

SUBJECT	UNITED MINES LIAISON GROUP
DATE	12.11.09
LOCATION	United Mines
RECORDER	Susannah Downing

PRESENT	Katharine Alexander	(KA)	SITA
	Laura Bosworth	(LB)	SITA
	Mike Dobson	(MD)	SITA
	Susannah Downing	(SD)	SITA
	Stuart Higgins	(SH)	SITA
	Phil Rudin	(PR)	SITA
	Mike Savage	(MS)	CC
	Simon Harry	(SHa)	EA
	Malcolm Newton	(MN)	EA
	Alan Blamey	(AB)	Gwennap PC
	Ray Humble	(RH)	Gwennap PC
	Mark Kaczmarek	(MK)	Cornwall Councillor
	Carl Martin	(CM)	Carharrack PC
	Les Moulson	(LM)	Local resident
	Brenda Williams	(BW)	Local resident
Paul Williams	(PW)	Local resident	

APOLOGIES Vernon Baldry ,Lisa Dolley, Andy Stott, Des Teale

DISTRIBUTION All Liaison group members

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1
- Apologies were received as above
 - Previous minutes were agreed by all
 - Phil Rudin introduced himself as the new Regional Manager for Cornwall and Devon
 - SHi informed the group of Ian Mitchells new position of



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Assistant Site Manager at Connon Bridge

2.0 OPERATIONAL UPDATE

2.1 KA informed the group that construction of Phase 4B was completed in October with the CQA report submitted to the EA, following agreement of the report from the EA tipping commenced at the beginning of November towards Phase 4B from the bottom of the haul road across Phase 3.

KA reported that the area of Phase 3 that was newly capped and hydro-seeded in September has grass growing well now.

To continue with tipping operations some heavy cover soils were removed along the Phase 4B area. Once tipping began into Phase 4B the soils were replaced back onto Phase 4A.

KA told the group that 12 new gas extraction wells were installed in October across Phase 2/4A. These have been connected to the extraction system. Following the connection of the additional wells plus the upgrade of the pipe work the flare is being run to optimise the gas extraction from the site.

Regarding noise monitoring SHi informed the group about an investigation undertaken by CLP- as a result CLP have contractors on site currently installing additional silencers to the exhaust stacks of the engines. The main silencers remain in place.

KA explained that since the last liaison meeting leachate levels have remained compliant. The leachate treatment plant is currently working at maximum capacity-200m3 per day.

SHa started by saying that there needs to be a slot on the agenda in the future to run through the EA compliance report regarding odour and complaints. SD will ensure this.

(SD)

SHa said there has been a reviewed approach to landfill gas collection following waste deposits. During the Phase 3 capping, which was controlled by the flank, fugitive emission control had been noted. SHa stated that maintenance of temporary work had really 'stepped up' and also said that overall he was pleased with the steps SITA have taken borne by the findings of the EAs own surveillance.

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3.0 COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

3.1 SHa informed that in **September** there were 7 recorded complaints from 5 different members. From the EAs own survey no odours were detected at the time- none were recorded as being non-compliant. In **October** there were 28 recorded complaints from 12 members of the public -19 of the complaints were between the 12th-19 th Oct with 8 occurring on the 14th. SHa stated that this has been the highest number of complaints in a month for the year. Having responded to the complaints, the findings from the EA survey ranged from no odour to waste and gas odours in 'varying degrees' but most were not considered offensive.

SHa informed the group that on the 14th the EA came out twice due to the high volume of complaints. The first time being around lunchtime where there was no odour detected, the second there was a slight refuse type smell detected at Sparry Lane, although SHa mentioned that this was not of any particular intensity-not to be deemed as obnoxious.

On the 27th during their inspection the EA did detect a gas odour- this was traced back to the leachate well L03B.. A faint intermittent odour was detected also on the 29th.

During October SITA notified the EA of 2 reports of breakdowns on the mobile atomiser

Odours have not been recorded as non compliant as they have been judged by the EA to be below the threshold for obnoxious odour.

So far for November there have been 6 odour complaints, SHa reported the EA being out 4 times including today, the 12th-no odours have been deemed noxious.

3.2 The EA are continuing the report following a gas management audit, this will be shared with the group at a later date as the investigation is being continued. SHa said that he feels an importance should be put upon finding a sustainable solution to flaring at site.

- SHa reiterated that inspection reports can be viewed on the EA and CC public register.

