

**LANGFORD QUARRY
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
15TH MARCH 2017**

ATTENDEES

Cllr M Dobson – Nottinghamshire County Council
Mr M Hankin – Planning Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council
Mr T Deal – Estates Manager, Tarmac
Ms E Holden – Graduate Estate Surveyor, Tarmac
Cllr C Allen – Collingham Parish Council
Mr K Mawby – Quarry Manager, Tarmac
Mr J Harris – RSPB, Langford Reserve
Mr W Jackson – Collingham Resident
Mr T Ayres - Sustrans
Cllr M Davis – Collingham Parish Council

APOLOGIES

Mr D Coote – Production Manager, Tarmac

1. Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 Mr Ayres asked about Sustrans as an agenda item, Mr Deal apologised and assured it will be added for next time. The route was presented at the meeting in March; the route will include the Tarmac quarries Girton, Besthorpe and Langford.

3. Company Update Report – Corporate Changes

- 3.1 Mr Deal explained that the area boundary changes and Area Managing Director appointments reported previously took place in May. There has been no major reorganisation from this. Cllr Dobson trusted that the new Area Director was aware of the good work being done at Langford by all parties.

4. Quarry Update – Main Quarry Operations Report

- 4.1 Mr Mawby reported that sales have been quieter which has resulted in stocks building up, he has asked management to look into increasing sales to match production. Cllr Dobson is concerned over the height of the stock piles, Mr Deal explained that currently Sand Martins are nesting in them and so they cannot be pushed over until they have left. There was some discussion on the reasoning for the slow sales however it is felt by Tarmac that it is a short term dip and not indicative of a long term trend.

5. Quarry Update – Southern Extension Operations Report

- 5.1 Mr Mawby explained they are currently halfway through the reserves in the Southern Extension. Soils and overburden have been back filled into the ongoing restoration works in the Phase 3 area north of the Slough Dyke. The reed bed creation and wetland restoration were shown during the site visit. The sluice and pipes still need to be installed. Work will be finished in Phase 3 by the end of October.

6. Update on South and West extension planning application

- 6.1 Mr Deal reported that the application was submitted in September 2016 and Mr Hankin has sent out consultation queries. Mr Hankin confirmed Nottingham County Council are looking for greater detail on the final archaeology, flood risk, noise and dust, and ecology assessments. Mr Deal has drafted a response and is waiting for the archaeology results in order to submit everything formally to Mr Hankin. Currently the geophysics are showing signs of a settlement area on part of the western extension area with a desiccated wooden post enclosure. Tarmac will be doing more trenches and are waiting for Nottingham County Council to approve the works to fully investigate the area. The importance of the finds will not be known until all of the results are analysed, a mitigation strategy can then be designed at this stage. Mr Hankin confirmed that once the response has been received from Tarmac Nottingham County Council will review before going to committee. This is looking likely to be held in January 2018.

7. Tarmac/RSPB report on Sluice Outfall to River Trent

- 7.1 Cllr Dobson reported that she has heard of no issues with lorries driving through Collingham village. Mr Mawby has had a call about extra signs for lorries, however Cllr Dobson felt that with the remaining time there would be little point putting up new signs now. Cllr Allen reported that one or two trucks had gone the wrong way but having notified Tarmac this has been corrected. Mr Mawby also confirmed that a driver has been banned.
- 7.2 Mr Mawby and Mr Harris confirmed that the sluice is currently being installed and highlight how the sluice will enable eels to populate the restored lakes.

8. RSPB Report – Nature Reserve Management

- 8.1 Mr Harris gave a report on the many ecological success stories at Langford Lowfields Reserve. The group asked for a written report to be circulated with the Liaison group.
- 8.2 Mr Mawby has provided sand to create a designated Sand Martin sand bank which will be ready towards the end of September/early October.
- 8.3 Mr Harris brought attention to the recent publicity for the Tarmac RSPB partnership through the MPA garden at Chatsworth which had a video of Langford.

9. Reports from Parishes

- 9.1 Cllr Dobson reported that the parishes have received no complaints about Tarmac.
- 9.2 Cllr Allen enquired about an open day for the RSPB managed restored areas. This will be considered and Mr Harris suggested that as a lot can be seen from the public footpaths the event may not require access through the reserve itself.

10. Report from Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning Officer

- 10.1 The current planning application was discussed in point 6.1.
- 10.2 Nottingham County Council continue with regular monitoring of the permitted operations.

11. Notts MLP Consultation - Update

- 11.1 Mr Hankin reported that the new County Council members have decided to re-do the Mineral Local Plan as there have been concerns that too many sites have been allocated. There will be an 'Issues and Options' consultation on 17th November 2017. After the consultation there will be a call for sites. The new draft plan is expected by June 2018 which will then be examined and implemented by 2019.
- 11.2 Cllr Dobson reported that she voted to abort the plan as there was a general feeling of too much sand and gravel extraction in the area and traffic issues associated with it.
- 11.3 Mr Hankin stated that production has decreased in Nottinghamshire and that the new plan would have less sites allocated.

12. Tarmac Report on Planning timescales for Future Quarry Extensions

- 12.1 Mr Deal stated that the timescales will be influenced by the Mineral Plan and is unsure of the impact it will have on the extension.
- 12.2 Tarmac will be looking to submit Besthorpe extension in Spring 2018, as part of the application Tarmac will hold an exhibition in Collingham and send out information leaflets in advance.
- 12.3 Mr Deal explained that other sites will have to be assessed as to whether they will be put forward by Tarmac for the Mineral Plan again such as Kelham and Botany Bay.

13. AOB

- 13.1 Sustrans will need to be added to the agenda in future.
- 13.2 Mr Harris highlighted that it is a good time to see salmon in the River Trent around the sluice.

14. Date of Next Meeting

- 14.1 Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 4:30pm at the RSPB Office at Langford Quarry.