



**LANGFORD QUARRY  
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

**ATTENDEES**

Cllr M Dobson – Nottinghamshire County Council  
Mr M Hankin – Planning Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council  
Mr T Deal – Estates Manager, Tarmac  
Mr D Coote – Production Manager, Tarmac  
Ms T Lloyd – Graduate Estate Surveyor, Tarmac  
Cllr C Allen – Collingham Parish Council  
Mr K Mawby – Quarry Manager, Tarmac  
Mr J Harris – RSPB, Langford Reserve  
Mr D Aldridge – Winthorpe, Coddington and Langford Parish  
Mr A Hudson - Sustrans

**APOLOGIES**

Mr P McIntyre – New Chairman, Holme Parish Council  
Mr N Glyn - Sustrans  
Cllr T Musson – Collingham Parish Council  
Mr W Jackson – Collingham Resident

**1. Introductions**

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

**2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

- 2.1 None reported.

**3. Company Update Report – Corporate Changes**

- 3.1 There have been no CRH changes in the company structure, though there are some internal changes within the senior management of Tarmac. There will still be three regions with some boundary changes. Central and Wales will now be known as Central as South Wales will go into the South Region, and Northampton will be added into the Central Region. There will be a Managing Director for each region and the company has taken a multiproduct approach through including Ready mix into the Aggregates and Asphalt business. Cllr Dobson asked what the background of the new Managing Director is. Mr Deal clarified that the Regional MD and the current C&W Director have been announced. The East Midlands Area Director had not been announced, but the appointments will be made within the senior team.

**4. Quarry Update – Main Quarry Operations Report**

- 4.1 Mr Mawby explained that they were three quarters of the way through earthmoving in the Southern extension. Restoration is to be completed this year in Phase 3 of the main quarry with replacing the topsoil.

- 4.2 Cllr Dobson commented that the plant site and workings can be seen from the A1133, and asked if any hedges had been removed lately. Mr Coote explained that only one hedge has been removed but wouldn't have affected this as it was in another area of the quarry. Mr Coote further commented that Mr Hallam had recently cropped a hedge in the area. Mr Deal added that a soil bund adjoining the Sustrans Path has recently been removed which may cause the site to be more visible. Cllr Dobson asked Tarmac to investigate. Mr Coote is to discuss with Mr Hallam.
- 4.3 Mr Coote stated that sales increased at the end of 2016 but slowed slightly in January and February of this year. This is largely because the quarry is currently extracting from a more gravelly deposit. Mr Hankin asked what the expectation of the deposit was in the Southern Extension. Mr Coote responded that there is lignite in the deposit, but it will be back to the typical Trent Valley deposit of 60/40 to sand.
- 4.4 The current output of the quarry is 480,000 t.

#### **5. Quarry Update – Southern Extension Operations Report**

- 5.1 Cllr Dobson asked for an update concerning the tree planting on site. Mr Deal advised that the trees which have previously been planted have established well, but will take 5 to 6 years to mature. There are two more sets of planting to be completed on the south side of the Western Extension area which can hopefully be completed this coming season.

#### **6. RSPB Report – Nature Reserve Management**

- 6.1 Mr Harris provided a handout for the meeting detailing the updates over the past few months. Please see attached.
- 6.2 Mr Harris commented that the RSPB have been working alongside the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Team at Besthorpe through hosting a volunteering day once a year at each reserve.
- 6.3 Cllr Dobson asked how the increased visitor numbers and extra volunteers will affect the future plans and the limited car park spaces. Mr Harris clarified that there are currently 15 spaces in the car park as well as the overflow car park. There is the possibility that in the future when the Tarmac plant is finished to build a visitor centre, café, toilets and offices through using the current Tarmac access route.
- 6.4 Cllr Dobson raised concerns that some visitors may be using the village for parking on Cottage Lane and the junction which leads to the current car park is not very visible and opens onto the A1133 which is a national speed limit zone. Mr Harris assured the meeting that they monitor visitor numbers. Cllr Dobson suggested the possibility of using an alternative access point on Holme Lane. This will be looked into. Mr Hudson further suggested promoting the cycle route for visitors to ease traffic.
- 6.5 Mr Deal confirmed that discussions have started between Tarmac and RSPB concerning the future of the site including the Southern Extension area and the future use of the railway bridge. Mr Deal further suggested RSPB look into all suggestions and opportunities for future possibilities.

