



Subject:	United Mines Liaison Group meeting	Date:	09/07/09
Author:	Grace Williams	Location:	United Mines meeting room

	Name	Abbreviation	Company
	Stuart Higgins	SH	SITA
	Grace Williams	GW	SITA
	Ian Mitchell	IM	SITA
	Alan Blamey	AB	Gwennap PC
	Les Moulson	LM	Local resident
	Lyn Carter	LC	CC
	Mike Savage	MS	CC
	Andy Stott	AS	CC
	Ray Humble	RH	Gwennap PC
	John Newcombe	JN	St Day PC
	Katharine Alexander	KA	SITA
	Paul Williams	PW	Local resident
	Brenda Williams	BW	Local resident
	James Pike	JP	SITA
	Chris James	CJ	EA
	Carl Martin	CM	Carharrack PC
Apologies:			
	Simon Harry	SHa	EA
	Malcolm Newton	MN	EA
	Des Teale	DT	CC
	Vernon Baldry	VB	St Day PC
Distribution:			
	As above		



Next meeting: United Mines landfill meeting room, Thursday 3rd September 2009, 6pm

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1	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies were received as above. • The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed. • SH welcomed Mike Savage (CC) and Chris James (EA) to the group. 	SH
2	Operational update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KA presented the current United Mines operational report. Main points include: <p>Waste placement is currently in Phase 4/Phase 2 higher level.</p> <p>SITA are working to close the site in October 2010.</p> <p>The proposed revised restoration scheme has been submitted to Cornwall Council's Waste Disposal Authority. SH presented the draft restoration plan to the group. The footpaths have been rationalised to prevent misuse of the area. LM asked for SITA to consult the Carharrck residents about the restoration plans by holding an exhibition in Carharrack. Action: SITA to progress.</p> <p>Contractors started works for the capping of the flank of Phase 3 (that faces Carharrack) on 6th July. The contract is expected to last 6 weeks, weather permitting. The Contractor is required to have dust control on the crushing plant and a tractor and bowser to ensure all roads are wetted to reduce dust.</p> <p>SITA is actively attracting soils to place as temporary cap/heavy cover on the flank of Phase 4a. This will be 0.5m in depth rather than the usual 0.3m, to prevent runoff and reduce odour.</p> <p>Cell engineering work on the final phase 4b is likely to commence at the beginning of August. This takes into account the site closing in October 2010 and the proposed revised restoration scheme.</p> <p>SITA monitors United Mines Chalet and United Mines Farm for landfill gas weekly, and SITA has requested permission from CC and the EA to drill an extra gas well in Bostales field.</p>	<p>KA</p> <p>SITA</p>

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		<p>AS noted that the development may be outside of the site's planning boundary and an application may be required. AS to report back to SH.</p> <p>Leachate levels remained well in compliance with the permitted levels in June. All annual maintenance of the leachate treatment plant was completed in June.</p> <p>It is hoped that soakaway testing will be carried out near Bridleway 29 in July.</p>	
3	Complaints summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May there were 11 odour complaints and 27 in June. • In June there were 27 odour complaints over 11 days. 6 of those complaints were duplicated by complaints from the EA. SITA's own monitoring substantiated 3 of those days. 	SH
4	Odour management plan	<p>SITA has been working hard over the past couple of months to reduce odours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two rotary atomisers are now located on the tipping face • The old odour perimeter system has been replaced with a high pressure system. This has also been installed onto the mobile litter fences. • The site has been trailing various scents of deodorising products, these products are still de-odourisers but with varying smells for SITA to confirm extent of coverage. • SITA UK's Group Environment Manager visited the site and assessed the operation in comparison to other sites across the country. He noted that the site operation was in-line with the SITA standard but more attention could be paid to landfill gas control. In response, a robust landfill gas management plan has been devised and is being followed. <p>SH asked the local residents present for their feedback on recent odour control. JP noted that the group was far less agitated about odour compared to the previous liaison meeting. LM has been away for 2 weeks so has not been present to witness any changes. The wind has been variable over the past month with a fair few Easterlies. CM was pleased to see SH carrying out an odour check at 7am on a recent Saturday.</p> <p>LM stated that it is important for the EA to become more and more involved. CJ notified the</p>	SH

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		<p>group that the EA have been carrying out their own inspections.</p> <p>CJ notified the group that the EA has issued SITA with an Enforcement Notice for odour which expires on Monday 13th July. He noted that since the Notice was issued, SITA has paid great attention to odour, has taken it very seriously and less odour has escaped from the site. If the odour problem does get resolved, SITA must ensure that the odour control is maintained. CJ acknowledged the capping works taking place on site which will help to reduce the odour.</p> <p>LC was interested to know whether there are any targets to judge SITA's performance with regards to the Enforcement Notice. CJ explained that the target is to comply with the reasons of the permit.</p> <p>RH noted that UM landfill is not the only odour source in the area. The group discussed this further.</p> <p>CJ mentioned that the EA will be looking into landfill gas and dust monitoring in more detail.</p> <p>CJ mentioned that odour issues has been cured at other Devon and Cornwall landfill sites. SH queried that he felt it was unrealistic that all odour at all times could be controlled and stated that there will always be the possibility of waste odour escaping from the site even if SITA was taking all reasonable measures as required by the Permit condition.</p> <p>CJ replied that persistent odour had been controlled at the other sites.</p>	
5	United Mines Open Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SITA Cornwall is planning to hold another United Mines landfill open day, similar to last year's event, on Friday 7th August from 10am-4pm. People can book tours through the SITA Cornwall helpdesk. • LM showed the group the advert for the open day in the Carharrack PC magazine. 	GW LM
6	Working hours for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As in previous years, SITA would like to temporarily vary the working hours for capping from 9am-5pm to the same operating hours as the site. This will mean that the capping 	SH AS

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	<p>capping</p>	<p>works will take 6 weeks as opposed to 9 weeks.</p> <p>The group agreed for SITA to temporarily vary the working hours for capping. Action: AS to make CC Planning Authority aware.</p> <p>KA confirmed that the contractor's base has moved further into the site to reduce visual impact. The group were slightly concerned about disturbance from reversing sirens on the vehicles.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>AOB</p>	<p>KA confirmed that the mounds of soil on top of the landfill are bring used for capping.</p> <p>GW asked the group if they were happy with the content and structure of the liaison meetings. The group were happy. They requested more facts on the amount of waste deposited in the landfill and other similar statistics. These could be detailed in the United Mines Community Newsletter.</p> <p>LC is now the CC Environmental Health Manager for the former Carrick and Restormel areas.</p> <p>RH was concerned that the steep gradients of the footpath contours on the draft restoration map would prevent disabled access. Action: SH to look into.</p> <p>AS mentioned that there is still an unresolved complaint about noise from the gas engines. Monitoring has been carried out to check if the noise is compliant with the permit - the results are imminent.</p> <p>AS notified the group that SITA had breached a planning condition with regards to odour and will be issuing an Enforcement Notice similar to the conditions in the EA permit.</p> <p>CM asked about the alternative to Scorrier RTS and HWRC which was withdrawn from planning consideration in March. JP announced that several options are currently being reviewed. One possibility is to redistribute the waste between SITA's existing transfer stations at Dudnace Lane, Tregongeeves and St Erth. CC are also looking for other available sites. The lack of</p>	



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		<p>alternative to Scorrier has made Carharrack residents uncertain about the United Mines closure in 2010.</p> <p>GW mentioned the next United Mines newsletter will be distributed at end of the week beginning 13th July.</p> <p>Date of next meeting: 3rd September, 6pm, United Mines landfill offices</p>	