

Cutacre Surface Mine and Reclamation Scheme Liaison Meeting

Thursday 7th September 2006 at 6pm
The One Stop Shop, Little Hulton

Present:

Councillor A Smyth	Little Hulton ward	Salford
Councillor Phil Ashcroft	Hulton ward	Bolton
Alex Allen	Urban Regeneration and Development	Bolton Council
Dennis Mc Bride	Planning	Wigan Council
Anthony Stevenson	Urban Vision	Salford City Council
Brian Worsley	UK Coal	
Mike Moulton	UK Coal	
Cath Hamilton	Resident	Salford
Joan Schofield	Resident	Salford
Adrian Yates	Resident	Bolton
John Booth	Resident	Bolton
Bob Evans	Resident	Bolton

1. Apologies

Mavis Boney, Councillors Morgan, Walsh and Burgoyne.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed

Action

3. Matters Arising

DM stated that there were two new Councillors, Clr Splain and Clr Higginbottom who represent the Atherton ward of Wigan. They have been made aware of the Liaison Group meeting and invited to attend.

AY raised the issue of site security, both during the period of mining and post restoration. BW stated that there was on site security to guard against theft. BW has forwarded all the site details to the Architectural Liaison Officer of Greater Manchester Police.

CH stated that to prevent bikers using the restored land is impossible in practice.

Security to be discussed as a future agenda item in the future when things have moved forward.

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4. UK Coal Progress Report

- The first section of the site access road is nearing completion;
- Site infrastructure works commenced in July 2006 with the roads, weighbridge and site office being constructed;
- Soil stripping in Area A adjacent to Addisses Farm has commenced as has soil and sub soil stripping in Area B and C;
- A proposal for further archaeological investigations has been submitted to The Greater Manchester Archaeology Unit for their approval. There will be no work within these areas until the survey work has been completed;
- United Utilities have commenced Phase 1 of the electricity re-supply and will be starting on the area to the south in the near future;
- 4/6 gas crossing points have been constructed whilst work on the aqueduct crossing will commence in mid September;
- The boundary fence on the Little Hulton side is scheduled to commence in October 2006;
- Coaling to commence in November/December 2006;
- The tip is scheduled to start being excavated in Summer 2007.

5. Reports from Council Planning Departments

Anthony Stevenson explained that the main outstanding issue was the resolution of the Restoration Bond with UK Coal. The bonds offered by UK Coal were being assessed to see if they would cover restoration. **AS/AA**

DM stated that from Wigan's perspective the restoration bond was satisfactory due to the limited nature of any remediation work in Wigan

AA explained that Bolton were in a similar position to Salford in respect of the matter with UK Coal's offer being assessed.

There was a general concern around the table that the restoration bond had not been agreed between the 3 MPA's and UK Coal. It was therefore critical to get this matter resolved as soon as possible.

6. Complaints

No new complaints reported

7. Communications

BW explained that sign boards had been prepared. BW explained that he intended to place the Work Plan, Restoration Plan, Minutes of the last meeting, Question and Answer

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sheet, existing detail drawing on the sign boards.

However, there were problems with the sign boards and they had to be sent back. When ready the sign boards will be erected on Breeze Hill Road, Wharton Hall Lane, Site entrance, along Rosemary Lane and where the road forks adjacent to the railway line.

AY suggested only placing the 2 big plans on the sign boards in addition to the Q and A sheet.

Blasting – Councillor Smyth asked about the leaflets warning local residents of blasting. BW explained that Area B will be the first area which would be blasted. Area C may be blasted whilst Areas G and H will be blasted some time in Year 3.

Councillor Smyth asked DM to clarify his explanation of blasting vibrations. DM explained that the force of blasting is measured in millimeters per second. Even at low levels e.g. 1 mm/second vibrations can be felt. The blasting at Cutacre would be limited to 6 mm/s. However, it is only at much higher levels where damage to property may occur. In his experience no damage has been caused to properties, irrespective of age or construction to residential properties at such low levels.

AS to provide a briefing note to Barbara Keally MP on Blasting and dust monitoring. AA **AS/AA** to do a similar note for Ruth Kelly MP.

8. Future issues

Drainage ditches and the restoration bond.

9. Any other Business

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at the Cutacre site office, off Salford Road, Bolton at 6pm on Thursday 2nd November 2006.