

**Solent Gateway: Community Liaison Group
Inaugural meeting via Zoom
10 May 2021**

Participants:

NFDC District Councillors
 HCC County Councillor
 Representatives of Marchwood Parish Council
 Representative of Marchwood Yacht Club
 Representatives of Marchwood Infant School
 Representatives of Marchwood Community Association
 Ministry of Defence Representative
 Richard Parkinson, SGL
 Scott Willmore, SGL
 Steve Jenkins, i-Transport
 Jonathan Beth, Montague Evans
 Georgina Chapman, Grasshopper Communications
 Jo Hatton Jones, Grasshopper Communications

Main points arising	
Group purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting is part of SGL’s commitment to keep stakeholders up to date with developments at the port and see how SGL can contribute to the local community. • As Marchwood Port is a future significant employment opportunity for the local communities, SGL hopes it can contribute to, and support, the local community in the years ahead. • Two meetings a year. • Minutes will be put on the project website – once reviewed and signed off by attendees. • RP will initially chair but happy to appoint a community chair if preferred.
Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question asked about the timing of rail movements and potential impact on Waterside Passenger service. • SGL confirmed that Network Rail determine the timing of rail movements, and passenger movements are prioritised. • Although SGL has three paths per day, it considers it unlikely there will be more than one rail movement a day. • SGL will encourage use of rail by clients, especially for

	<p>aggregates and car exports, but not possible for all cargo for example car imports, which need to be transported by road.</p>
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HGV movements published give a worst-case scenario when the port is fully developed. This number represents short spikes and routine numbers will be much lower than the worst-case scenario, as demonstrated by current activity at the port. • The question of access to the port via the Industrial Park was raised but SGL confirmed it could not make this happen as it is private land. • SGL confirmed its understanding that HCC is looking at options to improve the Rushington roundabout, but work is still in progress. • Rushington roundabout was an air quality management zone and consideration should be given to this. • The question of HGVs travelling through Marchwood was raised. SGL confirmed that it does and will continue to instruct its customers that all HGVs should follow the route that avoids the village. • SGL was asked to consider how to make it safer for pedestrians to navigate Normandy Way and agreed to look further at this as part of ongoing assessments of walking routes to the port. • SGL agreed to work with Councillor Harrison and others to encourage Hampshire County Council to make the re-surfacing of Normandy Way a priority.
Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for a new cycle route are underway which extend the existing route through the village with an on-road cycle lane. This will take cyclists down Old Cracknore Close to a new crossing at Normandy Way and down Cracknore Hard Lane into the port. This will be on, not off-road, but can be a signed route which is much better and safer than Normandy Way.
Footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGL's plans include a new section of footway along Normandy Way to connect with Autumn Road and a new footway in Autumn Road to Dapple Place to connect to the open space and the walking route to the bus stops on Main Road. • Several suggestions were made about cycle routes, walkways and pedestrian crossings around the village and SGL agreed to consider these ideas.
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGL confirmed that if the ABP proposals for Dibden Bay were to come forward in the future, which could facilitate a different access to Marchwood Port, SGL would discuss

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	<p>this with the developers recognising it would be an improvement for Marchwood residents. However, the SGL application relies on the Marchwood Port main entrance, which is being upgraded with a design, technology and processes that will ensure no traffic build-up on Cracknore Hard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SGL invited to be involved in the Marchwood Party in the Park and Marchwood Fete.• SGL agreed to visit Marchwood Yacht Club and to discuss deconflicting with future club events.• SGL agreed to make an approach to Applemore College regarding a careers fair and apprenticeships.
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