



## BESTHORPE & GIRTON QUARRIES

### LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

#### ATTENDEES

Cllr M Dobson – Notts County Council

Mr M Hankin – Planning Officer, Notts County Council

Mr T Deal – Estates Manager, Tarmac

Mr Ash Gillard – Quarry Manager, Tarmac

Mr A Hindmarsh – Collingham Resident/ Notts Wildlife Trust

Cllr M Davis – Collingham Parish Council

Cllr R Scott – Collingham Parish Council

#### APOLOGIES

Mr D Coote – Production Manager, Tarmac

Mr S Gorin – Besthorpe Meeting  
Ms J Bradley – Notts Wildlife Trust

Cllr Steve Lee – Girton Parish Council

#### 1. Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves. Ash Gillard has taken over as Quarry Manager from Tom Bendall.
- 1.3 Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

#### 2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- 2.1 Mr Hindmarsh thanked the company for the trimming back of vegetation along Northcroft Lane.
- 2.2 Cllr Dobson confirmed she is aware that gabions will be placed to support the washed out section of the lane. Liaison is continuing with Notts CC highways on the reinstatement works.
- 2.3 Mr Deal confirmed that all of the horses have been removed as promised by Mr Coote.
- 2.4 Mr Hankin advised he is aware that a caravan had arrived on Trent Lane Girton. Ownership is being established so that the County Council can take action to avoid the highway being blocked.

### **3. Company Update on Besthorpe Quarry - Operations**

- 3.1 Mr Gillard advised that production and sales are at steady rate but a little behind forecasts. Extraction will continue in phase 7 through the autumn to remove exposed mineral. All of phase 7 mineral should be out by end of 2019. Production taking place 2 – 3 days per week. The new silt lagoon had been completed. There are 4 permanent staff. The Aggs R Us bagging plant is operating OK and continues to take about half of the output from the site.
- 3.2 Mr Gillard advised the new silt lagoon south of the wharf conveyor was operating. There will be a clean water over flow into the ditch to feed water from the lagoon into the Nature Reserve.
- 3.3 There had been no issues with HGV movements

### **4. Update on Besthorpe Quarry – Planning / Restoration Matters**

- 4.1 Mr Gillard advised that restoration works on the old silt lagoon would be best delayed until water levels have stabilised following cessation of silt inflow.
- 4.2 Mr Hankin confirmed he would liaise with Tarmac and Notts WLT to ensure restoration works were undertaken effectively and as per approved schemes.

### **5. Update on Besthorpe Quarry – Eastern Extension Planning Proposal**

- 5.1 Mr Deal advised the planning application will be deferred into mid 2019 because of the non inclusion of the extension area in the Notts MLP. Tarmac hope that the next consultation will show the site as a draft allocation.
- 5.2 Mr Hankin explained the background to the plan changes on allocations and policies. He confirmed there was more focus on Nottingham area. Next consultation should be out in the autumn.
- 5.3 Cllr Dobson confirmed that local representations had been made to Notts CC policy team to confirm support for the allocation on social and economic grounds.
- 5.4 Mr Hindmarsh pointed out that the proposed Sustrans route through the northern part of the extension area over the Oates land would be jeopardised if the allocation is not included. That would be very regrettable.
- 5.5 Mr Deal advised he was very surprised that the site had not been included as there seemed strong policy support and environmental assessment grounds for the site. The County Council “delivery schedule” does not deliver the 1.7mtpa production target at any stage during the plan period. Tarmac will be making strong representations with clear supporting evidence. It is also important for Notts CC to be evidence co-operation with adjoining mineral planning authorities, particularly in the case of Leicestershire where there is a sharp decline in sand and gravel reserves and production capacity forecast in the next 5 years.

### **6. Company Update on Girton Quarry – Old Site and New (Mothballed Site)**

- 6.1 Mr Deal confirmed that the Old Site and is restored and monitored by the County Council as part of the formal aftercare.
- 6.2 The New Site was still mothballed. Stockpiles at the plant site will be graded down and restoration works around the top of the water body on the adjoining Chennells land will be undertaken as per the new planning permission.

## **7. Update on Girton Quarry Planning – Extension of time application**

- 7.1 Mr Deal stated that the section 106 Agreement is largely agreed, just waiting for the other owners (Trinity College and Messrs Chennells) to agree the document.

## **8. Update on Nottinghamshire Mineral Local Plan**

- 8.1 Cllr Scott commented that policy MD12 did not reflect the fact that there had been a lot of “habitats” lost over the past. The challenge should be for policies to address that as well as the impact from future mineral working. The bigger picture is often missed when just looking at individual planning applications.
- 8.2 Mr Hankin confirmed that MD12 is a development control policy, but that there are policies which require new schemes to mitigate impact. Detailed assessment is required at planning application stage.
- 8.3 Cllr Dobson raised HS2 as being a regional scheme and spoil from that construction should be considered as to how it can assist with reclamation of mineral working schemes. The need for structural advanced tree planting is also important.
- 8.4 Mr Hindmarsh thought that enhanced tree planting might be possible on the NWT land in context of the RSPB Bigger Better vision.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Mr Hindmarsh advised that NWT were carrying out works which are likely to require additional volunteer support.
- 9.2 Mr Gorin confirmed NWT have facilitated a small working group from Besthorpe Parish to assist with local works on the NWT reserve.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

- 10.1 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 2pm at Trinity Hall, Besthorpe Village.