



## **Glasgow Airport Rail Link Community Liaison Groups/Business Liaison Groups**

### **Remit and Working Arrangements**

#### **1. Introduction**

As part of the consultation process for the Glasgow Airport Rail Link (GARL), SPT proposes three dedicated Community Liaison Groups (CLGs) and one Business Liaison Group (BLG) are established along the proposed route.

The purpose of the CLGs and BLGs are to provide a forum where the views, concerns and comments of the community along the proposed route can be heard. With this in mind, the CLGs/BLGs will have a restricted membership of affected and interested parties rather than operating as an open public forum. This is to ensure that the groups are of a manageable size to hold useful discussion and comment and make best use of all attendees' time.

To assist all parties participating in meetings, this document outlines the objectives, suggested membership and remit of the various CLGs/BLGs for the airport rail link project.

#### **2. Proposed Community Liaison Groups**

After analysing the attendance at public meetings, and the main themes from the public consultation, SPT suggests that three CLGs and one BLG are created:

- St James residents CLG covering the main streets surrounding the St James playing fields
- Playing fields users CLG with representatives from the leagues using the pitches and sport and recreation bodies
- Track upgrade and compounds CLG for the communities along the existing line of route when upgrades will take place and for those living near to proposed construction compounds
- Murray Street industrial area BLG for businesses in the industrial estate and business interest groups

### **3. Objectives**

CLG/BLGs have been established in order to meet the following objectives:

- To provide for ongoing consultation with community/business stakeholders on key issues associated with the route
- To provide a forum in which regular updates will be provided to members regarding the progress of the project through Parliament
- To identify suitable measures that may be required to address specific local concerns (such as privacy, landscaping and access for businesses)
- To provide community access to the project team during construction (if Parliament approves the project)

### **4. CLG & BLG Chair and Membership**

Each meeting will be chaired by an SPT representative. SPT suggests that CLGs have no more than 14 members comprising a selection of representatives from the following bodies:

- Community Council(s)
- Community groups e.g. local residents associations or street-based action group
- City of Glasgow/Renfrewshire Council elected representatives and MSPs
- City of Glasgow/Renfrewshire Council officials as appropriate

Representatives from the following bodies will also attend the CLGs when required:

- Faber Maunsell - the project engineers to provide guidance on technical issues
- Legal representatives - to assist where appropriate with guidance on Legal and Bill issues
- Weber Shandwick - to co-ordinate and produce notes of meetings

Membership of the BLGs will normally comprise the same representatives except that the community invitees would be replaced by the business interests located on the streets allocated to the BLG coverage area.

Before the various CLGs/BLGs meet for the first time, local councillor(s) and MSPs for each area will be consulted to ensure that the correct representatives are approached to become members.

## **5. Remit of CLG/BLGs**

In line with the objectives, the Chair will ensure that the group work to the agenda that will be circulated before each meeting and move discussions on at appropriate points.

The CLG/BLGs will discuss the issues of most importance to their community or interests and work with SPT to come to workable solutions on various issues, including access, construction, and public realm designs.

Transport engineers, planners and legal representatives will attend meetings as appropriate to inform the discussion and answer questions.

The CLG/BLG meetings will not replace one-to-one meetings to discuss specific mitigation for individual properties.

## **6. Working Arrangements**

- The local councillor(s) will agree the invitees for the first meeting of each CLG/BLG although additional members can be suggested by the invitees if specific interests are not represented
- A representative of the relevant community council will normally be a member of the CLGs to represent the wider views of the community
- SPT will arrange the venue for each meeting and provide secretarial support i.e. providing notification of meetings, taking and distributing minutes and circulating papers
- The frequency of meetings will depend on the needs of each group, and a programme will be agreed
- Project team representatives will attend all meetings and support will be provided when appropriate by technical advisers
- CLGs will have the right to receive any information in the public domain
- Council officials will be invited to meetings as appropriate
- The focus of the meetings will change as the project moves towards the construction phase (if approved by Parliament)

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