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

- 7.1 Tarmac have now secured necessary budget approval for the Sluice Outfall. The work has been put out for tender, and is now with the Tarmac Procurement

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Department. Works were planned to start in April but is now expected to be in August when the River Trent is at its lowest.

- 7.2 Mr Hankin asked how long the project is expected to take. Mr Coote advised it is expected to be three months.
- 7.3 Access will be via Westfield Lane. Improvements will need to be made to the lane such as repairing a culvert. Mr Coote advised that there will be large vehicles travelling on the lane which is narrow in areas. Cllr Dobson raised concerns of the parked cars on the side of the lane. Mr Deal confirmed that from past experience it is essential to be clear with residents from the start of all the works which will need to be completed and the possible implications.
- 7.4 Cllr Dobson asked if the community would be notified. Mr Coote clarified that information leaflets will be distributed.

## **8. Reports from Parishes**

- 8.1 Collingham Parish: Cllr Allen explained that the High Street will have some work completed soon. The road surface will be dressed and the man hole covers will be replaced. The Post Office has also been relocated. There is also a weight restriction which will be put in place between 7am and 7pm. Cllr Dobson clarified that this will not affect Tarmac as they have a business in the area.
- 8.2 Cllr Dobson thanked Tarmac for handling Keith Wellowby who was parking on Swinderby Road.

## **9. Report from Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning Officer**

- 9.1 Mr Hankin updated the meeting that there is currently a planning application for the Southern and Western Extension which was submitted in September 2016. A regulation 22 has been released for a request for further information. This includes more information concerning Flood Risk Management, Archaeology, Improvements to Ecology and Dust and Noise control. The Application is on hold until this has been received.

## **10. Notts MLP Consultation - Update**

- 10.1 Mr Hankin gave an update that an examination date is expected between the 27<sup>th</sup> June and the 5<sup>th</sup> July for the Mineral Local Plan.
- 10.2 Mr Hankin advised that there are two allocations in the draft Mineral Local Plan for Langford. One to the South and one to the West. There has been an objection for both of these areas from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, as they would like to see a bigger emphasis on increasing the ecology of the site.
- 10.3 Will hopefully have an adopted plan early 2018.

## **11. Tarmac Report on Planning timescales for Future Quarry Extensions**

- 11.1 Mr Deal clarified that there are two technical issues which will need to be addressed on the South and West Planning Application. One being the scheduled ancient monument, as Heritage England requires a mitigation scheme to stop the dewatering of the monument. The second issue is the Environment Agency would like more information concerning the placement of soil bunds and a request for a hydrological assessment to be completed.

- 11.2 A long term development plan will be needed to gain access to the Southern Extension. There is currently a bailey bridge in place. A discussion is needed with RSPB for long term access for the area south of the Slough Dyke.
- 11.3 Mr Deal discussed the modifications to the restoration plan which includes dividing the large lake in the Southern Extension creating public access routes around the pool in the Western Extension. Cllr Dobson questioned who would maintain the smaller pond to the East. Mr Deal clarified that Tarmac will be responsible whilst they are in control of the land, it is hoped Holme village or RSPB will continue with this in the longer term.
- 11.4 Mr Hudson asked if the cycle route had been incorporated around the RSPB perimeter. Mr Harris will later confirm.

## **12. AOB**

- 12.1 Sustrans will need to be added to the agenda in future.
- 12.2 Mr Hudson stated that Sustrans have compiled some proposals of linking the villages with a walking and cycling route which will be presented at a local meeting in Collingham on the 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.
- 12.3 Cllr Dobson thanked members of the meeting for all of their efforts over the years and notified members she is unsure as to whether she will be attending the next meeting as her four year term is coming to an end. However, Cllr Dobson is standing for re-election.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

- 13.1 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the RSPB Office at Langford Quarry.  
Site Visit: 4.30pm  
Meeting: 6pm