



<b>SUBJECT</b>	United Mines Liaison Meeting
<b>DATE</b>	21.01.10
<b>LOCATION</b>	United Mines
<b>RECORDER</b>	Susannah Downing

<b>PRESENT</b>	Laura Bosworth	(LB)	SITA
	Susannah Downing	(SD)	SITA
	Stuart Higgins	(SHi)	SITA
	Phil Rudin	(PR)	SITA
	Shaun Scantelbury	(SS)	SITA
	Andy Stott	(AS)	CC
	Simon Harry	(SHa)	EA
	Malcolm Newton	(MN)	EA
	Carl Martin	(CM)	Carharrack PC
	John Newcombe	(JN)	Local resident
	Brenda Williams	(BW)	Local resident
	Paul Williams	(PW)	Local resident

**DISTRIBUTION** All members of the liaison group

**APOLOGIES** Katharine Alexander, Alan Blamey, Lyn Carter, Ray Humble, Mark Kaczmarek, Les Moulson, Mike Savage, Des Teale

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Apologies were received as above

**2.0 OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

2.1 SHi informed the group that waste operations are currently in Phase 3 and 4, progressing to complete capping in Phase 1. SHi shows the group a plan displaying capping areas and areas to be capped. (SHi)

The group were told that even in the recent period of hazardous snow and ice, the site remained open throughout although a small amount of disruption was caused including problems with frozen lines and the



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	<p>rotary units having to taken to the sites garage each evening to prevent freezing. PR stated that the collections had been affected and a Saturday collection was put in place to catch up.</p> <p>SHi showed the group a draft of the revised restoration scheme which will be presented to the planning authority shortly. SHi told the group he would appreciate feedback on the approach taken as it proposes alternative access to the leachate treatment plant which would reduce the amount of impact to the top of the site.</p> <p>SHi-SITA has met with an engineer with regard to how to progress 2010's permanent capping of the site. Permanent capping will be maximised. This cannot start until Spring as specific conditions are needed. Areas will be temporary capped to minimise and prevent odour if perm capping is not possible.</p> <p>SHi explained that leachate levels have been difficult to manage due to the rainfall-241 mm in Nov, 151mm in Dec and 51.4mm to date. In December 6189m3 leachate was treated and 2080m3 was tankered. This is the most leachate the treatment plant has treated since its installation.</p> <p>Physical works to improve drainage at Bridleway 29 have been completed and believed to be working well. SHi has met with Countryside officer Gwyn Ebdale who quoted 'I inspected Gwennap 29 this morning and found that the surface is now quite acceptable as a bridleway, many thanks for arranging the extra material that was delivered and for all of your help. I have removed the safety fences and closure notices'. SHi stated that the results from the infiltration tests for the soakaway were poor and therefore not an option to go forward. SITA are in talks with consultants as to the best technique to use which is likely to include discharge to Williams Shaft.</p> <p>SITA is looking to provide a more sustainable solution to the drainage issues at Horses Lane, SLR have been engaged and following a contamination issue proposals have to be revised. Discussions with the EA are taking place to seek alternative methods.</p> <p>SITA will shortly be installing a flare stack onto site (SHi shows the group photos) This will be a temporary measure. There is a possibility that another engine will be put in but SHi did state that this is only in discussion state and has not been confirmed.</p> <p>SHi offered the group an invitation to the United Mines history group which is restarting on the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. The restoration scheme will be explained to the group.</p>	

