised that baseline studies had been completed at a number of locations along the route, but not at Linburn Road specifically. Noise monitoring can be completed during construction if requested, according to the CoCP – copy enclosed.

GARL Route

TSD asked how much of the existing line between Glasgow and Paisley would be used. JH advised that the new spur line would begin just before Paisley St James station, crossing Murray Street industrial area and St James Playing Fields.

DN asked how those living in Paisley would use the rail link. JH advised that the service would make a single stop at Paisley Gilmour Street for those living in Paisley and to allow links with existing rail services to Ayrshire and Inverclyde.

Ibrox Station

TSD asked about the potential for re-opening the old station at Ibrox as part of the rail link.

JH advised that Glasgow City Council have made requests that this station be re-opened as part of GARL, but that this was not part of the rail link project. However, no work undertaken for GARL will preclude the re-opening of the station at a future date.

AW advised that part of the old Ibrox station was now incorporated into Ibrox Football Stadium.

St James Football Pitches

DN stated that the community council wanted to support GARL and felt that the overall concept was good, but that the St James pitches should be compensated.

JH advised that SPT and Renfrewshire Council were finalising an agreement which would reinstate 20 pitches at St James after construction, with 2 at Ferguslie Park, with improved changing

facilities for 40 teams. Eleven pitches will be required during construction, but temporary facilities elsewhere in Renfrewshire will be supplied to ensure that the number of pitches currently available continue to be so, during and after construction.

JG asked if the football teams would receive travelling expenses to the temporary facilities. DG advised that this would be unlikely since the teams would need to travel to St James in normal circumstances.

BL asked if the arrangements for the replacement pitches have been finalised with Renfrewshire Council and why it had been reported that the Council was objecting to the GARL Bill.

JH explained to the group that Renfrewshire Council was currently objecting to the GARL Bill as the legal agreements for the pitches were not yet in place.

6. AOCB

No other issues were raised.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The group decided that it might be best to wait until the Bill committee's first report to hold the second meeting.

However, SPT will consult the remaining groups to establish the consensus view before calling the next meeting.