

Padeswood Liaison Committee meeting minutes

Subject: Liaison Committee meeting
 Date: 01 June 2026, 18:00
 Location: Board room, Padeswood cement works
 Minutes taken by: Rachael Humphreys

Participants

Joseph Caruana (JC)	Chairman – Leeswood Cllr	Les Hewitt (LH)	NFU
David Quick (DQ)	Plant Manager – Heidelberg Materials	James Suter (JS)	FCC Planning Officer
Stewart Mitchell (SM)	Environment Manager – Heidelberg Materials	Carolyn Preece (CP)	Buckley Town Cllr
Rachael Humphreys (RHu)	Sustainability Analyst - Heidelberg Materials	June Plevin-Kelly (JPK)	Penyffordd Bowling Club
Jeff Priddin (JP)	Penyffordd CC		
Roy Wakelam (RW)	Penyffordd Cllr		

Apologies

Neil Shellard – FCC Pollution Control Officer
 Rebecca Harwood – Natural Resources Wales
 Howard White – Ramblers

Distribution – those present or absent

Richard Jones	Buckley Town Council
Dave L Jones	FCC Environmental Health
Andrew Jones	Public Health Wales
Karen Brown	Clerk to Buckley Town Council
Clerk to Penyffordd Community Council	
Clerk to Leeswood Community Council	
Clerk to Hope Community Council	
Dr Graham Brown	Public Health Wales

	Agenda 1) Apologies and introductions 2) Minutes of last meeting 3) Any matter arising 4) Padeswood works update 5) Natural Resources Wales update 6) Flintshire County Council (FCC) planning update 7) Carbon capture project update 8) Path maintenance 9) Any other correspondence 10) Any other business
2	Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the last meeting were noted. No amendments were recorded during the meeting.
3	Matters arising No matters arising were reported.
4	Padeswood works update DQ presented a works update, including: • Current plant operations • Summary of community contacts • Overview of air quality monitoring at Penyffordd bowling club • Community donations since the previous meeting Operations • Clinker production has resumed since mid-May • A significant improvement project is underway on one of the gantry cranes. This has required removal of a section of the roof on our raw material storage building. To minimise any potential impact on residents, an internal wall has been built inside the building so that operations can continue and dust can be contained during the crane works. DQ asked the committee if they required any more information on the cement operations; no questions were raised. Community contacts A number of community contacts were discussed: A dust complaint was received from the Dobshell area on 02 May, following a period of dry weather and subsequent rainfall. The dust was described as orange in colour and there was some suggestion locally that this may be related to wider atmospheric conditions. RHu reported that the complainant was contacted by email to request further information and arrange a vehicle inspection, but no response was received.

	Complaints were received from cottages across from the works regarding: • Vehicles parking in the bus stop; and • Dust on the road associated with vehicles leaving site. JS noted that the resident had also contacted FCC about this matter. • SM showed JS a best practice guide that had been produced and distributed to hauliers; JS requested a copy of the document. • The Committee was shown images of current dust suppression measures in place for the project. • DQ explained that some CCS project vehicles had been diverted along the main site road, and road spraying has been increased using tractor and bowser. CP suggested that site drainage and gullies should be checked, as there had been a recent instance of local flooding believed to be linked to material from delivery vehicles entering the drains. Air quality monitoring • Rhu reported that the air quality monitor at Penyffordd bowling club had been removed for servicing and repair due to electrical issues. • The monitor is due to be re-installed during June. Community donations and support • RW requested a donation of hi-visibility vests for a community group in Penyffordd; DQ agreed these could be supplied. • DQ expressed interest in supporting improvement works at Penyffordd Community Gardens. • DQ is considering financial support for a local secondary school to enable a STEM-focused educational visit to Oxford University. • CP advised that Buckley Warm Hub would be seeking support later in the year.
5	Natural Resources Wales (NRW) update NRW update since last meeting 02 March 2026. Complaints received by NRW: • Seven noise complaints • One dust complaint, linked to vehicle movements related to the CCS project • Year-to-date for 2026 : 15 noise complaints, 2 carbon capture related Regulatory visits No inspections have been undertaken since the last meeting, due to an extended shutdown. Emissions No emissions exceedances have been reported.

