



ENVIRECOVER COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP (CLG)

Minutes of fourth meeting, held at the HZI site office.

Tuesday 24th March 2015 at 17.00 hrs.

Attendees

Caroline Macdonald (CM), OggaDoon PR
John Jordan (JJ) – Clerk to Ombersley and Doverdale Parish Council
Laureen Moyes (LM) – Chair of Ombersley and Doverdale Parish Council
Peter Holden (PH) – Chair of Hartlebury Parish Council and CLG Chair
Andrew Bendall (AB) – Site Manager for Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI)
Richard Woodward (RWw) – Waste Services Manager, Worcestershire County Council
Mark Bishop (MB) – Planning Development Control Manager, Worcestershire County Council
Ian Barber (IB) – Marketing Director, Severn Waste Services
Maurice Broomfield (MBr) – Ward Member, Worcestershire County Council
Steve Aldridge (SA) – Planning officer, Worcestershire County Council
Sarah Dennis (SD) – Environment Agency
Rob Brasher (RB) – Associate Director, Jones Lang LaSalle (agent for Hartlebury Trading Estate)
Cllr Nigel Dowty (ND) – Local Member, Wychavon District Council
Louise Brooks (LB) – Councillor at Hartlebury Parish Council

Apologies

Javier Nicolas (JN) – Mercia Waste Management

Invited but no response

Chair and Clerk of Elmley Lovett Parish Council
Phil Merrick (PM) – Head of Community Services, Wychavon District Council
Toni Forde (TF) – Worcester Regulatory Services (WRS)
Richard Williams (RW) – Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS)
Mark Lane (ML) – Planning enforcement and monitoring, Worcestershire County Council

1. Welcome and Introductions

No need.

2. Actions from last meeting

PH: HZI were to respond with water discharge figures.

AB: Regarding the discharge limit query, I have checked and we don't have or technically need one. The guidance for the design for permanent drainage is three litres per second of ground water. We've monitored the amount we are discharging according to the temporary licence which is one litre per second that is significantly

lower than the permanent drainage design will be. We will monitor from time to time – we have no technical limit but it is good practice to monitor.

PH: Is this within the EA permit?

SD: No, we use a position statement for water discharge at the moment; the Environmental Permit will need a variation to incorporate permanent discharge. We've advised the developers to do monitoring now to get an idea on quality of discharge for the permit.

IB: We've previously talked about it and it is our view that the contributed ground water to overall water management is very small.

PH: What does the ground water get discharged into?

AB: It goes into the permanent drainage.

PH: Why does it need to be a variation?

SD: It is not currently included in the Permit so will need to be changed. We can only use the position statement for a short time.

PH: Is there going to be a process at some point for accumulation of other Permit issues?

SD: Not really, this variation will be done before the 2017 commissioning.

LB: Are the drainage requirements due to clay conditions?

IB: We need to do it because it's in the Mercia Mudstone and we can't use soakaways.

SD: There is rainwater harvesting for roof collection of precipitation.

LB: So is the draining due to clay nature of the soil?

AB: No, we have to do it because it is a building not because of the clay. We record the readings (of the ground water) when we take them.

ACTION: AB to provide them to CM for CLG distribution.

JJ: Have there been any enquiries about the vehicle movement around Holt Fleet Bridge?

IB: We did have one from the open day which is resolved. I can provide the information to you.

ACTION: IB to provide information to JJ

Update – Ib provided the information later in the meeting – issue closed.

PH: RWi had an action outstanding about provision of air quality data.

CM: RWi has provided some information to me, however I need clarity from RWi if what was in response to the separate conversations being had between WRS and HPC or from the CLG request.

ACTION: CM to chase for clarity and then issue.

Update – RWi has confirmed that the provision of the air quality data will be communicated directly from WRS to HPC and not via the CLG.

2. Update from Mercia/HZI (using a still from the second time lapse camera)

See appended bullet points; notes below are Q&A only.

LB: How high is the crane?

AB: About 50 m to top of the jib, about 43 m from ground level.

PH: To confirm it is 20 days for slip forming?

AB: Yes starting 13th April – we will start early and aim to finish early.

PH: Current reinforcing is the same end time as slip forming?

AB: Yes, this is needed in order to have a structured mechanical process.

PH: Is the slip form up to current top of crane height?

AB: Yes, not quite to top of building.

AB: One thing we need to be careful of are extreme sports guys as tower cranes are a target for climbers with no harnesses. The crane to go in (not current ones) will be one of the largest in the UK so we are starting to monitor internet forums to see what the activity is in terms of climbing hotspots. We believe we will get targeted so we are building a plywood structure to try and limit access to it when not on site. The 24-hour working helps to keep the environment secure.

LB: We had comment (from the community) about it being lit at night with locals not being happy about it – there was no warning and it is quite high.

PH: My understanding is that the 24 hour working period is for slip forming only; the feedback locally are concerns if this is rolled into being long standing or a permanent arrangement.

AB: The reason to go for it now, essentially, are the guys driving production to meet the targets that have been set. We are now working a 7.00 am – 7.00 pm day shift which means the maintenance activities to ensure production keeps going were from 4.00 pm - 2.00 am. They are now from 7.00 pm until longer. From past 2.00 am there are 4-5 people in selective areas maintaining those parts that need extra time. This leads into 24-hour working for slip forming. After that (mechanical erection) I'm not sure what we do. There are currently no concrete plans to do 24-hour working afterwards. To keep 24-hour working would speed up construction – bringing it in on time and, potentially, early.

