



**MINUTES OF THE THREE KINGS QUARRY LIAISON MEETING
HELD AT THREE KINGS SCHOOL HALL
ON MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2008**

Present: Winstone Aggregates Attendees:

Bernie Chote, Tony Carpenter, Richard Compton, Sari Eru,
Chris Edmonds, Mike Harris, Sandra Kelly

Chair: Deborah Clapshaw (Chairperson/Facilitator)

Auckland City Council Attendee:

Michael McQuillan

Residents and Interested Parties:

Richard Bellamy, South Epsom Planning Group
Corinne McLaren, Three Kings United Group

David & Jennie Blaker, Joan Brock, Alison & Michael Brown,
K. & F. Caldwell, Nigel Chartwell, Harry Doig, Veronica Friedlander,
Bob & Suzanne Hemming, Dianne Hill, Bill & Carolyn Hulme,
O.M. Lichtnecker, Pat Lillis, Peter McConnell, Emma Newell,
Elizabeth Petrie, Patsy Sim, Dawn Taylor, Cathie ???,
Alisa Warburton, Ann Weaver, John & May Ann White,

Apologies:

Garry Bryant, Robyn Duke, John & Jeanette Page, Hugh & Trish Thomson

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Deborah Clapshaw declared the Meeting open at 7.00 pm, and sought confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 17th September 2007. (Moved by M. McQuillan).

She welcomed newcomers to the Meeting and then asked Bernie Chote to introduce Winstone Aggregates' staff.

2. Matters / Actions Arising

Camera Location and Dust

Action Item: Investigate the possibility of installing a webcam.

Action Taken: The camera is now focussed on the new plant, not the old location. Looking at the possibility of installing a webcam – images from which could be relayed through the website. Noted that Watercare maintain the cameras and lens cleaning.

New Action Items: S. Eru to investigate scope of view of cameras and confirm the coverage is appropriate. S. Eru to also identify the camera maintenance process and the schedule in place for this.

Action Item: S. Eru to source photos from more windy days (e.g. south westerly and nor easterly winds), when the impactor was in operation, ready for the next Meeting.

Action Taken: Examples were displayed at the Meeting of when there had been dust arising within the Quarry. These were taken on various days with differing wind conditions and from different directions. Dust was mainly observed early morning on machine start-up, and was well within compliance. One exceedance over 80 NTU was noted last year on the Northern boundary which, upon further investigation, was due to emissions from Danske Mobler's furniture factory, and the Council were duly notified. B. Chote reiterated that issues such as dust, noise and spills should be raised as soon as possible so that they can be investigated immediately. A real time dust monitor is being installed on the Northern boundary.

QMP (Draft Revision July 2007)

Action Item: R. Compton to send a copy to R. Bellamy and C. McLaren.

Action Taken: Copies were sent to R. Bellamy and C. McLaren.

Weed and Rodent Control

Action Item: Wattle in the bunds should be eradicated.

Action Taken: Done.

Action Item: Check the bund for rubbish (behind the fence).

Action Taken: Done, with T. Carpenter reporting that 3 sacks of rubbish were collected.

New Action Item: S. Eru to identify if there is any privet on Winstone Aggregates' property.

Managed Fill – Recap

Action Item: C. McLaren spoke about a copy of a letter she believes was sent to C. Scullin regarding final end use of the land and open spaces. However, Mr Compton believes the letter was addressed to him. Both parties to locate a copy of the letter.

Action Taken: R. Compton advised that the letter in question was written to him when he was previously employed by Winstone Aggregates, from John Nash who was an Open Space Planner for the Council, which advised that Council would be interested in the rehabilitated land.

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M. McQuillan then added the Council was in the early stages of reviewing its District Plan and that the land's current use may undergo rezoning etc., particularly in relation to sub-dividers, land for reserve purposes etc. Residents can participate in the consultative process in the next year or two. A resident then asked him whether the quarry land would be turned into a Lunn Avenue type of arrangement with housing, retail etc. The resident further stated that if they want to take matters before the Environment Court, they would have to pay for consultants etc., however the Council pay out of the residents' rates payments. C. McLaren advised that the Three Kings United Group could apply for legal funding. She further added that she believed Winstone Aggregates favoured Option # 5 in the QMP. It was noted that Lunn Avenue site covered 100 ha and Three Kings site 15 ha.

Next Meeting

Action Item: Amend newspaper advertisements re Meetings to include "to discuss the future or end use / filling of the quarry".

