



Notes / Action Points

Subject: Kirton Quarry Liaison Meeting
Date: 19.10.2018
Location: Kirton
Time: 10:00
Participants: **Kirton Parish** – Tony O’Keefe, Reg Fegan
NCC - Mike Hankin
Forterra - Rob Holyoake, Tim Darling (minute taker)

No.	Item	Action
1	Apologies – David Wightwick	
2	Previous Minutes - Agreed.	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>TD acknowledged Howard Beale’s service and input to the liaison now that he has retired from the parish council.</p> <p>RH acknowledge the fire alarm during summer shutdown of the brickworks (with the site not being staffed) which continued through the night and was a frustration to some local residents in the village. Forterra are looking to make provision for security and direct communications link from the alarm, for future shut downs</p>	
4	<p>Brickworks Update</p> <p>Production vs forecast is progressing well and the brick markets remain reasonable strong so far this year. The expected production in 2018 will be mainly red brick production with only small proportion of cream production, as with previous years, but at the higher budgeted production of 90 million bricks. Expectation of approximately 86 million bricks at year end.</p>	
5	<p>Quarry Update</p> <p>a) Kirton West – Extension – Phase 5 was stripped in May under archaeological watching brief. Mineral extraction has commenced in this area in the last few weeks. Phase 4 restoration has been progressed with the creation of the small island landform. We anticipate that the causeway to separate the two restoration water bodies will start to take shape in 2019.</p> <p>Discussion on ecology ahead of progressing phase 6. As part of the planning consent, Forterra will undertake further ecological assessment of Phase 6 hedgelines ahead of removal over winter 2018/19.</p> <p>b) Cream Quarry – Only 5% of production is obtained from the cream quarry minerals. As part of the Kirton West extension permission, the lower section (northern) will be developed into a red clay stockpile, over the coming year.</p> <p>c) Old Best Red – Restored Quarry – Aftercare works continue, with reed plantations being managed and have shown good initiate take.</p> <p>RF noted the benefit of the new permissive footpath and RH has recently had praise. We did however reiterate the philosophy of the access points to the permissive route being restricted to limit unauthorised access, especially to the restored lakes.</p>	

6	<p>Planning Update</p> <p>Phase 6 of Kirton West extension area will start to be developed in 2019. Hedgerows will be removed during the winter 2018/19 months, prior to bird nesting 2019. An ecological survey and detail submission will be made ahead of these works, and where possible, translocation of hedgerow will take place. As part of Phase 6 development, advanced planting and soil mound formation will occur to the west of the proposed extraction area / east of Kirton Park.</p>	
7	<p>Notts County Council Planning Matters – Update</p> <p>No recent applications made by the company.</p> <p>Forterra have provided all schemes and reports under the Kirton West permission, and the site continues to be monitored by NCC.</p> <p>The Minerals Plan (to 2036) consultation has been concluded and MH acknowledged that no proposed additional sites have been submitted by Forterra due to the current permitted reserve satisfying government guidance on mineral provision for a brickworks*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 25 years</p> <p>TO requested clarification on the historic landscape designation (mature landscape value) and TD / MH responded that this type of characterisation / designation is no longer relevant, and Forterra have submitted a landscaping assessment which nonetheless takes the ‘character’ and ‘setting’ of this field into effect. Full application statements can be found on the application web page here</p>	
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>TO queried UK brick demand and the meeting discussed UK demand vs manufacturing capacity and a national requirement to meet UK housing demand at a rate of 250,000 to 300,000 new builds per year. TD acknowledged that Forterra have submitted a proposal in Leicestershire to double the output of one of our plants to increase capacity. No current plans to amend / increase production at Kirton.</p>	
9	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 4th April 2019, 10:00 at the brickworks offices.</p>	