

**Tytherington Quarry**  
**Community Liaison Group Meeting**  
**23rd January 2025**  
**Meeting Room at Tytherington Quarry**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:**

Cllr Jon Lean (JL) (CHAIR)	South Gloucestershire for Frampton Cotterell Ward
Hugh Johnson (HJ)	Tytherington Parish Council
John Graham (JG)	Alveston Parish Council
Lindsay Saunders (LS)	SGC PROW Officer
Keith Spooner (KS)	Resident
James Brown (JB)	HM UK, Tytherington Quarry Unit Manager
Michelle Beasley (MMB)	HM UK, Secretariat
Trystan Mabbitt (TM)	HM UK, Consenting & Development Manager, Strategic Projects.
Andy Duncan (AD)	HM UK, Principal Landscape Manager
Samantha Stagg (SJS)	James Reed Public Relations (HM UK PR agency)

**APOLOGIES AND MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Simon Ford (SF)	South Gloucestershire Council Planning and Minerals Dept
Chris Bloor (CB)	Thornbury Town Council
Neil Higgs (NH)	South Gloucestershire Council (EHO)
Paul Chapman (PC)	Iron Acton Parish Council

## **AGENDA FOR TYTHERINGTON QUARRY COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING**

1. **Welcome and introduction** - Chair Jon Lean (JL)
  - Welcome and introductions.
  - Review of minutes from the last meeting.
  - Matters arising from last minutes.
2. **Tytherington operations** – James Brown (JB) Unit Manager Tytherington Quarry.
  - Operations and logistics including blasting.
  - Feedback received.
  - Rail update.
  - Community update.
  - Residents' day update.
3. **Environmental, landscape and biodiversity update** – James Brown (JB) in Andy Duncan (AD) absence.
4. **Land and mineral planning update** – Trystan Mabbitt (TM) Consenting and Development Manager, Strategic Projects.
5. **AOBs.**
6. **Date for future meetings.**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **1. Welcome and Chair introduction.**

- JL welcomed everyone and asked if they had read the draft minutes from the previous meeting, and if they were happy with the content.
- The group replied they were happy with the content.
- JL went through the actions/matters arising from the last meeting.
  1. MMB to upload approved minutes from previous meeting to the community page. **Complete.**
  2. MMB to upload draft minutes from this meeting to the community page and circulate to members. **Complete.**
  3. AD to liaise with Tytherington parish council re replacement trees and wildflowers on motorway slopes at Grove End tip. **Not complete.**
  4. JB to provide update on speed reduction on Tytherington Road. **No update.**
  5. JB to prep energy slide for next meeting with full year comparison. Winter 2023 to winter 2024. **Complete – info in main agenda.**
  6. Send link for donations to HJ. **Complete.**
  7. JB to ask AD about hedge laying. **Complete – info in main agenda.**
  8. JB to speak to AD about cutting back opposite pylon. **Complete – info in main agenda.**
  9. AD to check with Branchwalkers tree surgeons re playground tree felling approval and timetable. **Complete – info in main agenda.**