Action Taken: Done.

3. Site Monitoring Report

M. Harris, before presenting his report for February 2008, outlined the process for the new attendees at the Meeting, providing further detail in relation to the groundwater level being held at RL34m above sea level.

Groundwater Levels

- Groundwater levels in the quarry are currently being held at or above RL34m.

Precise Level Surveys

- A survey of all precise level benchmarks was completed in April 2007. Precise level surveys are currently being undertaken at annual intervals. The next precise level survey is scheduled to be undertaken in March.
- In response to a resident's query, M. Harris advised that the triggers are still in place. The next Survey is scheduled to be undertaken in March, and the results due out within a month of the Survey being completed.

Air Quality Monitoring

- Air quality monitoring results over the spring and early summer period (September to January) were all pretty good.
- 117 samples were collected, all of which were less than 80mg/m³ per 24 hour period.

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Review of TSP Monitoring Plan

- An application was made to the Auckland Regional Council in August 2006 to review the monitoring requirements in the TSP Monitoring Plan. The proposal was to replace a Hi-Vol TSP Sampler and the Mini-Vol TSP Sampler with a Continuous Beta Gauge Monitor.
- The procedure for changing the TSP Monitoring Plan was to engage a TSP Monitoring Advisor who would then undertake a review of the TSP Monitoring Plan and make any recommendations as appropriate.
- An independent TSP Monitoring Advisor was appointed (Kevin Rolfe) and he reported back in April 2007 with his recommendations.
- The Recommended TSP Monitoring Plan was forwarded on 30 April to Three Kings United Group and South Epsom Planning Group for their review, which was completed within a month of receiving the report.
- The ARC approved the Revised Monitoring Plan to have a continuous monitor subject to retaining a Hi-Vol TSP Sampler on the Northern boundary and on the roof of the Quarry office.
- Appropriate changes are being made to the Three Kings Quarry Air Quality Management Plan to incorporate the recommended changes.
- The continuous monitor was scheduled to be installed mid November 2007 but delays in shipping have resulted in the monitor only now being ready to be installed.
- A copy of the updated Air Quality Management Plan will be posted on the Winstone Aggregates website under the Three Kings Quarry section when it has been completed.

4. General Business

QMP Update

No response received to the Revised QMP which R. Compton posted to C. McLaren, R. Bellamy and G. Bryant (refer Action Item from 17th September 2007 Meeting). B. Chote referred residents to the Company's website (details located at the bottom of the Agenda) if they wanted further information, and he reconfirmed to C. McLaren that the QMP was still on the website in its original format.

Update of Managed Fill Consents

Winstone Aggregates will seek consents to fill the quarry. B. Chote advised that there are a whole raft of issues regarding the decision behind closing the quarry and filling it.

- Letterbox Flyer – a flyer was distributed to 6,000 households on 16th October 2007. Only 17 responses were received – all of which received a personal letter from B. Chote in December 2007 which also contained details of tonight's Meeting, and their names and addresses were added to the database. Residents then complained that they did not receive the flyer, with others reporting it was included amongst a pile of junk mail.

Action Item: Consider sending an update which does not end up included with junk mail.

Action Item: Check that the 17 new names are all contained in the database.

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- Air Quality / Surface Water / Soil Science – i.e. what will be contained in the cleanfill? A resident queried putting recycled concrete into the cleanfill area, and was advised that Winstones are looking at ways of using recycled concrete in the future. B. Chote further explained that it will be a replica of the process currently in use at Puketutu Island Quarry which has been running a cleanfill operation for over 8 years. There are strict monitoring processes regarding types of cleanfill accepted.
- Traffic Planning / Transport – how many trucks can the current roading system at Three Kings handle? Currently 70 movements (in and out) per day is the actual average. How long will it take to fill? That depends on the number of trucks permitted and the type of cleanfill being used. Truck movements have been assessed based on 375 per day, with a peak of 750 per day. Traffic assessment reports say no capacity or safety issues with these numbers.
- XRF Machine - B. Chote outlined the process for checking cleanfill, and in particular the new XRF gun which samples product on the back of a truck. The Company also employs the use of hydrocarbon “sniffers” to detect petrol/oil waste.
- Ground Water – B. Chote displayed charts showing scenarios on managing ground water. M. McQuillan said that at Lunn Avenue, the ground water is used in toilet flushing cisterns and outdoor taps, and the same system could be employed at Three Kings. M. Harris responded to R. Bellamy’s query on the existing storm water / sewerage set-up, and M. McQuillan added that he attended a Council Meeting and that this process is starting to happen, i.e. a separation process, which Council have 15 years to carry out.
- Open Day – holding several Open Days throughout the country, and it was pointed out that the back of the flyers for the various sites all show a picture of Hunua Quarry. A flyer was posted to everybody on the database. Residents were encouraged to attend this event.
- Revised Timetable – R. Bellamy said the community will have no option but to object to cleanfilling if they do not know what the end use of the site will be. B. Chote said the fewer trucks dropping off cleanfill, the longer the timeframe required to fill the area. A resident asked the question if companies would be charged to drop off their cleanfill – yes – and this is normal business practice. The Plan Change will indicate what the end use will be, so what is Winstones’ aiming for? M. McQuillan replied to another query that Residential 8 is high density housing. B. Chote further pointed out that Winstones were not in a position to fund opposition to its own plans, e.g. paying for urban planners to work for residents. However, a peer review process could be considered in the future.