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<b>3.0</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT AGENCY UPDATE</b>	
	<p>SHa gave the group an update from the EA since the last liaison meeting.</p> <p>Odour Performance: <b>Nov</b>- 7 complaints were made from 7 individuals- 5 of which were received on 09.11.09. The EA performed 8 off- site surveys and an on-site inspection on 12.11.09. on the 9<sup>th</sup> there was an odour detected associated with the landfill at various occasions, noting that sometimes at distance (Crofthandy) however it was not deemed to be sufficiently severe to indicate significant pollution.</p> <p>SHa said that on none of the occasions, from their own surveys, during November were the odours detected perceived to be of 'particular intensity, persistence, or offensiveness'</p> <p><b>Dec:</b> 34 complaints were made from 24 individuals. 21 of which were made between 10-17<sup>th</sup> Dec. This was noted as being the greatest number of complaints received in any one month for the whole year. The EA conducted 5 off-site surveys on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec coinciding with the period that most complaints were being made. SHa went on to explain the findings to the group-(in brief)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-10th- Between 08:15-08:43 consistent odour from the landfill was perceived close to Sparry Lane and Tresithney Road.</li> <li>-11<sup>th</sup>- Between 09:36-10:17 consistent refuse type odour with 'pine' character was perceived along Sparry Lane and intermittently in the Tresisthney Road area.</li> <li>-15<sup>th</sup>- Between 09:05-09:21 an odour associated with landfill was perceived on the road between Crofthandy and United Industrial Estate.</li> <li>-17<sup>th</sup>- 08:36 and 08:40, landfill odour was detected between the sports field and Comford.</li> <li>-22<sup>nd</sup>- Midday- faint to moderate strength waste type odour perceived east of Sunny Corner.</li> </ul> <p>So far in <b>Jan:</b> 4 complaints made. EA an off-site inspection was made 19.01.10- a 'not consistently detectable' odour encountered at Church Row, on parts of Squire Lane and the top of Sparry Lane.</p> <p>SHa noted 'tight tipping control' on top of Phase 3 with both mobile odour control units fully operational</p> <p>SHa stated that on none of the occasions of off-site surveys was the impact perceived to be of a sufficient magnitude to indicate non compliance with the permit. However he did state that he was aware that it is entirely possible that off-site odours were noted when the EA were not carrying out their surveys and urged the residents to continue to report whenever there are complaints. The importance of reporting directly to SITA was also reiterated.</p> <p>SHa informed the group that the results of the gas management audit</p>	SHa



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should be complete mid-Feb due to timescale change.

#### 4.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CM raised a question that has been asked at his Parish Council meeting: Are vehicles left overnight here that have come from Devon? SHi answered that no vehicles from bringing waste from Devon are left at the site overnight and in general vehicles are not routinely left over the weekend. PR said that a shunter vehicle is used to tip the artic trailers bringing waste from Connon Bridge so there is a trailer park on site close to the weighbridge where full trailers are dropped for tipping and empty trailers are kept for pick up. On occasion if the vehicles coming from Connon Bridge have arrived too late to tip they may be left overnight in the trailer park, although the haulier will usually take them back to their yard, there have been issues with the A30 recently and if it is deemed safer to bring here then that could have been the case.

MN asked if a link with waste streams had been looked at and if it could be pursued. SHi stated that 2 examples had been looked at but as waste composition varies it would be difficult to find a linkage, however it can be formally looked at.

PW noted that when an incident had been logged with the helpdesk it had been rectified within 30 minutes. SHa answered that this is probably due to the transient nature of odour and explained the process of providing daily cover on site, which starts at about 13:00-14:00. SHi offered again to take PW on to the site to witness site operations but this was declined.

PR-since the public meeting in Carharrack to discuss the possibility of a transfer station being placed at UM work is continuing on surveys and a planning application likely to be put in at the end of April. PR did say that other sites are being looked at with regard to a permanent site.

PR circulated an email that had been sent to the group from Cllr Neil Plummer. SHi felt that within it there was criticism of the liaison group and asked the group if he felt the liaison group was an effective forum for addressing issues such as odour CM answered that he will report back to his parish council and ask them, though he feels the group is a help. All attendees were in agreement. It was noted that Mr. Plummer had not attended the previous meetings stating his conflicting interests. AS told the group that he has been in correspondence with Mr. Plummer previously and that he had responded favourably in the sense that he understood the issues. AS



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	<p>added that he would establish with Mr Plummer what was the best forum for discussion in order to identify the precise nature of his concerns and to update him on what was being done on site to maximise the mitigation of odour. AS also pointed out that this endeavour was reflected in the fact that it has been some time since SITA had been the subject of formal enforcement procedures by the E A and the Council. It was agreed that a hearing with Mr Plummer is needed to understand his concerns further.</p> <p>SHi asked if there is anything the LG can do PW responded that ' we know that you are doing what you can, it is impossible to do so without problems'</p> <p>AS said the noise issue is coming to a close with the limit apparently falling back into compliance.</p> <p>SHa asked the group if the minutes of the liaison group could be updated on the SITA Cornwall web-site (this has since been updated)</p>	

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**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD: THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 18:00**