6	Flintshire County Council (FCC) planning update • The Council received an application seeking a decision on whether prior approval is required for the demolition of some disused silos on the site. This is to be determined shortly. JS has visited the site to confirm that no demolition has commenced ahead of any decision. • The Council has permitted a non-material amendment to the CCS planning decision to allow installation of a bat house, following ecological surveys that identified a bat population which would have been impacted by demolition works.
7	Carbon capture project update The carbon capture project update was presented following agenda item 10. SM presented an update on the CCS project. Site access and construction works: • Access to the CCS site is now fully fenced and secured. • Ground clearance works are progressing; material is being stockpiled for use in reinstating the site once construction is complete. • Piling operations have commenced: 100 piles installed to date out of a planned total of 1,500. Two drill rigs are being used for the piling works; however, this will be increased to four rigs to ensure the project remains on schedule. Vehicle movements: • An increase in concrete deliveries is expected once all four rigs are operating. • DQ noted that the site had already seen an increase in vehicles due to the CCS works and everything had been well-managed so far. • RW commented that he hadn't noticed increased wagon movements through the village despite the volumes of material cited in the presentation as being delivered/ removed. • SM confirmed that haulage routes were being monitored and drivers are instructed to avoid the road past the Penymynydd school. Project scope and facilities: • JS asked about the purpose of the piling works; SM confirmed they are to support a retaining wall around the new plant. • CP asked whether canteen and welfare facilities form part of the project; SM confirmed they do. • SM stated that the demolition of Padeswood Hall is expected to take place in approximately three months. Pipeline discussion: The committee discussed the separate pipeline project: • RW asked whether representatives from the pipeline company would attend Liaison meetings. SM and DQ stated that the CCS project at Padeswood is not responsible for construction of the pipeline. • JC suggested that a pipeline representative could attend a meeting to provide information for local residents.

	• CP noted that the pipeline falls outside the Terms of Reference (ToR) of this Liaison Committee. • RW referred to public activity in the Wirral area, where residents are seeking legal action regarding the pipeline, and noted a letter has been circulated locally. • RW asked whether pipeline-related questions could be directed to the site. DQ advised that this would not be possible, as the site is not involved in the construction of the pipeline. • RW asked if the site had any contact details for the pipeline company. JS offered to look into this, given his involvement with the pipeline planning application. SM asked whether the content of his presentation satisfied the Committee's expectations. The Committee was satisfied with the level of information provided. JS suggested including an additional section on schedule adherence in future updates; SM agreed to add this.
8	Path maintenance No issues regarding path maintenance were reported.
9	Any other correspondence No additional correspondence was noted for discussion.
10	Any other business DQ asked for the Committee's views on proposed changes to the existing Terms of Reference document. Copies were provided to members, with suggested amendments highlighted in red. DQ noted that earlier discussions had considered adapting the current ToR to incorporate the Carbon Capture Liaison Committee into the existing arrangements. • A letter of invitation to join the CCS Liaison meeting has been sent to local councils; however, no expressions of interest have been received to date. • DQ asked JC, as Chair, whether a formal vote was required to agree the revised ToR; JC confirmed that it was. A proposal to adopt the revised Terms of Reference was put to the Committee: • Proposer: DQ • Seconder: RW The proposal was carried unanimously.

Meeting close and next meeting

Time of close: 18:43

The date of the next meeting was not agreed during the session, but is proposed as 21 September 2026, 18:00.



Padeswood works liaison committee meeting

01.06.2026



Agenda

1. **Cement works update**
2. **Community contacts**
3. **Particulate monitor - bowling club**
4. **Community support**
5. **Communication**
6. **Carbon capture and storage project update**



Cement works update

Operational update:

Kiln Line back in operation 15/05/26

Great start up given the duration of the outage

Very diligent commissioning program

Kiln performance has been good

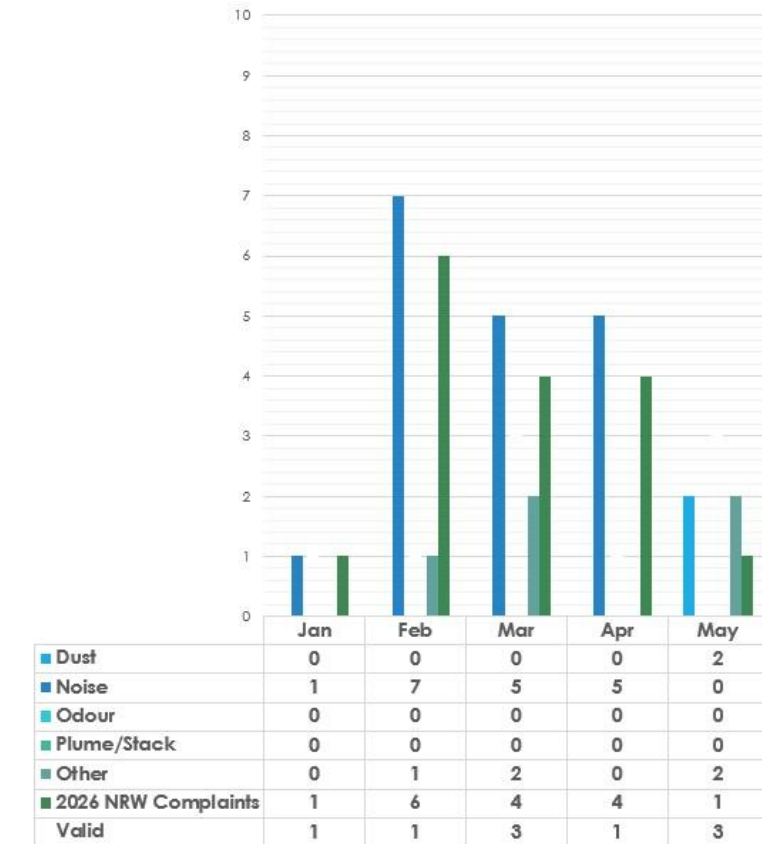
Will run until clinker dome is full

Enabling works have progressed for repairs to one of our gantry cranes.

Internal wall has been built to allow for the roof to be taken off east end of the bay with no adverse environmental impact



Community contacts 2026



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Summary of complaints

Noise complaints – Chester Road, Penyffordd

Eight complaints were received from a resident regarding a continuous droning noise.

- The kiln was not in operation at the time of any of these complaints.
- Site investigations identified no link between site operations and the reported noise.
- No droning noise was detected at the location during monitoring.
- No further complaints have been received since 21 April.

Complaints – Padeswood Drive

Three complaints were received from a resident:

- Noise associated with limestone deliveries.
- Concerns regarding the speed of limestone delivery wagons entering and exiting the site.
- Nuisance noise caused by line painting at the site entrance early on a Sunday morning.

Dust complaint – Dobshill Area

One dust-related complaint was received via email concerning dust observed on a vehicle.

- A response was issued requesting further information, including a suitable time to inspect the vehicle and details of when it was last cleaned; however, no reply was received.
- There is no evidence to suggest the dust was linked to site operations. There were no reported site incidents, and emissions remained within permitted limits.
- It is noted that the weather conditions during that period were warm and dry, with no rainfall until Sunday 2 May (the date of the complaint).

Traffic, parking, and dust (Cottages opposite the works)

Four complaints were received from residents in the cottages opposite the site. These related to:

- Wagons parking in the lay-by (bus stop).
- Dust present on the roads around the site entrance and adjoining lay -by.



Dust management measures



Construction Site Wheel Wash in Operation



Mobile Mist Spray Cannon in Operation (Dampening Down Stockpile)

