

Linhay Hill Quarry Local Liaison Group

Notes of Site Visit

Date and Time: 25 April 2023 @ 10am **Location:** On site, see opening paragraph

Present:	B Wilson (BW)	Glendinning, Managing Director
	I Glendinning	Glendinning, Chairman
	Duncan Saunders	Glendinning, Operations Manager
	Ken Robbins	Glendinning, Senior Site Agent
	ClIr David Crook	Ashburton Town Council,
	ClIr Huw Cox	TDC
	Phil Townsend	DCC Highways
	Toby Ball	DCC Highways
	Scott Riddell	DCC Highways
	Joshua Lewis	DCC Flood and Coastal Risk Officer
	Jessica Bishop	DCC flood team
	Jago Burris	DCC flood team
	Lucy Wynn	EA EA Consents
	Chris Tregidgo	SDCC Operations Manager
	Mark Bullard	SDCC, Estates Director,
	Hannah Moon	Life Chance
	Steve Couch-Finnemore	Neighbour. Waye
	Richard and Ros Hennings	Neighbours, Waye
	Neil Turner	Neighbour, Caton
	Brian Burge	Neighbour, Alston Cottage
	Jenny White	Neighbour, Fine Turf
	Helen and Clifford Squire	Neighbours, Caton
	Kate Rhodes	Atkins
	Tony Fletcher	Atkins
	Helen Staddon	Westcountry Rivers Trust
	Hannah Hayes	Exeter University for Westcountry Rivers Trust
	Anthea Hoey	Glendinning, Project Coordinator

1. Venue

The arrangement was to meet in the car park at Glentor and combine into as few cars as possible and then travel in convoy to the car park near the quarry workshops from where we could walk up to view progress to date with construction of Waye Lane and associated surface water drainage and retention basins.

Here is a photograph of everyone at the start of the walk.



2. Progress on Waye Lane

Barry explained that work to date on Waye Lane concentrated on installing all the surface water drainage last year and then this year constructing the middle section of Waye Lane from approximately chainage 350m to 820m. Prior to that vegetation clearance had also been done on the first section up from Balland Lane and the of route of the permanent footpath had been laid for most of this length as well.

Construction of the base layers of the middle section was nearing completion and we walked along the surface of the sub base, stopping to look at the water retention basins with the control outlets at Place and Brownswell.

Here are photos of the Place basin:



The sand bags are inlets from drains from the road and from historic land drains associated with the previous farm track.

Here is the control outlet for the Brownswell retention basin.



Here are some shots of the base layer surface of Waye Lane. The level of the eventual finished surface will be one metre below the tops of the wooden pegs either side of the road and the metal pegs show the proposed curb line.



The metal pegs marking the curb line can also be seen at the top end of this middle section.



Barry explained that the alignment towards the top section of Waye Lane followed closely the winding route of the previous farm track to help keep the rural feel of the road. In addition, hedgebanks will be built and planted as close as possible on both sides of the road to complement the existing hedgebanks that were retained or relocated to accommodate the road.



The photo below shows a relocated length of hedgebank on the right hand side of the new road. This particular length of hedgebank had been relocated twice, the first time as part of a different quarry development about twenty years ago.



Having walked along the middle section we went through the gate in the middle distance of the photo above and followed the approximate line of the proposed top section of Waye Lane in the field alongside the side of the existing tip.

Here is a photograph of the Group about halfway along this top section of Waye Lane. This will be the next section of the route to be built. We are hoping to start in June.



The photo below shows the proposed route as it passes Waye Pond, including the widened drainage ditch around the lower edge of Waye Pond.



The next photo shows the short length of road referred to as the Waye Lane Link that will provide a short cut for the residents at Waye to reach Waye Lane. This has already been constructed to the top of the base layer.



We then crossed Alston Lane into the field on the other side where two former ponds have been enlarged to provide additional surface water storage at the top of the catchment above Waye Lane. The photo below shows the lower of these two ponds. This work was done last winter, so the grass is only just starting to establish. The outlet control is visible on the far side of the pond.



The Group then returned to where we started following the route of the footpath past Waye and continuing along the temporary footpath and back to the Quarry.



The photo below shows a few of the nearly 5,000 trees that have been planted to date. This comprises just some of those planned to be planted during Stage 0.



Before getting into their cars to return to Glentor, a few of the Group inspected the flood diversion system on the Balland Stream, which diverts excess water from the stream into the quarry settling pond during periods of heavy rainfall.



2. Outline of the proposed Project Programme

The next steps in the Project Programme for Stage 0 are as follows:-

- Construction of top section of Waye Lane – commencing June 2023.
- Construction of lower section of Waye Lane – commencing Summer 2023.
- The final surface of Waye Lane will be laid along the whole length on completion of all three sections. We hope that the road can be opened in Summer 2024.

- Alston Farm Access – completion by early 2023
- Balland Lane widening awaiting completion of the Agreements with SWW and DCC with a view to construction starting in the summer 2023. Vegetation along the north side of the lane has been cleared in readiness for this work to begin.
- SWW water main diversion – anticipated in 2023
- Liaising with National Highways re the improvements to Caton Cross – aim to start vegetation clearance in Autumn 2023 and undertaking the improvement work thereafter.
- Further landscape planting and hedgebank creation over Autumn 2023.

3. Date and format/venue of next meeting

We hope to arrange for the Group to be able to see other parts of the Stage 0 works at the next meeting of the Local Liaison Group which will be in September. The date and actual venue/format will be decided nearer the time.

Many thanks to all who attended. We hope you found it interesting and useful.