

At the last APM I reported that plans for the new TRU7 building were soon expected to be presented at the ESC Planning Committee. It was - and was passed with several conditions. The opening of the building has been eagerly awaited by LB Residents as this has been promoted as a noise reduction agent by enclosing noisy activities previously undertaken outside. The building was confirmed open just before Xmas with a few issues outstanding. There has been no noticeable noise reduction experienced by residents.

Complaints of noise across the Sinks Pit site have consolidated to vibration emanating from the East side, and plant maintenance noise from the West side – including new noises confirmed by ESC as coming from the concrete batching plant. Both sets of noise are being actively investigated by ESC Environmental Protection. New noise meters have been installed for ongoing noise monitoring. Notwithstanding, ESC has withdrawn their noise abatement notice served on TRU7 with the understanding that this can be reinstated if necessary.

After 10 years of LB Residents' campaign for a reduction of pollution at Sinks Pit, a summary Case Study has been produced of the story so-far. This has been widely distributed to the Agencies at the most senior level plus other interested parties. The document has been acknowledged, but no comments have been received. You can download the case study – Mitigation Pollution from Sinks Pit, from the LB website.

The CLG (Community Liaison Group) has met quarterly with increasing suggestions (by the Agencies) that its time has been spent. This is resisted by Residents as many issues are outstanding. It was agreed that meetings should be scheduled bi-annually with the option to have interim meetings if required. However, local government reorganisation and the movement of some CLG members to other posts will mean a review of the CLG is inevitable. I suggest the LBPC considers how it wishes to move forward (with or without the CLG) in a new political environment.

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