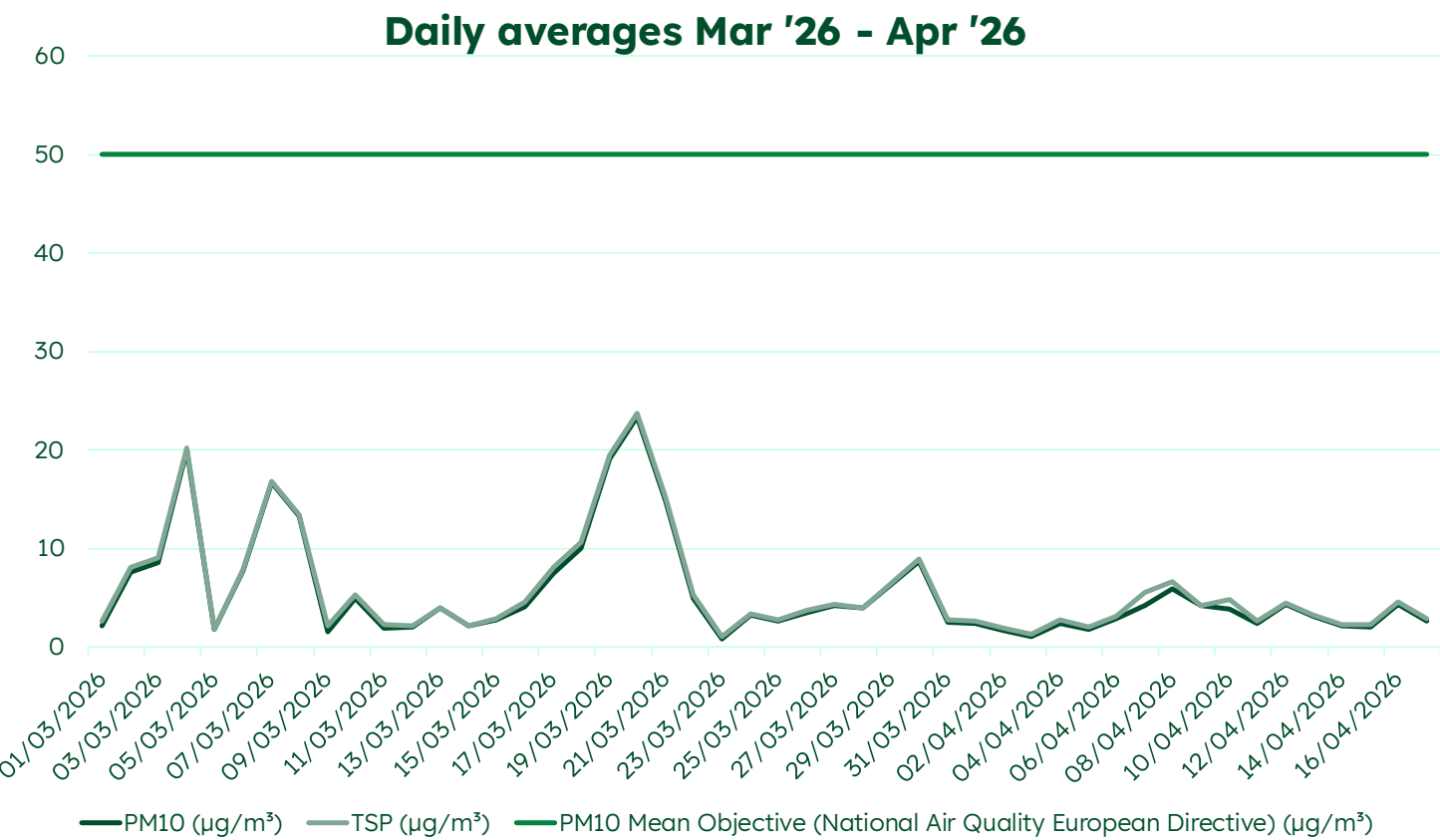


Water Bowser in Operations



Plant Road Sweeper / Water Dust Suppression In Operation

Particulate monitor – bowling club



Air quality monitor is currently away for service and calibration following issues with power supply.

Should be back in service by mid-June.



Community support

**FCC Charity Dinner for Giddos Gift and
The Counselling Hub: £475**



Communication

Useful websites and contact information

Padeswood cement works

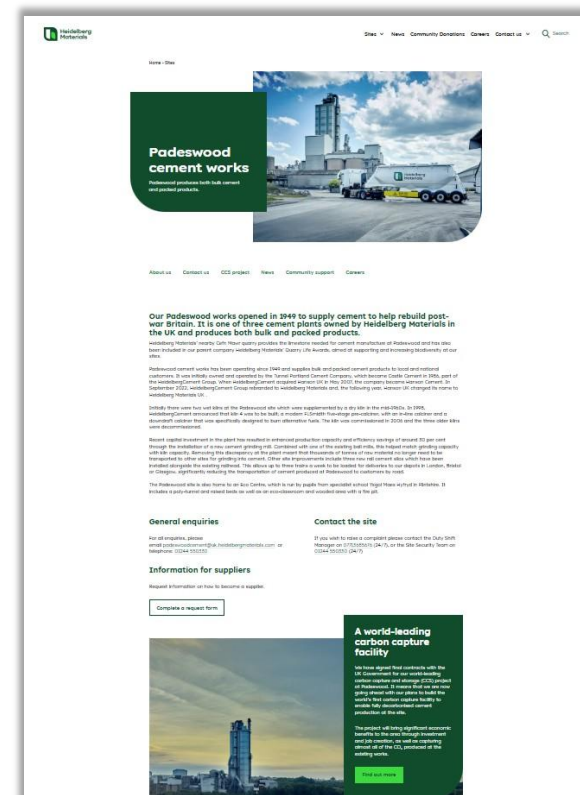
Webpage: heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/padeswood

Email: padeswoodcement@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com

Padeswood CCS project

Website: padeswoodccs.co.uk

Email: padeswoodccs@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com



Communication

Community matters newsletter

- 8-page newsletter distributed to around 20,000 households locally.
- Providing up-to-date information on the cement works and CCS project
- It also includes information on our work in the community.



Carbon capture and storage project update

Recently completed work

- Security fencing installed
- Diversion of overhead powerlines and cable.
- 25k tonnes of topsoil stripped and stockpiled for re-use on site.
- 60k tonnes of aggregates laid to establish working areas
- 100 concrete piles completed so far
- 8k tonnes of spoil removed to date
- The average daily on-site workforce, currently around 75 people, is expected to rise to approximately 150 by year end.



Carbon capture and storage project update



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Carbon capture and storage project update

Our plan for the next 6 to 8 weeks

- Increase the pilings rigs from 2 to 4.
- Soil strip the main carbon capture plant area.
- Start cut and fill work.
- Install drainage, ducting and surface water management systems.
- Provide a temporary car park to allow the new area to be extended.
- Demolition works around Padeswood Hall.



Thank You.

