

**Tytherington Quarry  
Community Liaison Group Meeting  
22nd January 2026  
Meeting Room at Tytherington Quarry**

**DRAFT 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
Keith Spooner (KS)	Resident
Esther Hardy (EH)UK, Tytherington Quarry Unit Manager	
Michelle Beasley (MB)	HM UK, Secretariat
Andy Duncan (AD)	HM UK, Principal Landscape Manager
Trystan Mabbitt (TM)	HM UK, Consenting & Development Manager, Strategic Projects
Samantha Stagg (SJS)	James Reed Public Relations (HM UK PR agency)

**APOLOGIES AND MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Lindsay Saunders (LS)	SGC PROW Officer
Simon Ford (SF)	South Gloucestershire Council Planning and Minerals Dept
Neil Higgs (NH)	South Gloucestershire Council (EHO)
Keiron Smith (KS)	EHO, South Glos Council
Paul Chapman (PC)	Iron Acton Parish Council
Chris Bloor (CB)	Thornbury Town Council
Nicholas Upperdine (NU)	HM UK, South Central Area Operations Manager

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

1. **Welcome and introduction** – Chair Cllr Jon Lean (JL)
  - Welcome and introductions.
  - Review of minutes from the last meeting.
  - Matters arising from last minutes.
  
2. **Tytherington operations** – Esther Hardy (EH) Unit Manager Tytherington Quarry.
  - Operations and logistics including blasting.
  - Feedback received.
  - Rail update.
  - Community update.
  - Residents' day update.
  
3. **Environmental, landscape and biodiversity update** – Andy Duncan (AD)
  
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. *KS to chase residents for response to defib training. Training now delivered.*
  2. *SS to check with AD re trees and liaise with HJ's office. Update in minutes.*
  3. *TM to provide initial dust monitoring data from the Slad and the new data at next meeting. Update in minutes.*
  4. *SS to speak with AD about laying Bullaces instead of Hawthorn. Species informed by conditions of dormouse licence.*
  5. *TM to look at adopting Jubilee Way as a project for "Limestone Walk Pathway". Will look at in the long-term plan.*
  6. *HJ to let EH know the size of the boulders required for the green by the shop. HJ to confirm size and amount of boulders required.*

### 2. Tytherington operations

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

- EH shared production volume figures for the year so far and set out that 59% of the material dispatched was being transported by rail.
- EH said we are currently finishing excavation on level 4 and working operationally on levels 5 & 6. She said a sink hole had been put into level 7 and there is work being carried out throughout the quarry to widen the benches.
- EH advised the group that preparation works were due to commence in the approved 6Mt area with vegetations works starting in Q1/Q2.
- EH said a vacancy for an Assistant Quarry Manager had just opened.

#### **Quarry Blasting**

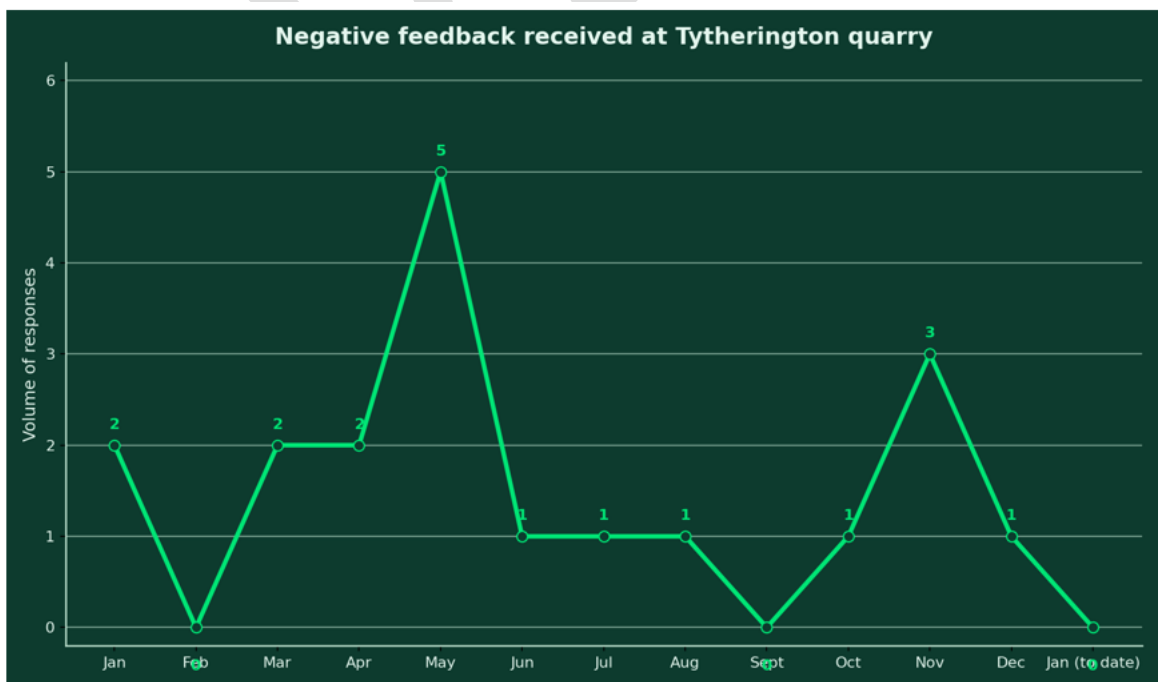
- EH advised of currently blasting on levels 0-7, having completed 63 blasts in 2025 and 3 so far in 2026, and all the data from the vibrograph showed the blasting operations to be well in line with the sites planning permission.
- EH said the plan was to blast 1-2 times a week currently, depending on development.

