



**LANGFORD QUARRY  
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**ATTENDEES**

Councillor Mrs M Dobson - Nottinghamshire County Council  
Mr T Musson - Collingham Parish Council  
Mr D Aldridge - Winthorpe , Coddington & Langford Parish  
Mr J Harris - RSPB – Langford Reserve Manager  
Mr D Coote - Tarmac – District Production Manager  
Mr K Mawby - Tarmac – Quarry Manager  
Mr T Deal - Tarmac – Estate Manager  
Ms P Richards - Holme Parish Meeting  
Mr Nigel Glynn - Sustrans  
Mr M Hankin - Nottinghamshire County Council Planning

**APOLOGIES**

Ms P Richards – Holme Parish Meeting  
Mr Bill Jackson – Collingham Parish

**1. Introductions**

- 1.1 Councillor Dobson chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves.
- 1.3 Minutes of meeting to be taken by Mr Deal.

**2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

- 2.1 There were no matters arising from the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**3. Corporate Update**

- 3.1 Mr Deal confirmed that following the sale of Lafarge Tarmac to the Irish based company, CRH (Cement & Roadstone Holdings) on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 the company is continuing running on a similar day to day business. Livery changes are now largely complete and employees at local level have remained largely unaffected.
- 3.2 Mr Deal explained there is still a lot of data gathering required for the new owners and internal auditing.
- 3.3 Mr Deal also confirmed that as CRH are quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, Tarmac are now required to meet strict corporate governance standards (so called “Sarbanes Oxley”, established following financial crash of Enron in the USA). Many parts of the business are going through process mapping exercises on financial activities to ensure there is strong control on corporate governance. This will be an ongoing process leading to full external audit later in 2016.
- 3.4 There is much stronger control on budget expenditure, on capital investment and day to day running costs. This has had an immediate impact on the proposed expenditure in 2016 on the Sluice outfall, which is now postponed until 2017 (see section 7).

#### **4. Operations Report**

- 4.1 Mr Coote reported that production and sales in 2015 was around 440,000 tonnes with 2016 expected to be about 480,000tonnes.
- 4.2 Extraction was completed on the Trinity reserve area around the plant site in November 2015 and working had then moved into Tarmac freehold area south of the plant working towards the Slough Dyke bridge. The reserve recovery has been a little better than expected. Extraction was now anticipated to start in the southern extension Hallam land in July/ Aug 2016.
- 4.3 The main processing plant has had some refurbishment work done (eg grading bins and washer barrel). A large lifting crane was brought in, supplied by local firm Hutchinsons Engineering for that work.
- 4.4 Restoration has continued in phase 3 area west of the plant site with about 40% complete. Work will continue in 2016 in July time to avoid bird disturbance.
- 4.5 Fencing and hedge planting alongside the Sustrans route now largely completed.
- 4.6 Cllr Dobson asked if there was a risk of dust blow. Mr Coote advised that as the surface archaeology work had all been completed in 2015 the fine sand on top of the deposit has been removed. However, vigilance will be maintained and should action be necessary to dampen down or apply crusting agent to the surface in extreme weather conditions this will be done to prevent and minimise dust blow.
- 4.7 HGV traffic control - Cllr Dobson advised that she was not aware of any complaints reported from the parishes since the last meeting. Mr Coote was pleased with that but reaffirmed that the company still want information as soon as possible on details of any hgv's travelling through the villages or speeding on the A1133 through Langford.

#### **5. Southern Extension area Operations Report**

- 5.1 Mr Coote confirmed that all operations carried out in 2015, to install bridge, divert footpath, strip soils and overburden, had all gone generally well.
- 5.2 The archaeological recording of the former river channel courses had been sampled and recorded by the archaeological contractors. There is no habitation evidence.
- 5.3 Additional soil stripping will be carried out from late July 2016 onwards. Materials will be brought over the bailey bridge for use in restoration of phase 3 in the main quarry.
- 5.4 The advanced tree planting belt (Block 2) has been planted on the western edge of the southern permission area in accordance with the S106 Planning Agreement.
- 5.5 Extraction was now anticipated to start in the southern extension Hallam land in July/ Aug 2016.

#### **6. RSPB Report**

- 6.1 Joe Harris reported that the RSPB management of the nature reserve is going well. A new 5 year management plan is in place.
- 6.2 Water levels are nice and high, which prevents predators from accessing shallows and islands.
- 6.3 Species – Great Crested Grebes are nesting. A survey has been conducted for Water Rale indicating 16 pairs. Hopper Swans also on site and Sand Martins are starting to reappear. The diversity of species is generally very good.
- 6.4 Fox Covert Fencing work – the woodland area has been fenced with the idea of having some limited livestock grazing to help improve ground flora. This resulted in a temporary closure of the Sustrans Route while dangerous trees were removed. Cut timber was placed in the wood area.
- 6.5 Network Rail has given a £20,000 to RSPB to offset disturbance on rail works at Beckingham Marshes. This will be used to plant reeds in the phase 3 area to enhance restoration.

