



SUBJECT	United Mines Liaison Group
DATE	27.05.10
LOCATION	United Mines
RECORDER	Susannah Downing

PRESENT	Katharine Alexander	(KA)	SITA
	Laura Bosworth	(LB)	SITA
	Susannah Downing	(SD)	SITA
	Ian Mitchell	(IM)	SITA
	Phil Rudin	(PR)	SITA
	Adrian Lea	(AL)	Cornwall Council
	Mike Savage	(MS)	Cornwall Council
	Simon Harry	(SH)	Environment Agency
	Malcolm Newton	(MN)	Environment Agency
	Alan Blamey	(AB)	Gwennap Parish Council
	Ray Humble	(RH)	Gwennap Parish Council
	Carl Martin	(CM)	Carharrack Parish Council
	Les Moulson	(LM)	Local resident
	John Newcombe	(JN)	St Day Parish Council
	Brenda Williams	(BW)	Carharrack Parish Council
Paul Williams	(PW)	Local resident	

DISTRIBUTION Liaison group members

APOLOGIES Stuart Higgins, Andy Stott, Mark Kaczmarek

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1.0	INTRODUCTION	
1.1	PR introduced himself as chair for this meeting in Stuart Higgins absence.	
1.2	Previous minutes (23.03.10) to be amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Blamey and Ray Humble to be readdressed as Gwennap 	



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	<p>Parish Council representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carl Martin and Brenda Williams to be readdressed as Carharrack Parish Council representatives. • Minute 5.4 'Carl Martin passed on a query from the chairman of his parish council' incorrect. To be amended to 'Carharrack Sports and Social Club'. SD to amend. 	(SD)
2.0 SITA OPERATIONAL UPDATE		
2.1	IM informed the group that tipping has finished towards the leachate treatment plant end of phase 2/4. Operations are concentrating on placing waste to final level along the edge of phase 2, ready for capping.	
2.2	CLP have installed the 6 th engine, in addition to running the other 5. A press release will be sent out to the media.	(LB)
2.3	Leachate levels have remained compliant since March. Over the period of March and April SITA have discharged 9,326m3 of treated leachate to sewer.	
2.4	Still working towards the closure date of October 2010. Permanent capping will be taken in phases. Tender documents have been sent out to contractors and are under review. Mobilisation for 1 st phase of capping is due in the middle of June. IM explained that SITA are still continuing to pursue soil jobs.	
2.5	LM voiced his concerns over what he sees to be a large amount of ground at Sunrise Hill that he didn't believe to be hydro-seeded. KA answered that it had been last year but it still needed better quality soil. LM asked that he could 'suggest urgency' for it to be seeded once more.	
3.0 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY UPDATE		
3.1	<p>SHa informed the group on odour performance:</p> <p>In May- 2 odour complaints, lowest monthly total for 19 months. In April-19 complaints, particularly around the dates 27th and 18th SHa said that when carrying out an inspection on the 27th April there was a detection of a waste type odour that was deemed likely to cause annoyance. SHa stated that he was aware SITA made efforts to divert waste from the tipping face on this date.</p> <p>SHa has carried out 2 on-site compliance inspections on 13th April and 25th May. Since the last group meeting during his visits he has, at no time, detected a major odour point source.</p>	
3.2	The EA have approved details for the next phases of engineered capping work, due to start in June, adjacent to the Trevince Woods boundary. SHa noted that there were concerns from the EA that odour problems may develop during the final stages of operations and	