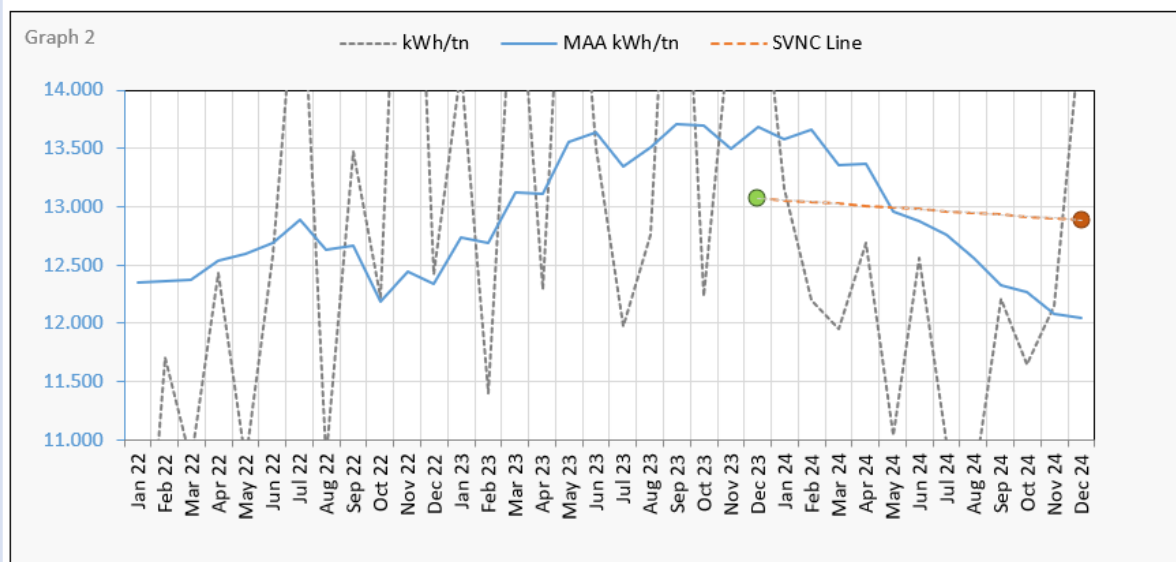
### **2. Tytherington operations**

#### **Operational and logistics overview**

- JB showed the group some production volume figures for the year in 2024 and said 57% of the material dispatched was being transported by rail.
- JB said we are currently blasting on levels 2-6; we were unable to open level 7 as planned due to it being quieter in the run up to Christmas / early new year etc as well as not being able to clear the benches of material for it to go ahead. It's the plan to do so soon.
- JB said there were plans to employ a higher apprentice to start in the Autumn of 2025. He said if the group knows of anyone, they can apply at [www.careers.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/en/apprenticeships/higher-apprenticeships](http://www.careers.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/en/apprenticeships/higher-apprenticeships). He said the deadline to apply is 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
- JB said we are also recruiting for a production supervisor and a unit manager as he and his production supervisor at Tytherington Quarry were moving over to Chipping Sodbury quarry. In the meantime, JB said he would be responsible for both sites until the positions were filled.

## Groves End energy use

- JB said electrifying the pumps in groves end had had a positive effect on energy use. Previously the pumps were run using diesel generators. He said the figures show the energy use as being less than originally predicted.



- KS asked how Tytherington Quarry's energy use compares to other quarries of the same type.
- JB said Tytherington Quarry was a high energy user due to all the equipment being mobile and diesel usage pushes up the energy figures (hence the impetus to reduce usage where possible). He said it's possible we could compare the usage to a similar operation that also uses contract crush like Machen quarry.

## Quarry Blasting

- JB advised of currently blasting on levels 2-6, having completed 14 blasts in January to date.
- JB said he had received one blasting complaint since the last meeting, on 28/11/2024 which was measured at 1.3mm/s PPV.

**The Slad**  
24 October 2024 – 23 January

Highest: 5.65 mm/s  
Lowest: 1.1 mm/s  
Average: 2.31 mm/s

AOP

Highest: 156 dB  
Lowest: 115 dB  
Average: 122 dB

**West Street**  
24 October 2024 – 23 January

Highest: 5.05 mm/s  
Lowest: 1.05 mm/s  
Average: 1.9 mm/s

AOP

Highest: 119 dB  
Lowest: 102 dB  
Average: 101 dB

**Lime Kiln Court**  
24 October 2024 – 23 January

Highest: 1.4 mm/s  
Lowest: 0.15 mm/s  
Average: 0.78mm/s

AOP

Highest: 108 dB  
Lowest: 94 dB  
Average: 101.9dB

- JB said if you compare the data from the detail in the minutes from the last meeting, you can see both the “highests” have reduced and the “lowest” are mainly the same. He said the blasting specifications are constantly evolving and this year we have budgeted to do more seed hole analysis.
- KS said the key point is, with the limit being 12mm/s, you are still well below your permitted levels. He asked what the limit on AOP was.
- JB said there was no limit on AOP.
- TM said JB doing seed hole analysis is key for us now and for what we’ll be doing in the future. The community has to have confidence in what we do.
- KS said he did share the information on blasting with residents and felt it was good news the data shows vibration to be decreasing and is a lot lower than your permitted levels.

Feedback received.

- JB said he had received seven complaints since the last meeting. Two regarding the cutting back of vegetation. Two involving HGV’s, one for noise, one for dust and one for blasting.
- JB said the two complaints received about trimming was one for over trimming vegetation along Itchington Road and one for not trimming enough. One area that was highlighted as being over trimmed was an area we hadn’t carried out any trimming work.
- AD said National Grid had been cutting back growth on our land to get it away from the high voltage cables.
- JB asked KS if he was happy with the flailing that had been carried out so far, to which KS replied he was as it helps with visibility for drivers.