- EH said the blasting results showing PPV (Peak Particle Velocity) and AOP (Air Overpressure) averages have been stable over a rolling 12-month period.

The Slad	West Street
Highest: 5.5 mm/s	Highest: 5.05 mm/s
Lowest: 0.5 mm/s	Lowest: 0.4 mm/s
Average: 1.95 mm/s	Average: 2.79 mm/s
AOP	AOP
Highest: 156 dB	Highest: 122 dB
Lowest: 103dB	Lowest: 103 dB
Average: 117 dB	Average: 110 dB

Feedback received.

- EH said between 23 October 2025 and 21<sup>st</sup> January, she had received 4 complaints regarding operations. One HGV/traffic complaint, 2 for blasting (of which one had no information, just the title on the email) and one for dust.



## Rail update

- EH said on average they were receiving 19 trains per week (24 wagons per train), with day trains continuing.
- EH said there were no dates planned for NWR branch shutdown works at present with just ongoing rail condition maintenance and inspection works. Any updates will be communicated, and we'll continue to liaise with Network Rail.

## Community update

- EH said Red Cross Defib training had been carried out for Slad residents.
- EH advised the group that donations requests had continued to come in, with a Christmas raffle prize being donated to Tytherington Preschool, donation of trees to Tytherington Parish Council was in progress, and a supply of materials to St. Helens primary school in Alveston for their sensory garden walkway had been agreed.
- AD said regarding the donation of trees to Tytherington Parish council, he would make contact to discuss the possibility of planting half a dozen ordinary trees as well as shrubs on the wider banks and would also like the quarry staff to use their volunteering days for planting.



- EH asked if anyone wanted to request a donation, there is a Tytherington Quarry communities page where any request for materials, financial and volunteering donations can be made. Link below.  
[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)

## Dust Monitoring

- EH said a six-monthly study for dust monitoring commenced in July 2025 which aims to identify if Tytherington quarry are contributing to dust deposition at a local concerned resident's location.
- EH went on to say, the study had only just concluded and once the full report has been completed, we'll invite them to the liaison meeting to explain the detail, but in the meantime here's an overview until the conclusion is finalised.
  - *PM10 concentrations measured over the survey were low and are not suggestive of a risk to human health.*
  - *Our survey found that monitored PM10 concentrations were higher at the Quarry Boundary than at the Concerned Residence although the highest PM10 concentrations frequently coincided with easterly winds.*
  - *This indicates the presence of a dust source due east of both sample locations. More analysis will be required to investigate this trend. Directional analysis suggests that quarry activities may be linked to slight increases in PM10 concentrations observed at each monitoring location, however this contribution appears to be minor when compared to the potential dust source due east.*
- These findings remain provisional, and a full update will follow with further analysis.



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

- AD advised the hedge laying was going well, and although the palisade fencing could still be seen, the hedge would be grown soon and be a lovely habitat for birds.



- AD said there was a lot of work to be done on the soil store and due to finding a dormouse nest, we have had to obtain a dormouse licence, which has been a long process. This involved employing contractors to finger through the area looking for dormice, in case one lived there. He said dormice hibernate in the bottom of hedges, so we're permitted to lop the tops off, and when the dormice wake up in April they will move on, we will then be able to start the work at the bottom. He went on to say the dormice licence had been granted.
- JL asked if boxes were required for monitoring of dormice.
- AD said yes, we have installed 30 dormouse boxes which have to be monitored for 10 years.
- KS asked who he should report fly tipping to, if it's on Heidelberg Materials land.
- EH said he could report it to her, and she would come and meet with KS so he could indicate the location. She would then ensure the issue was addressed and resolved.

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

- TM advised SGC granted planning approval for the 6Mt extension in April 2025 (area 1 on the map) and were now liaising with them on the details, known as discharge of conditions.
- TM confirmed the company was continuing to liaise with SGC on the development of its Local Plan (expected to be finalised late 2026) and are carrying out initial onsite surveys to support these discussions. He said future extension proposals will be subject to a planning application which will be supported by an

Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) of which the process will also include pre-application consultation on SGC's own public consultation.



- TM said the timing for future extension proposals would be subject to SGC's local plan being approved.
- JL said a draft of Regulation 19 has been submitted and a web page has been set up to add all the information. He said he had not had a date as yet but SGC hoped to have the Local Plan signed off by the end of the year.
- TM said it was a long process where everything will be considered, the mineral plan, housing etc.
- JL said the planning inspector will have a lot of questions to ask to help consider the plan.
- TM said the company had carried out a number of surveys over the last 2-3 years on ecology to see what mineral is there.

#### 5. **AOB**

- TM asked the group is they would like to change the frequency of future meetings.
- All agreed to cancel 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 meeting, but keep the July 2026 meeting in place.

#### **Contact details.**

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Tytherington Community Web page is [www.communities.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/en/sites/tytherington-quarry](http://www.communities.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/en/sites/tytherington-quarry)

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### **Summary of Actions**

1. HJ to advise EH the size and quantity of boulders required for the donation.
2. AD to contact Tytherington Parish Council to discuss the possibility of trees as well as shrubs being planted on the wider banks.
3. KS to advise EH of areas with fly tipping issues.

### **Proposed dates for next meeting**

Thursday 30 July 2026 17:30

Thursday 22 October 2026 17:30

[ENDS]

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