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	therefore have asked SITA to ensure all control measures are in place.	
3.3	SHa updated the group on the non-compliances that were recorded in relation to the dust/particulate monitoring during 2008. Since the review took place it was understood that there had been a loss in data in 2008 due to IT problems with downloading. As a result a CCS score of 2 has been allocated. All scores result in a financial penalty.	
3.4	On the subject of dust PW and LM said that he felt the dust had been particularly bad recently. SHa answered that dust deposit monitoring shows no non-compliance and had witnessed bowsers operating on site at the same time as wagons operating. PR urged the residents to ring whenever they felt there was a particular problem. It was noted that SITA are looking to improve their dust monitoring regime.	
3.5	SHa informed the group that SITA are to repeat a risk assessment exercise to predict the generation of gas volumes from the site over the forth coming years. The EA will meet with SITA again in June to discuss the findings of this report and agree the best way to go forward to investigate the extent of gas migration and better understand and improve collection performance from older parts of the landfill.	
3.6	There was discussion within the group regarding the surface water management plans for the Carharrack catchment area. SHa told the group that SITA have dropped plans to discharge surface water to an adjacent mineshaft and are intending to continue current over-pumping activity to preserve original flow of water towards the Hicks Mills Stream. SHa said he welcomed the news.	
4.0 ADRIAN LEA-UPDATE ON MEETING WITH CLLR PLUMMER		
4.1	Since the last meeting where the group were shown an email Cllr Plummer had sent to SITA, AL informed the members that he has met with Mr Plummer, at his wishes, with Andy Stott, the Environment Agency (Simon Harry, Pandora Rene and Chris James) and Carharrack Parish council member Carl Martin. The meeting revolved around 3 issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the planning permission- the working towards the closure date of 31st Oct • The application made to extend the life of the HWRC. • The application for a Transfer Station. 	
4.2	AL addressed the concerns of Cllr Plummer regarding odour. AL stated that since issuing the site once last summer with a non-compliance which was taken 'very seriously' his impression from the CC's and the EA's point of view was that SITA are trying the very best they can to manage and there had to be an appreciation that waste smells.	



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	<p>However AL suggested that residents are given the mechanism to be forewarned if there is knowledge of an activity likely to result in the release of odour. LM said that he had been forewarned in the past and stated that he appreciated it. CM reiterated that it would be useful if residents were given a reason. CM said he felt the Liaison group was useful and felt it was unfortunate that a meeting at County Hall was held due to the representative refusing to attend the Liaison Group as he would have more knowledge of operations if he were to attend.</p>	
4.3	<p>PR updated the group on the current status of plans:</p> <p>A planning application was submitted for a Transfer Station at Pool two weeks ago essentially to serve the former Carrick and Kerrier districts. This is SITA's favoured option as there has been no great adverse response; transport links are good and the application site is located within a predominantly industrial area. AL added that there had been few objections received to-date and a new road will be proposed to reduce impact to local residents. PR said that SITA are continuing to progress with an application at Pool and at United Mines together. If the application for Pool is not successful the chances are high that an application for a Transfer Station at United Mines will progress, however PR stated that he understood the strength of feeling against this proposal.</p>	
4.4	<p>Next week a draft application to extend the life of the HWRC at United Mines by 4 years will be submitted. All members are to be copied into a press release that will be issued when the full application is subsequently made. LB to Action.</p>	(LB)
4.5	<p>When the issue of waste left beside the roads was addressed LB said that SITA are looking in conjunction with the Waste Awareness Team at an education scheme called 'Lost in Transit' to bring the subject into the public's awareness.</p>	
5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
5.1	<p>Members of the group asked if there would be a likelihood of odour after the sites closure. MN answered that there had been no problems at Connon Bridge when mothballed. KA also said that CLP will still be on site and operational teams will still be at site for 2-3 years.</p>	
5.2	<p>RB enquired as to how SITA would source top soils. KA answered that an analysis has to be done to ensure the site can accept it and that this is standard practice.</p>	
5.3	<p>AB had some concern over some drilling that was taking place from a nearby company, Geothermal Engineering Limited, and if there was a possibility it could cause problems associated with gas migration. PR and KA answered that SITA have not been formally approached but</p>	



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	SITA power are aware. AL explained the sealing of the bore holes and said that in terms of landfill gas escaping, that this would not be an issue.	
5.4	LB circulated a recent copy of the United Mines newsletter. The next one is to focus on the restoration and closure of the site.	
5.5	PR said that he will look into the best way to consult local residents on the revised restoration plans. SHi/ PR/LB to action.	(SHi/PR/LB)

NEXT MEETING PROPOSED: THURSDAY 29TH JULY: 18:00