



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>United Mines Liaison Group meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b>	08/01/09
<b>Author:</b>	Grace Williams	<b>Location:</b>	United Mines meeting room

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Company</b>
	Stuart Higgins	SH	SITA
	Katharine Alexander	KA	SITA
	Grace Williams	GW	SITA
	Mark Kazcmarek	MK	CCC, Carharrack PC
	Carl Martin	CM	Carharrack PC
	Brenda Williams	BW	Local resident
	Ian Mitchell	IM	SITA
	Alan Blamey	AB	Gwennap PC
	Paul Williams	PW	Local resident
	Simon Harry	SHa	Environment Agency
	Malcolm Newton	MN	Environment Agency
	Andy Stott	AS	CCC
	Ray Humble	RH	Gwennap PC
	Lynn Carter	LC	Carrick DC
	John Newcombe	JN	St Day PC
	Des Teale	DT	CCC
	Vernon Baldry	VB	St Day PC
<b>Apologies:</b>			
	Louis de Poncheville	LdP	SITA
	Les Moulson	LM	Local resident
	Wendy Reading	WR	SITA Cornwall Trust
	Chris James	CJ	Environment Agency
<b>Distribution:</b>			
	As above		



**Next meeting: United Mines landfill meeting room, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009, 6pm**

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1	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apologies were received as above</li> <li>• The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed</li> </ul>	SH
2	Operational plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SH presented the current United Mines operational action plan which can be viewed on the SITA Cornwall website. Actions include:</li> <li>• The site is currently trialling biodegradable plastic film. A combination of shredded wood, plastic film and site soils appears to be the most effective option. A report on trials of daily cover will be submitted to EA at end of month.</li> <li>• Odour system remains close to tipping face to combat waste odour at source. 22 extraction wells were drilled and 21 were connected to combat methane gas odour by 19<sup>th</sup> December 08. SITA have agreed with the EA to review the odour management plan. The main changes include trials of slower degrading biodegradable plastic film, laying horizontal pipework within the waste and committing to areas of permanent capping.</li> <li>• SITA will trial various techniques to reduce dust as soon as the dusty season commences.</li> <li>• The heli-kite has proved to be ineffective, it seems to attract birds and drop in cold weather. The introduction of bio-acoustics on site will be considered. The seagulls appear to have moved from the landfill into Carharrack. SH to give PW contact details of Darren Collins who has carried out a mail drop asking residents to secure bins to reduce scavenging birds.</li> <li>• The mobile litter fencing has been effective in reducing wind blown litter.</li> <li>• MK was concerned that the action plan was ineffective and that the odour over the Christmas period was unacceptable. The EA was confident that SITA is making reasonable endeavours to solve the problems on site.</li> <li>• Despite concerns that residents had not been made aware of drilling works in December 08 SH reassured the group that a letter notifying residents of the</li> </ul>	SH

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		<p>drilling had been sent to those who regularly complain and was also uploaded onto the SITA Cornwall website. CM confirmed that Carharrack Parish Council was notified. It was requested that SITA make greater use of the Parish newsletters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KA to send LC details on odour sensitivity testing.</li> </ul>	KA
3	<b>Odour complaints summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SITA Cornwall helpdesk received 2 odour complaints in November and 9 in December from a small number of local residents (5).</li> <li>• SHa requested that people phone the EA as well as SITA if they have an odour complaint.</li> </ul>	SHa
4	<b>Bridalway 29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Countryside Officer has agreed to reinstate the bridal way along with looking at the drainage and has agreed with the Waste Disposal Authority to fund a soak away to divert the water through the woods. The EA have yet to authorise this. Works to resolve the problem should start in April 2009, subject to EA approval.</li> </ul>	SH
5	<b>Planning update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The planning decision for the Scorrier HWRC and RTS to replace facilities at United Mines when the site closes in 2010 is likely to be at the end of March. Some members of the group were concerned about vehicles using roads through Carharrack as they make their way to and from the site in Scorrier. GW notified the group that SITA intend to write into the planning application that certain routes will not be able to be used by the HGVs using the Scorrier site.</li> <li>• The planning decision for the Falmouth HWRC is like to be at the end of February.</li> </ul>	
6	<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW was concerned that the recent outbreak of campylobacter in Carharrack may be linked to the landfill. LC assured the group that there are numerous ways for this infection to enter into the population which is usually associated with poorly</li> </ul>	

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		<p>cooked meat. LC advised PW to contact the health unit at Kerrier District Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KA confirmed that prominent structures that Carharrack residents can see from are top soil storage bunds.</li> <li>• SH notified the group that a sign will be erected at the entrance of United Mines HWRC to instruct members of the public to secure waste appropriately when transporting it to the site.</li> <li>• SITA Cornwall have noticed a decrease in price of recyclable material but material is still flowing through the sorting centres and is not being stockpiled. This is because the quality of material is high in Cornwall and SITA have secure markets through SITA Trading.</li> <li>• SHa from the EA will be taking over from Lesley Row.</li> <li>• MK was concerned that the litterpicker for St Day, Carharrack and Lanner was no longer able to deposit waste free of charge at United Mines HWRC. SH to resolve.</li> </ul>	