JB said the complaints he received about HGVs were that they were in the wrong place.

- HJ said he did see HGVs parked up in the village.
- JB said the HGV drivers had been spoken to and ask if anyone sees unusual behaviour again to report it to him using the Tytherington email address which is [tytheringtonquarryenquiries@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com](mailto:tytheringtonquarryenquiries@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com) or call us on our freephone number 0800 160 1321.
- TM said if the problem persists, we could organise for all hauliers to complete a site induction which will include the rules we want them to comply with.
- JB said the complaint about noise was from staff cleaning the weighbridge early on a Saturday morning. He said this was a one off and wouldn’t happen again.
- JB said KS had mentioned about dust being more noticeable now.
- KS said when you have blasted there’s noticeable dust. He asked if dust suppression was still being used as this winter has been particularly dry.

- JB replied yes, the water sprays are on the road all the time unless temperatures are freezing.
- KS said it not all the time, just occasional.
- JB said he would speak with the crusher operation to make sure they are still using the dust suppression while crushing.
- KS said the text notification service seems to have gone awry.
- JB said we did have some teething issues, but they have been ironed out now.
- SS said mobile phone signals sometimes drop out and will ping when the signal comes back, this can also be the reason for late receipt of texts.
- KS said it was a good service to have.

#### **Rail update**

- JB said the number of trains had dropped slightly recently due to one of the customers slowing up on their supply. He said currently we're at 16 trains per week, which had dropped from 18 per week.
- JB said the work Network Rail have been doing is on-going with speed restrictions in place until March 2025.
- JB said Network Rail were planning THO work on the late May bank holiday and August bank holiday. (Midnight on Friday to 6am on Tuesday) He said the work is not happening here, but they are using this here for access. SS to make contact with NWR to check what local comms it is intending to do.

#### **Community update**

- JB said he had attended a careers event at Marlwood School, Alveston recently.
- JB asked everyone if they saw the Christmas Tree that was at the entrance throughout December and said next year, they would possibly organise a colouring competition with the local first schools.
- HJ said it was nice to see the tree.
- JB said no donations had been received since the last meeting. He said there is a Tytherington Quarry Community web page, and there is a link for donation requests which is : [www.communities.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/en/sites/tytherington-quarry/supporting-the-community](http://www.communities.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/en/sites/tytherington-quarry/supporting-the-community)

### **3. Environmental, landscape and biodiversity update**

- AD said Woodleaze west end level 2 rock trap bench spoil replacement and tree planting were completed today with 300 native trees and shrubs. He said when the quarry is fully restored, the water will come up to level 2.

- AD said the trees and shrubs had been planted straight into the soil and as there are no deer or rabbits on level 2 to destroy the planting, they have been left bare rather than use tree guards.
- AD said that Itchington Road hedge trimming chainsaw work had commenced with tractor flailing to start next week.