General Discussion

R. Bellamy again stated that the community want to know what is going to happen to the site when it has been filled. The QMP has end-use options which now appear to have disappeared from earlier discussions (e.g. a lake). He thinks people should know what the end use is before it is filled in, and also what will happen to the water at the bottom. The 3 points he raised were:

1. Pump in perpetuity?
2. End use?
3. Why do we have to wait 10 years for the Plan Change?

He feels that Winstone Aggregates should look at a sensible, planned approach for the end use, adding that anybody can apply for a scheme change at any time. B. Chote anticipates the consenting process could take one or even two years, and that the 10 year Plan Change process begins this year.

R. Bellamy feels the Council should be approached with a view to getting the process moving earlier. B. Chote then displayed a timeline for the various tasks involved in the whole process. He then displayed, at C. McLaren's request, a later slide headed ACC's 10 Year Plan Change Process. M. McQuillan said it would take 2 years from preparation of development options up to the stage of being notified in the proposed District Plan. The 5 options were considered several years ago. He further reiterated Winstone Aggregates' proposal to make the process more participatory by requesting a member from each of the Three Kings United Group and South Epsom Planning Group be included in future consultation, expected to be arranged by Council with key stakeholders. B. Chote responded to C. McLaren's query and advised that the Company was going to start this consultative process in April 2008. R. Bellamy added that DOC should also be involved. A resident advised that a new Community Group (from the other side of the quarry) was being formed and that they would also like to have a member included in the consultative process.

Who will retain ownership when the site is filled? It will remain as Winstones property throughout the entire managed fill process. Residents feel they should be asked to submit ideas for the site's end use. Filling required discretionary activity consent under Business Zone 7. The site will not be lined before filling. A resident asked what Winstones' preferred option was. Option 5 – which is a mixture of reserve, urban and commercial development.

Action Item: B. Chote to write letter to TKU and SEPG inviting them to a workshop on developing preliminary concepts for a structure plan for the site.

Resident wished to point out what they were up against. He believed that Council Hearings are a farce, for example, residents were not permitted to speak over the Duke Street development proposal. M. McQuillan responded that the Council plays the role of regulator and may engage others to hear submissions from the applicant and submitters, which are governed by the Resource Management Act. B. Chote said the process is outlined on several websites.

Action Item: Print out information on the process – to be available at the Open Day.

M. McQuillan added that the 10 Year Plan is the best process to address this. He added that Winstones can continue quarrying for as long as they wish under the existing use consent.

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- Batters – R. Bellamy complained that the batters had been cut back. C. McLaren asked about the measurement of the batters as feels they do not meet the requirements of the 1915 Act in that they should be 40 degrees from the top to the bottom.

Action Item: Winstone Aggregates present to the next Meeting a summary of the work done in regard to the batters.

- Documents – copies of documents on the website will also be available in future in the Library files for review.

Action Item: Ensure Library files are up to date.

- Quarrying – a resident asked if there would be further quarrying in the Auckland Isthmus? B. Chote responded that Three Kings is the last quarry in Auckland City. The majority of supply now comes from the Hunua Quarry at Papakura, and also Stevensons Quarry at Drury.

5. Quarry Complaints

T. Carpenter, Quarry Manager, advised that no complaints had been received since the date of the last Meeting.

6. Next Meeting

Monday 12th May 2008 at 7.00 pm

B. Chote thanked everyone for their input and encouraged residents to attend the Open Day.

Meeting declared closed at 9.05 pm