- 6.6 Mr Coote advised that there had been recent threat from “undesirables” seeking to carry out illegal Hare coursing. This has been repelled with the speedy help from the local police.

## **7. Sluice Outfall**

- 7.1 Mr Coote confirmed that the re tendering of the project had been successful with a good competitive price secured compared to last year.
- 7.2 However, due to budget controls by CRH the planned spend (approx £400,000 on this item) is now postponed to 2017. This is a disappointment, but it is recognised by Tarmac that CRH have some tough immediate spending decisions to make.
- 7.3 It is however fully recognised by all parties that the installation of the Sluice Outfall is an integral part of the restoration scheme and will be installed. A delay into 2017 is not detrimental while Tarmac are continuing to satisfactorily manage water levels at the site. This is an ongoing additional cost which Tarmac have to accept until the sluice is installed.

## **8. Reports from the Parishes**

- 8.1 Collingham – no reports to make
- 8.2 Winthorpe , Coddington & Langford – no reports to make
- 8.3 Holme – no reports received

## **9. South & West Quarry Extension scheme**

- 9.1 Planning Exhibitions Dec 2015 – Mr Deal confirmed: Collingham event (9 attendees + 1 follow up contact), Holme event (17 attendees + 1 follow up contact). Tarmac have also made contact with North Muskham Parish Council, which covers part of the western extension area.
- 9.2 The main themes from the Holme exhibition were: screening of workings, noise controls, dust controls, impact on existing footpaths, opportunities for new rights of way, long term management of the water bodies to be created.
- 9.3 Mr Deal confirmed that those points would be covered in the planning application and proposals within the formal submitted scheme (expected late May 2016).
- 9.4 Cllr Dobson commented that proposals for increased public access in parts of the new restoration area would be supported together with early landscape planting.
- 9.5 Mr Hankin advised that Tarmac had submitted the formal Scoping Report for the scheme (following the exhibitions) on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and the County Council planning officers had issued a formal Scoping Opinion on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.
- 9.6 Mr Deal advised that although the Scheduled Monument ( marching camp) was not within the proposed scheme, Tarmac are have requested permission from Historic England to carry out some investigation work to understand the extent and physical context of the features so that necessary mitigation schemes can be devised to protect the archaeology features from the proposed mineral working.

## **10. Nottinghamshire Mineral Local Plan Review**

- 10.1 Mr Hankin confirmed the revised final submission plan had been out for public consultation which finished on 29<sup>th</sup> March. The timetable is to report to Environment Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> September and then Full Council Committee in November 2016. If approved by members, the intention is to request a formal Examination In Public by a government inspector, with possible adoption in September 2017.
- 10.2 Mr Aldridge asked if that timetable would impact on Tarmac’s ability to produce at the

- quarry. Mr Hankin commented that the County Council landbank of permitted reserves is getting close to the minimum 7 year figure. Proposal for new Greenfield sites would be resisted by the County Council as being premature in the absence of an adopted plan, but extensions to existing quarries would be treated on their merits in the context of the scheme and the need to maintain production cross the County.
- 10.3 Mr Deal confirmed that although Tarmac have written to support a lot of the policies and proposals in the draft Plan, Tarmac strongly believe that the County Council have not carried out a proper assessment for the selection of proposed new green field sites. This was particularly relevant in the Newark/ East Nottingham area, and Tarmac will continue with its' representations to ensure there is a sound evidence base and transparency of decision making in the preparation of the Plan.
- 10.4 Mr Harris tabled the "Bigger & Better" document produced by RSPB to provide strategic planning guidance on possible afteruse plans for the concentration of sites at Langford, Besthorpe, Girton and Cromwell.
- 10.5 Cllr Dobson asked Mr Harris to forward the document to all members as t was of significant local interest to the long term future of the mineral working areas within the parishes.

## **11. AOB**

- 11.1 Sustrans – Mr Glynn explained progress on the Trent Vale Trail Project. A new energetic committee has been formed and are now strongly working on progressing the plan and its' implementation. A contact list of the stakeholders/ owners will be circulated by Mr Glynn.
- 11.2 Mr Deal advised that he had attended a recent Parish Council meeting at Sturton le Steeple to explain Tarmac's operations plan to open the permitted site at Sturton in 2016. There were some questions from the committee on Tarmac operations, including hgv traffic control and Mr Deal advised members that if they required reassurance on the company's operations then they could seek reference from Collingham and Besthorpe Parish Councils in respect of the long standing operations at those quarries. Cllr Dobson thanked Mr Deal for the advanced notice of possible enquiries from Sturton le Steeple parish.
- 11.3 **NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at RSPB offices**  
**6pm for site visit**  
**6.45pm for meeting**