

MINUTES of a meeting of the BARTON QUARRY LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE held at BARTON QUARRY on 19TH October 2016

PRESENT

Representing East Staffordshire Borough Council (Environmental Health)

Mr Kennedy Nwokolo

Representing Environment Agency

Mr Andrew Crawford

Representing Hanson Aggregates

Messrs Stephen Bayliss, Brian Shaw and David Southgate

Representing Staffordshire County Council

Councillor Tim Corbett and Ms Cathy Wooldridge

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Ms Anna Miller and Mr Martyn Manning (East Staffordshire BC) and Mr Dominic Hodgson (Hanson)

2 REVIEW OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2015

These were agreed.

3 PROGRESS REPORT BY HANSON AGGREGATES

Mr. Bayliss reported that there was no significant change in quarry activity from the previous year, continuing in the south, and in addition earth moving is ongoing within the extraction area to remove banks placed for water control to reveal reserve. There is no soil stripping ongoing at present.

Mr. Southgate advised that restoration was ongoing to create a 'parkland' environment in the north east part of the site, which he hoped would be grazed by Longhorn cattle. The wetland scheme for the southern end of the site is ongoing, with banks being sculpted to final form as mineral is excavated. He advised the meeting that some 10,000 trees were planted in 2015, and that there would be fewer this year, to fill gaps etc. The planting scheme includes Black Poplar although sourcing plants was difficult; Mr Crawford offered assistance from Environment Agency in this regard.

Mr. Shaw advised that the planning application for the proposed western extension had been deferred until 2017 to give more time to consider archaeological issues.

4 COMMENTS OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Ms. Wooldridge advised that all was found to be in order at a monitoring visit in August, with nothing outstanding. She was pleased to see progress on restoration of the site and in the workings at the southern end of the site.

Mr. Southgate advised that a variety of shrub species would be planted alongside the access road on the route of the old field conveyor.

5 Comments of East Staffordshire Borough Council

Mr Nwokolo had no comment to make as the only interest of the EHO is in the on-site concrete batching plant; there were no issues raised.

6 COMMENTS OF ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Mr. Crawford had no specific comments, and that the Agency's main interest is to keep in touch with restoration of the site with which he was pleased. He advised that such was the improvement in the river that salmon can now be found in the area.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was general discussion and expression of disappointment that there were no representatives of the Parish Councils or Catholme Lane, but Mr. Shaw confirmed that all of the Parish Councils had been advised of the date and time of the meeting.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a site visit to the quarry, scheduled for Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 2:30pm.

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