

## West Cambridge Safety Committee

23 October 2006

Present at the meeting: Dr P Brooks (Chair), Ms R Convey, Mr M Whiteland, Ms J Ingham, Ms Lindsey Pitcher, Mr Fred Bryant, Mr A King, Ms A Lowday, Mr A Gordon (Secretary)

### 1. Apologies for absence

Ms Jeanette Parkin, Mr Andrew Flewitt, Ms Rachel Moss,

### 2. Minutes of the second meeting

Lindsey Pitcher attended, otherwise minutes accepted as drafted.

### 3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Hazardous Waste. Martin Whiteland updated the meeting:

Further guidance is being prepared as to what computer equipment is classified as hazardous waste. The main point is that working equipment is not, whereas broken or obviously unusable equipment is. Companies used are:

RDC – routine computer equipment. Another company, Recycle IT, had ceased trading.

Environcom – Specialist equipment and non-IT electrical waste.

Batteries. Collection points now at Computer Lab, Cavendish, Vet School, Astronomy. Other Departments can be provided with a container on request. Cardboard. Bins are provided in conjunction with the City Council.

Site Defibrillator

The First Aid Subcommittee were considering piloting installation at four sites, one at West Cambridge. Funding would be sought in November from the British Heart Foundation. Supervision and training needs have yet to be worked out.

### 4. Incidents

A fire crew responding to an emergency call out had been unable to locate a property. It was noted many Cambridge post codes had changed and this could cause problems until the emergency services' software had been updated and people use the new post codes. AG was unaware of any post code changes at West Cambridge.

There had been a collision between a car and cycle at the Madingley Road/JJ Thomson Ave junction. No details of circumstances, or of any injuries suffered.

### 5. Cycle Path Update

Works complete except for installation of lighting, and removal of overhead BT cables. It was understood that Highways will conduct a safety audit on completion. It is hoped include the CAPE/Clerk Maxwell Road junction in this exercise.

### 6. West Cambridge Site Manager's Report

Andrew Gordon updated the meeting on developments.

Physics of Medicine. Projected start on site in April 2007. Construction traffic would need to use J J Thomson Ave. The island site has access and other safety related issues which need to be worked out.

East Forum. Earliest start on site probably late summer 2007. Site access will be via High Cross and along a temporary access and contractor's compound to the west of East Square/Residences. There will be a requirement to maintain the pedestrian/cyclist access to the Coton Footpath during the course of the construction.

Institute for Manufacturing. Earliest start on site probably late Summer 2007. Access will be via High Cross.

Infrastructure. Services work around the Cavendish will be undertaken over the next few months in preparation for the Physics of Medicine project. In Spring 2007 works will start on constructing car parks and extending Charles Babbage Road. It is hoped to use excavated material from Physics of Medicine and East Forum to build up levels. The water cooling tower next to the Cavendish will be demolished prior to commencement of the East Forum.

## **7. Any Other Business**

Rabbits. There have been a number of rabbits observed which have died from, or are suffering from, myximitosis. AG would investigate collection and disposal by a pest control company.

Sign outside Whittle Lab. This obscures visibility to exiting vehicles.

Lindsey Pitcher reported the street lamp at the SE corner of the flats was not working, and that an extract fan or chiller at the Cavendish may be making too much noise, although it may be that the noise has been more noticeable to residents during the Summer.

There is a bomb evacuation plan for central sites being developed in conjunction with the City Council. In due course a plan may be developed for West Cambridge.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

2:30pm, Tuesday, 16 January 2006 in Room 213 (Committee Room) Cavendish Laboratory.