

Linhay Hill Quarry Local Liaison Group

Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time: 25 January 2022 @ 10am Location: Teams

Present:	B Wilson (BW)	Glendinning, Managing Director
	Cllr H Cox (HC)	Teignbridge District Council
	Cllr D Crook (DC)	Ashburton Town Council
	James Aven (JA)	DNPA
	Harriet Fuller (HF)	Environment Agency Planning
	Phil Townsend (PT)	DCC Highways Officer
	Hock Lee (HL)	DCC Flood Risk Team
	Joshua Lewis (JL)	DCC Lead Local Flood Authority
	Scott Riddell (SR)	Devon County Council Highways Neighbourhood Officer
	Mark Bullard (MB)	SDCC, Estates Director,
	Michael Penfold (MP)	Caton Group
	Helen Squire (HS)	Caton Farm
	A Hoey (AH)	Glendinning, Project Coordinator

Apologies to Mr Hennings, Wayne resident, who had accepted the invitation to attend, but couldn't get through.

1. Introductions

Barry Wilson introduced himself and invited other participants to introduce themselves, which each did as per the list above. BW proposed that he would chair this first meeting and that the Chairmanship for future meetings can be decided upon at a later date.

He explained that the purpose of the Local Liaison Group was to provide a means of communication between the quarry, elected members of the local community, statutory bodies, and other interested parties about progress of the extension of the quarry.

2. Update on Conditions discharge and other consents

BW said that to date the main focus of effort for Glendinning had been on preparing the various schemes required to discharge pre-commencement conditions on the planning permission for Stage 0 of the extension, and applying for the necessary consents from the Environment Agency and Devon County Council for water monitoring installations to record baseline conditions in the water environment.

For the pre-commencement conditions, there had been 13 schemes in total, covering a wide range of topics: details of ground and surface water monitoring, information management and reporting on the water environment baseline, the Karst Management Plan concerning monitoring and recording of information about karst features and land stability, the arrangements of this Local Liaison Group, the Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Scheme and associated Operational Land Management Scheme, both particularly complex documents, and the arrangements for the Environmental Steering Group to be set up to oversee their

implementation. In addition, there were schemes controlling how operations were undertaken, including Construction Environmental Management Plans and Method of Construction Plans for each element in Stage 0 and the Arboriculture Management Statement, concerning trees. Also details of the Flood Diversion Scheme on the Balland Stream, arrangements for adoption and maintenance for surface water drainage and the Archaeological Watching Brief.

Alongside the above, having obtained the required consents for water monitoring, the installations had all now been put in place.

Now Glendinning is awaiting approval of the Dormouse Protected Species Licence from Natural England, which is anticipated later this week and once that is received the quarry will be ready to start the Stage 0 works.

AH added that Glendinning had also discharged the pre-commencement obligations in the S106 Agreement, namely paying the contributions for the Traffic Restriction Order on Caton Lane to DCC, and for the research into underground shrimps to the DNPA. JA said that arrangements for the latter would be the subject of a Memorandum of Understanding between the DNPA and Glendinning to be agreed soon.

JA said that the DNPA will upload copies of all the approved Schemes and the Discharge Letters onto the DNPA website as soon as possible.

3. Outline of proposed project programme

BW shared his screen to better explain this, displaying the drawing for Stage 0 - LINHAY-ATK-S0-Z-PL-0001_Stage 0 Plan. The first operation will be vegetation clearance along the route of Waye Lane and the public footpath diversion, including for the temporary diversions for the places where Waye Lane construction takes place very close to the final diverted footpath route. This is planned to start in February. To minimise impact on dormice, there is an 8 week window for this work, but the clearance operations will take less than this. In the part closest to Place House, the felled trees will be taken into the quarry for chipping in order to reduce noise disturbance on the School.

In February half term, we plan to undertake the alterations to the Coach Turning Circle at the School and in March there will be a Temporary Road Closure to allow vegetation to be cleared along the narrow part of Balland Lane in preparation for widening it later in the year.

In answer to a question from PT, BW and MB confirmed that the school coaches will continue to use the present route in both directions along the western part of Balland Lane, and MB added that he had given instructions to the coach operators to this effect. BW said he will maintain close contact with the School and DCC Highways about all arrangements for the alterations to the Turning Circle.

Following the Turning Circle, the next focus will be the footpath route. The works on surfacing the route will be carried out by Glendinning's own contracting division, with Hi-Line as contractors for the vegetation clearance.

There will also be a small amount of vegetation clearance (including small sections of hedgerow relocation) along the route of the new access to Alston Farm and Cottage during February/March after the clearance on Waye Lane and construction of the

access itself will start thereafter. This will start from the Farm end and progress towards Alston Lane.

BW envisaged lots of ongoing discussions with PT and his colleagues at DCC on the other road elements of Stage 0 and said the quarry had already commenced the preliminary discussions about construction of Waye Lane as a precursor to the formal S38 adoption procedure. There will be several stream crossings on Waye Lane which will involve discussions with HL and JL via Tim Morgan of Atkins.

In between all this the quarry will be undertaking works to Waye Pond and the other flood mitigation detention basins along Waye Lane.

4. Future Local Liaison Group arrangements (issue of minutes and future agendas)

BW said that Glendinning was revising its website and the new website will include a link to the minutes of the Local Liaison Group.

AH said that she would circulate draft minutes to all attendees for their comments (within five working days please), and then the final minutes will be posted on the website, which was planned to be launched in early February. She will send a link to the website minutes to all who had been invited to the meeting.

5. AOB

PT asked when the decision on the closure of Alston Lane would be available? BW said that Glendinning's legal advisors had said that it would probably be sometime towards the end of January or early February, but he had heard nothing officially. We will advise DCC as soon as we hear. (*Post-meeting note: when the decision is issued the Decision Letter will be added to the www.linhayhillquarryextension.co.uk website*)

6. Date and format/venue of next meeting

BW said if the next meeting was in 6 months' time, it would be in July or August, which was holiday time and not very good for meetings, so he suggested that the next meeting would be in September. Glendinning will make contact nearer that time to arrange this and also to decide then on whether it would be held via Teams or face to face. MB offered the use of the conference room or a classroom at the School as a possible venue for future meeting/s. He also asked whether the Operations Manager and Premises Manager could be invited as well as himself.

There were no other questions or comments, so BW closed the meeting at 10.35am.