

Post Exhibition Press Release – 30th January 2018

Public consultation exhibition for proposed River Thames Marina development near Wallingford, Oxfordshire

On Wednesday the 24th January, London Rock Ltd and Greenfield Associates – hosted a successful public consultation exhibition at the George Hotel in Wallingford, on the proposals to develop a new marina on land south of the Wallingford By-pass, adjacent to the River Thames.

Over 100 people attended the exhibition, many of them staying for around 30 minutes and clearly appreciating the opportunity for one-on-one conversations with the developer London Rock and lead consultancy.

Simon Rees, of Greenfields Associates felt the exhibition was a very worthwhile part of the public consultation process.

“Overall there appeared to be support for the finished marina development. While we recognise that some people don’t really like the idea of the marina construction phase involving the extraction of sand and gravel, it was extremely helpful to be able to talk to local people face to face – and deal directly with some of the misconceptions about the proposed new marina development.

“The exhibition also gave us the opportunity to take feedback on some of the areas of local concern, which we may otherwise not have appreciated. These included the generic issues around noise, dust and access on to the roundabouts to the north of the proposed site during rush hour periods.

“More specifically, concerns were raised about the potential conflict on the river between boat users and rowers. This will be addressed as part of the application and a liaison group could be formed to provide a discussion platform for interested stakeholders.

“A number of people were keen to see additional provision within the marina for people with disabilities, such as dedicated slipway with adjacent moorings.”

For those who were unable to attend the exhibition the full set of information boards is available to view on the London Rock Ltd website www.londonrock.co.uk/wallingford

Once feedback from the exhibition has been collated, Greenfields Associates and its team of independent technical consultants will review its plans and fine tune its proposals.

The company hopes to submit its planning application – together with an Environmental Statement that will take into account all the likely significant effects and mitigation identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment – before Easter. A Non Technical Summary will also be produced and be available to all local stakeholders.

Oxfordshire County Council will then carry out its own consultation – and the local community will have further opportunity to comment.

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