SUBJECT	United Mines Liaison Group meeting
DATE	17.09.09
LOCATION	United Mines
RECORDER	Susannah Downing

PRESENT

Katharine Alexander	(KA)	SITA
Susannah Downing	(SD)	SITA (minutes)
Stuart Higgins	(SHi)	SITA
Ian Mitchell	(IM)	SITA
James Pike	(JP)	SITA
Kevin Furnish	(KP)	Gwennap PC
Simon Harry	(SHa)	EA
Malcolm Newton	(MN)	EA
Robert Tratt	(RT)	EA
Carl Martin	(CM)	Carharrack PC
Les Moulson	(LM)	Local resident
John Newcombe	(JN)	St Day PC
Andy Stott	(AS)	CC
Des Teale	(DT)	CC
Brenda Williams	(BW)	Local resident
Paul Williams	(PW)	Local resident

APOLOGIES

Vernon Baldry	(VW)	St Day PC
Alan Blamey	(AB)	Gwennap PC
Ray Humble	(RH)	Gwennap PC
Neil Plummer	(NP)	CC

DISTRIBUTION All Liaison group members

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1.0	**INTRODUCTION**	
	• Apologies were received as above • The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed by all	SHi
2.0	**SEPTEMBER OPERATIONAL REPORT** KA updated members on waste operations: Phase 3 is being accessed from the new haul road, working into phase 2. The Sites revised restoration scheme has been approved by the Cornwall Councils Waste Disposal Authority. SHi advised that the preparation for submission of planning is imminent. Phase 3 capping was completed at the end of August. Due to wet weather this was two weeks later than was expected. Total area that was capped was 25,000m2. Stock piles of soil have been removed. All gas wells in phase 3 that were disconnected were reconnected before the Bank Holiday weekend. Hydro seeding of the capping area begins tomorrow, stock piles of soil have been removed and these areas will also by hydro-seeded. Tree planting will happen during the final Phase of restoration . . Soils have been placed over the flank of phase 4a to prevent odour Work on the engineering of Phase 4B began on the 17th August. This has been designed to provide enough void for the sites 2010 October closure. This is an 8 week contract. SITAs contractors are currently grading what will be the flank of Phase 4B. Basal lining is due to commence Monday 21st. This will not be visible to Carharrack. SHa and two landfill gas experts from the EA carried out a two day audit on the gas extraction system on 27th and 28th August. SITA are awaiting a report. Leachate levels were above compliance levels at the start of August due to rainfall experienced during July. Leachate was tankered off site and levels have remained compliant since mid-month. SHi advised that a series of gas extraction bore holes will be drilled as part of SITA's work on controlling landfill gas this will start next Monday 21st in Phase 2.	KA/SHi
3.0	**ODOUR MANAGEMENT PLAN**	
	SHi asked members for their feedback on SITAs odour control:	SHi/ SHa

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	LM said that it had not been as bad as it has been 'doing better then before' although he said there was a stink from tip today-he had logged a complaint. MN said he could only smell the deodoriser before the meeting. CM said he could not report odours. SHi-There were 5 complaints in September and 5 in August. All agreed they have noticed a decline in odour incidents. SHa said he welcomed the reduction in odour. The number of complaints has reduced significantly. There were one or two occasions where the smell was not acceptable and have been brought to SITAs attention. He advised the weather in Autumn- cold, still air, could make issues worse and it should remain a high priority but SITA deserve some credit. SHa also informed the group about the two day audit into the Landfill gas extraction system, whereby a specialist had been involved. They had gathered background information and this will be reported back to SITA.	
4.0	**SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT**	
	SHi informed the group about surface water trials that will be taking place adjacent to bridleway 29. An excavation will be taking place whereby pipework will go across the bridleway although a person will be there at all times. Toby Lowe, the countryside ranger needs to accept this beforehand-there are no specific dates as yet.	SHi
5.0	**OPEN DAY UPDATE**	
	SHi informed the group that the United Mines open day was deemed a success with 56 people turning up on a very pleasant sunny day. Cornwall Councils waste minimisation team were also present. SITA received very positive feedback on the event. Most people went on to the landfill. KF would like to see feedback next time SITA holds an event such as this, suggesting we issue a press release. SHi also informed the group about a visit from Cornwall Councils waste panel. The feedback for this event was also positive.	
6.0	**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**	
1.	LM approached the subject of bird control stating that on Sunday night he witnessed what was estimated as an excess of 700 gulls flying towards Carharrack. KA explained that SITA are complying with the permit to keep birds away from the landfill. KF also stated that he lives the other side of Wheal Maid Valley and has noticed that the birds are forming groups and mating. SHi explained that all measures are in place to prevent birds settling in the landfill. PW thought the	

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	birds had diminished in number and CM felt that after a year or so after the Landfill closure the birds will find food sources elsewhere.	
2.	SHi informed the group that tipping will be occurring right up until 31st October when they will accept their final load. JN asked what other activities will be happening after this date- SHi told the group that the landfill gas engines will still be operation and due to the capping- soils will still be brought in. However there will be no more waste vehicles depositing at the landfill except for soils for restoration.	SHi/DT
	DT informed the group that due to the withdrawn application of the Scorrier refuse transfer station CC have instructed SITA to look at alternative sites. DT explained that due to the infrastructure already in place at United Mines there is a possibility that CC will request that apply for planning permission to develop a temporary waste transfer station at United Mines. Because of the opening of the Falmouth HWRC and the operation of the landfill at Connon at the time, the volume of vehicles entering the site is estimated at less than a third of what is currently coming into site.	
	BW stated that the transfer station should have been 'put in Scorrier' and wanted to know why Carharrack was the only place to put it. BW and PW said that the people of Carharrack will fight it and expressed their disappointment at the proposals.	BW/PW
	DT said that the best option to deal with the County's waste would be to progress the EFW plant and explained to the group that SITA have lodged an appeal against the CERC planning refusal. DT explained the benefits of the EFW stating that if the EFW is not opened in 2013 the County will run out of landfill space.	DT
	DT told the group that a proportion of waste from Camborne will be diverted to St.Erth, Roseland to St.Austell and Newquay diverted to Connon Bridge therefore greatly reducing the amount entering United Downs. He also said that, of course, it would need to go through the full planning process and the feasibility of the use of other sites is being looked into.	
	LM said that he does not believe the refuse transfer station would be temporary. CM asked how long it would take to build the EFW DT said 3.5 years with a 9-12 month appeal process to complete. He also explained that it would be temporary and any time period would be honoured.	LM
	BW asked how long SITA have known-SHi explained that it would be a CC decision but that it would be difficult for CC to find a perfect site. SHi said that SITA have always said that landfill operation will cease in	BW/SHi

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	2010. SHi stated that these were very recent development .SHi would like to invite representatives to visit other transfer stations. BW reiterated that there will be a fight to stop this.	
3.	SHa said that there would be a need for a permit from the EA for a transfer station.	
4.	There was interest from the group for some updates to be included on the SITA Cornwall website. JP said that SITA are redesigning the website at the moment.	JP
5.	JN brought up the usage of signs at the HWRC at United Downs, stating that every time he visits they are informing the public of the same number of accidents etc each time. JP said this would be looked into.	JP
	AS said that the noise from the gas engines was a subject of complaint and this would be looked into, with a design for the adaption of the stacks underway to bring the noise level down.	AS

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2009 18:00