



**BESTHORPE & GIRTON QUARRIES  
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

**ATTENDEES**

Cllr M Dobson – Notts County Council  
Mr M Hankin – Planning Officer, Notts County Council  
Mr T Deal – Estates Manager, Tarmac  
Mr T Bendall – Quarry Manager, Tarmac  
Mr D Coote – Production Manager, Tarmac  
Mr A Hindmarsh – Collingham Resident/ Notts Wildlife Trust  
Cllr M Davis – Collingham Parish Council  
Cllr R Scott – Collingham Parish Council  
Mr S Gorin – Besthorpe Meeting  
Cllr Steve Lee – Girton Parish Council  
Ms J Bradley – Notts Wildlife Trust

**APOLOGIES**

**1. Introductions**

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves.
- 1.3 Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

- 2.1 Mr Hindmarsh reminded company that the trimming back of vegetation along Northcroft Lane should not be overlooked. Mr Deal apologised if work had not been undertaken. Tom Bendall to take matter up.
- 2.2 Ms Bradley requested that the 2018 earth works scheme be shared so that works can be agreed on site with input from NWT. TD to follow up.
- 2.3 Cllr Davis requested date of Besthorpe Quarry site visit be fixed. This was agreed by members for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 5.30pm. Mr Coote to host the visit.

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

- 3.1 Mr Bendall advised that the quarry is still producing at planned steady rate in line with forecasts. Approximately 50% of the sales go directly to Aggs R Us bagging plant. Production taking place 2 – 3 days per week. The new silt lagoon had been completed. There are 4 permanent staff.
- 3.2 There had been no issues with HGV movements. Tarmac vehicles are fitted with GPS tracking devices.
- 3.3 M Hankin enquired where the remaining mineral reserves are located. Mr Deal explained by reference to a plan. The current extraction area is west of the plant site. There is additional reserve in the flooded area to the south of the site. Some reserves are constrained under the stock ground and the processing plant, and in the event of the quarry being granted a further extension then those constrained reserves would be deferred to the end of the quarry life.

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

- 4.1 Mr Bendall advised restoration works were planned in May 2018.
- 4.2 Ms Bradley asks about the progression of the restoration and when areas would be available for release. Mr Deal confirmed that when Notts CC had signed off areas as being restored then providing they were large enough they could be released to NWT through grant of a long term management lease as per the prescribed form of lease contained in the S106 planning agreement. That would make more sense than waiting for the whole quarry area to be restored before granting a lease.
- 4.3 Footpaths. Mr Deal confirmed that the new footpaths shown on the restoration plan would be created as permissive paths but installed under the objectives of the S106 planning agreement to provide controlled public access. The existing formal diversion order for routing the footpath around the southern margin of the site would not be implemented.

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

- 5.1 Mr Deal stated that the formal “Scoping Report” had been submitted to Notts CC in February and the council were consulting with statutory bodies to define the scope of environmental survey work to be undertaken. The Scoping Opinion should be issued by Notts CC wc 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- 5.2 Mr Deal confirmed the mineral resource in the eastern extension area is around 3.2 million tonnes of sand and gravel, which should provide for a 20 year working life.
- 5.3 Mr Hindmarsh noted that there was some opportunity for connectivity to The Fleet water course, for environmental benefit. Mr Deal confirmed that the eastern margin of the workings would be the focus for use of materials to enhance the corridor of land adjoining The Fleet.
- 5.4 Cllr Dobson reminded members of her clear preference for more land to be restored rather than open water bodies. Mr Hankin confirmed that in Notts CC opinion the Besthorpe site is not in a good location for receiving infill and the Council’s expectation is that restoration scheme would be largely water based.
- 5.6 As part of the application Tarmac will hold a public exhibition around Sept / October 2018 in the Community Hall in Collingham. Consultation information will be distributed in advance.
- 5.7 Mr Deal confirmed that the northern fields belonging to the Oates family was intended to be part of the extension scheme. The scheme does not currently show a path on the Oates land, but that could be progressed once discussions had been completed regarding the future ownership and use of the restored land.

#### **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 Mr Coote confirmed the New Site was still mothballed. Stockpiles at the plant site will be regraded and restoration works around the top of the water body on the adjoining Channels land will be completed.

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

- 7.1 Mr Deal stated that the section 106 Agreement draft is with Notts C. Mr Hankin reported that it is progressing, with a target to complete by 27th April 2018.
- 7.2 The agreement covers: HGV routing, post excavation archaeology reporting (within 12 months of permission being issued) and interim restoration of the plant site if mineral working does not take place within 3 years of grant of permission.

- 7.3 Cllr Dobson asked for water monitoring data from the 2004 planning application scheme to assist with flood modelling work. Mr Hankin to investigate.
- 7.4 Horses. Mr Coote confirmed he has been in touch with Mr Lee to ensure, as far as possible, his horses are not brought onto Besthorpe or Girton sites. It is an ongoing matter.
- 7.5 Cllr Lee advised that the padlock for the Trent Lane gate supplied by Tarmac will be fitted to control unwanted activity.

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

- 8.1 Mr Hankin reported that an 'Issues and Options' and "Site Allocations" consultation had been carried out, closing in January 2018 There had been 73 responses raising 509 issues. The Flash Farm site had not been promoted.
- 8.2 Mr Deal confirmed that Tarmac had submitted several sites for allocation: Langford S&W + North, Besthorpe East, Great North Road (Kelham), Burr ridge Farm (Newark).
- 8.3 Mr Hankin thought that the draft Plan would be presented to committee in June, to then go out to Consultation through to September 2018.
- 8.4 Mr Hindmarsh commented that it was important for Collingham village to have a buffer zone against mineral working from both the quarry operations at Besthorpe and Langford.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Mr Hindmarsh advised that NWT were holding a 2 day event on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

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

- 10.1 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 2pm at Trinity Hall, Besthorpe Village.

Notes taken by Mr Deal