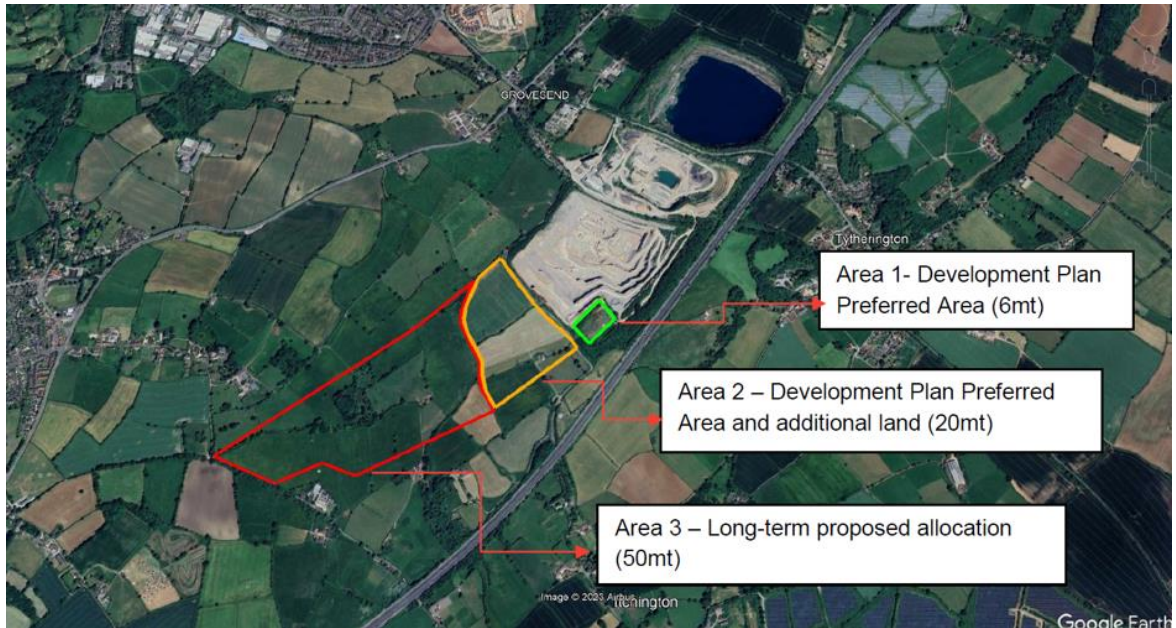


- AD said that additional planned hedge laying work along Itchington Road was now unfortunately on hold. This is because both quotes received from specialist contractors specified the need for varying degrees of road closures. And with SGC's street works department quoting the contractors 12 weeks wait for road closure approval – which would take us into bird nesting season when the work can't be carried out – there is no alternative but to pause this for now.
- LS suggested a contact within South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) who may be able to expedite the process to six weeks for approvals.
- AD / Contractors to make contact [streetworks@southglos.co.uk](mailto:streetworks@southglos.co.uk).
- AD said Jubilee field playground ash dieback tree felling is imminent. He said conservation area consent was approved, and the trunks will be lay on the ground for future carving.
- AD said while Conservation Area consent had not specified replacement planting, the PC still wanted to replace the felled trees, but still to be agreed with what species and where to replant
- HJ said its being discussed.
- AD said the decision is not as time conscious as getting them felled. He said we will have a blank canvas to work with.

#### **4. Land and mineral planning update**

- TM said the planning application (6mt within the quarry existing boundary as per area 1 in map below) was submitted to SGC some months prior. The company has been liaising with SGC's planning department re additional information requested. It is now awaiting more formal feedback/officers' recommendations ahead of the submission going to committee for determination.
- TM reiterated long term expansion plans subject to SGC's local plan (see area 2 and 3 as below).





- SS asked JL if he knows of the timings for the publication of SGC's Local Plan.
- JL said it was expected shortly and would go to six weeks consultation.
- TM said his understanding for new local plan would be available at the end of February ahead of early March for consultation with adoption examination expected late Nov 2025 – Jan 2026.
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## 5. AOB

- AD said a team of Architects had been in touch to enter the Heidelberg Materials UK Quarry Life Award with a view to design what the quarry could look like in the future. He said there is already an approved restoration plan, but this is more of a concept exercise where they want to ask what local children would like to see. The final report must be in by Sept 2025.
- TM asked the group if they were happy to keep the meetings quarterly or reduce the number of meetings now there is not much to update people on.
- KS said it would be better to keep the dates as they are and as we near each meeting if there are no updates, then we can cancel and move to the next date. Everyone agreed this would be ok.
- KS said he had some residents asking if they could come to the liaison meetings just to observe. He said just one or two.
- JB said he would be happy to host a couple of residents to observe the meetings.

## Contact details.

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### **Summary of Actions**

1. AD to liaise with Tytherington parish council re replacement trees and wildflowers on motorway slopes.
2. JB to provide update on speed reduction on Tytherington Road.
3. JB to provide comparison of energy usage between Tytherington Quarry and another quarry that uses contract crush in its daily operations.
4. JB to instigate haulier site inductions at Tytherington, in line with other HMUK quarries.
5. JB to speak with crusher operator to ensure they are still using dust suppression when crushing.
6. SS to make contact with Network Rail's communications team re forthcoming closures.
7. AD to make contract with [streetworks@southglos.co.uk](mailto:streetworks@southglos.co.uk) who may be able to expedite road closure delays.

### **Proposed dates for next 4 meetings**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 17:30  
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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 17:30  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 17:30

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