LB: 24-hour working is not preferred by the community, due to amphitheatre effect which spreads the noise at times. Also planning permission didn't give 24-hour conditions which suggests that the original permission wasn't robust.

AB: Can't comment on a lot of that however WRS are monitoring and they believe these are acceptable. We've going through a detailed process with WRS to ensure it is acceptable.

LB: Residents don't have confidence in WCC; also went to Council finance meeting, which mentioned material changes to the planning consent.

PH: Let's stick to AB's bit for now and come back to 24-hour working. Slip forming has to run for 24 hours, thereafter, it doesn't have to run and nighttime activities are for maintenance as you are working longer in the day.

AB: Yes, that's why we are working a late shift. It's how you use the time effectively so that you can to build the structure to budget time and quality.

PH: You understand the tensions between doing it like that and the local people. So if people are hearing things etc. should get in contact. So the activities in the deep of the night are not noisy and if they are, the local folk will pick this up.

AB: Yes, for example we don't bolt steel on steel. We do risk assessments every night to ensure activities that can cause nuisance aren't going to happen.

PH: Once slip forming is complete, is the plan is to revert back?

AB: We haven't planned for after slip forming to work 24-hours but we plan as we go. Depending on where we are, the road works, weather etc. I'll expect we maintain working in those hours. We want to maintain delivery, safety and quality.

4. Feedback from Mercia

IB: The concrete lorry movement identified on Walton lane is not coming from us. We've had nothing in relation to complaints about the site. Severn Trent are putting water mains in and the work is just completed. They were late and the work of sub-contractors has caused some inconvenience to one or two tenants on the estate. We are 2-3 stages removed from that as it is with Severn Trent and their contractors. However the work is done. We have a meeting on Friday with Western Power Distribution (WPD) at which I will stress the need to ensure their work is carried out to Hartlebury Trading Estate's satisfaction and minimal disruption to tenants.

RB: We are liaising closely with affected tenants. Consultants for Severn Trent have said if any tenant lost income over their works, they are happy to deal with any claims. Apart from that, there has been very little issue.

IB: Mercia/Severn Waste are not involved with any commercial issues or claims.

PH: Rylands Lane section seems to be dubious quality in terms of finish.

RB: We will look carefully at works done on Oak Drive.

LB: What about the grid connection with WPD?

IB: I'm not sure – the slab is available from July time (AB concurred). When, how long etc. is to be asked.

LB: Perhaps you should've asked before?

IB: Where it is coming from is not an issue but exactly how and when it gets here is what I'm getting clarity on.

LB: Severn Trent are in part of the original planning.

SA: Severn Trent are allowed to work under Permitted Development rights.

LB: So it doesn't require WCC planning?

SA: That's correct.

PH: Their stipulation for additional supply.

IB: The size of the supply was dictated by the needs to meet the fire protection requirements.

LB: With our landfill issues and gas migration, there should be a fire and gas migration – it's a big problem.

SA: Monitoring is all part of the conditions and planning has fire requirements – we are happy with that.

6. CLG – Traffic

PH: There were concerns about traffic issues in the village - IB you've reported on this about the roads that they've not been on, are there any others?

AB: Just the one, about the increased amount of concrete waggons on Walton Road. That day we had one delivery so it couldn't be ours. There has also been a comment about the splashing of a vehicle.

IB: We've compared the construction traffic with expected movements from plant operation. We have discussed and provided information from the traffic assessment to put into context in relation to the construction phase. When operational (Environment Statement is available) with delivery traffic, bottom ash traffic, lime into site – transport movements are 120 HGV in, 120 HGV out. For comparison, during the main excavation (the most active part of construction), there was 110 in a day. We've not received any feedback about this traffic movements and in the context of A449, folk may not notice this. Going forward, we feel we have seen the worst in terms of HGVs. There is up to around 400 people at the peak of the construction during a short period March-August 2016. We will respond to queries and concerns.

JJ: We had concerns over myths being built up over routes through Ombersley. We needed to make sure that the traffic that should be on A449 should stay on it.

LM: Our main concern was about traffic around the bridge.

PH: We are talking more about operation than construction as they are not using that route.

IB: Yes. We've stipulated our preferred route is A449.

SA: The operational traffic condition A controls a travel plan in relation to that.

PH: There isn't a lot of comment coming forward from this forum.

SA: The travel plan for operation is to be submitted.

PH: That will be a discussion between WCC and Mercia next year.

SA: Yes and the County Highways Authority.

PH: Regarding the traffic emissions monitoring, we will pick this up with WRS in our meeting.

JJ: Our concern was raised at time of CLG inception and the traffic issue hasn't been one that has been voiced since giving reassurances.

7. Dates for next meeting

23rd June 2015 with site visit – need to know attendees two days before to notify those attending for PPE

JJ: There is all likelihood of personnel change of local representation due to election on 7th – not numbers.

PH: There is likely to be change on both councils. I finish my term as council chair on 7th May and am unlikely to be the chair of the CLG. The community will nominate person for CLG to be happy with.

8. AOB

None.

Meeting closed.