PW said that he felt the odour came in waves and could be intense. He felt that by the time inspections were being made the odour might no longer be there. SHi explained that SITA makes sure that all persons that monitor odour have been tested for odour sensitivity. SHi also said that people who are not related in

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	<p>any way to the landfill operations are also sent out to monitor to tackle the possibility that persons on site could become de-sensitised. AB noted that it must be geographically based as there have been no complaints in the Gwennap area.</p> <p>SHi made a particular point to the group to encourage them to log any odour incidents with the Helpdesk: 08456 300 300 also explaining the escalation process, whereby a response has to be made within a certain time period. Responsive investigations can be taken sooner, making the complaints procedure more effective.</p> <p>CM asked if there was a possibility the smell could be linked to gas and asked if, when the site closes, would it continue to generate methane. SHi replied that when the site is closed and capped it will be fully contained. SHa reiterated that once the site is fully capped surface releases should drop to 0 or practically negligible.</p> <p>RH asked what would happen to the gas extraction system if there were to be a power cut. SHi explained that as there are 2 suppliers involved it would be highly unlikely that both would go out at the same time. CLP have a contract with a generator company, who would be here to run equipment within an agreed timescale.</p>	
4.0	SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT	
4.1	<p>Having been agreed with CC's footpath ranger there will be a temporary closure of Bridleway 29. SHi explained that a contractor is due next week to start work to improve drainage. There will be a sign stating Emergency Closure. It is expected this work will take about 1 week. SHi explained that the reason behind the delay is because he is looking for a permanent solution and SITA are still waiting for infiltration test results. CM asked the group not to 'knock' SITA as this was work that had not been done by CES in the past.</p>	(SHi)
5.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
5.1	<p>LM had a few points he wanted to raise. He said he felt that mud on the road to the entrance of the site was an issue. KA said that there had been a road sweeper on site today in the afternoon. This sweeper is contracted to visit the site once a week. There is also road cleaning equipment on site. CM said he had walked to the Liaison Meeting and did not notice any problems with mud. SHi said he will look into increasing road sweeping activity.</p>	(SHi)
5.2	<p>LM asked if the planning application for the new profile is in. SHi answered that it is not in but it is imminent.</p>	

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5.3	<p>LM felt that certain lorries were driving too fast coming into and out of the site, particularly using the Scorrier road, where he felt some lorries speed were 'well over the limit'. SHi answered that he has investigated this issue. RH stated that 'driven well?' signs on the lorries with a phone number to call had been very effective in his experience. KA explained to the group that this had been looked into in the past but there is a problem with the placing of the sign, as it is only effective if placed on the rear which had not been possible due to vehicle structure. PR reiterated that 'well driven' signs had not been successful in the past. MS said that he would speak with Mike Beckett about writing to contractors as he would like to see amendments to driving standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KA and SHi urged the group to, if they had any concerns, take a registration number and ring the Helpdesk so that action could be taken. 	
	<p>A sign to encourage drivers leaving the landfill site will be erected at the exit point. LB to progress</p>	(LB)
5.4	<p>LM asked about the possible Transfer Station at United Mines, he said that he felt a 'bombshell' had been dropped upon the group. MS said that the feasibility study is still ongoing and contracts are being looked into. PR told the group that from SITA's perspective-as a result of the Scorrier Transfer Station planning application being withdrawn at the request of CC-SITA has been asked by their client Cornwall Council to provide a temporary solution of a transfer station at United Mines. MK said that he had no objection to the HWRC staying after the landfill closure, or to a temporary transfer station to transfer waste from the local area to Connon Bridge. MK said that a network of transfer stations would be the best solution.. The decision whether to submit a planning application has not yet been made.</p>	
5.5	<p>PR asked the group if they would be interested in visiting a Transfer Station as SITA would organise this. This was rejected.</p> <p>SHi said that as this Liaison Group is primarily for the discussion of the landfill, it was asked if the group would like to have a separate Liaison Group to discuss all matters concerning a Transfer Station. This will be decided by the group.</p>	
	<p>LB told the group that the United Mines newsletter is ready and will be distributed the following day or the next week.</p>	(LB)
5.6	<p>MK said that he sees plastic bags etc on the road and asked if the skips were cleaned out before leaving the site. KA explained that as the skips tip at an angle and operators cannot physically climb into the skips due to health and safety reasons it is a possibility that the occasional carrier bags etc could still be in a skip. SHi said that this is mainly an issue with householders</p>	



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	coming into the site.	
5.7	LB told the group that SITA have opened an education facility at the Pool MRF site and that she would be happy to take anyone from the group for a visit.	
5.8	PR finished by telling the group about the operations at the new site at Falmouth. Roadworks are still continuing and construction is hoped to start at the beginning of next year. This will take about 6 months to build. As the United Mines HWRC has no replacement in time for the closure in Oct 2010 SITA will be applying for planning permission to keep it open. PR emphasised that this is a separate issue to the transfer station and he is not sure what the time scales for a planning application will be.	

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD: THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 18:00