

THREE KINGS QUARRY SITE LIAISON GROUP MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2012 AT THE WAIKOWHAI ROOM, FICKLING CONVENTION CENTRE, COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM

PRESENT:

Winstone Aggregates Attendees:

Andrea Cave, Tony Carpenter, Chris Edmonds, Mike Harris, Elyse LaFace, Daniel Le Roux

Elected Representative Attendees:

Tim Woolfield, Albert-Eden Board
Michael Wood, Puketapapa Local Board

Residents and Interested Parties:

Prof. Dick Bellamy, South Epsom Planning Group, Alan Bigelow, Alison & Michael Brown, Garry Bryant, Robin Duke, Andrew Laird, Amanda Levey, Pip Mules, South Epsom Planning Group, Graeme Mulholland, Jill Segedin, Dawn Taylor, Hugh & Trish Thomson, John & Mary-Ann White, Chrissie Wright

Greg McKeown (Chairperson/Facilitator)
Sandra Kelly (Minute Taker)

1. WELCOME BY CHAIR

Greg McKeown called the meeting to order.

Since the last meeting two workshops have been held. Greg noted that it was now very easy to view quarry related information at www.threekingsquarry.co.nz, with SLG information on the community liaison page.

2. APOLOGIES

Bill Dyall and his partner Kirsty Wilson.

Moved Greg McKeown, that the apologies be received.

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Greg McKeown, that the minutes of the SLG meeting dated 28th November 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded: Hugh Thomson.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING

Action Point 1.

It was confirmed that the pedestrian refuge does have ramps, and has been designed in consultation with Auckland Transport and Auckland Council.

Action Point 2.

A presentation on the Progress of Consents has been prepared and Auckland Council has been invited to send a representative to our meetings but they are unable to accept.

Action Point 3, 4 and 5

Relevant sections of the Puketapatapa Local Board Plan have been posted on the Winstone Aggregates website and copies were available on the night.

Action Point 6.

Andrea Cave has queried Council whether the blast compliance regularity is one in 20, or otherwise. However, a reply had not been received.

Action 1: Keep Action Point 6 on the Agenda until answered.

Action Point 7.

Dawn Taylor was to provide Andrea Cave with full details of trucks she noticed without covered loads. No details provided.

Action Points 8, 9 and 10.

The workshops on the Management Plans have been held and confirmed that the opening of site to fill is 2nd April 2012.

Action Point 11.

Council have granted permission that a final draft of the Management Plans be submitted 3 months prior to fill commencement with a final revision submitted in early February.

Action Point 12.

Information on ambient air quality monitoring in the surrounding area was obtained and circulated by Andrea Cave to Bill Dyll.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Greg McKeown noted that while an allocation was made for up to 5 minutes per speaker, and at the chair's discretion per topic, the ensuing SLG discussion could be longer and that Public Forum topics would not be rushed. He welcomed Garry Bryant to presents his topics. [Note: If you would like to speak at a future meeting, please forward your request to Elyse LaFace before the meeting.]

5.1 Notices in the Newspapers

Garry Bryant raised that the meeting notices in the local newspapers requesting Agenda Items had a submission close-off date that was before the actual newspaper publication date.

Action 2: Elyse LaFace to modify next advert.

5.2 Coal Tar Contamination and Asphalt

Garry Bryant addressed the meeting regarding contaminants in asphalt and how they become inert. On 26th January 2012 The Aucklander newspaper ran an article regarding the re-laying of the Grafton Road and

the material which was dug up. Coal tar was in the underlying material which is toxic. How are Winstone going to ensure base course material containing coal tar is not put into the Three Kings fill site?

Andrea Cave advised that she had been in touch with Auckland Transport (Len van der Harst) to discuss the situation. Winstone Aggregates were verbally advised that historically tailings from furnaces at the gas works were used for base course on some of Auckland's roads. When Auckland Transport undertakes any works on these roads a process of sampling is undertaken. The results of these samples then determine the method of disposal. Winstone Aggregates were further advised that when 200 cubic metres or more is being excavated a resource consent is required. This resource consent is monitored by Auckland Council and disposal provisions are included. Furthermore, Auckland Transport had been in touch with the Auckland Public Health Department and they were happy with Auckland Transport's approach. A request to receive this response in writing has been made.

A resident queried what would be done for such jobs less than 200 cubic metres? Andrea Cave noted that she has been told that sampling would still be undertaken. Reference was also made to HAIL (Hazardous Activities and Industries List) and the requirements around these sites prior to acceptance of fill.

Dick Bellamy advised under Condition 17 of the Consent that weathered and cured asphalt is acceptable.

Tony Carpenter added that weathered and cured asphalt is distinctly a different colour than fresh asphalt. The size of the asphalt coming in would vary and likely be mixed within a load. Each load is checked at various stages during the fill process to ensure that it is weathered asphalt.

A resident asked what volume as a percentage of asphalt would be going into the site. Dick Bellamy advised that Condition 16 details the volume of hydrocarbons therefore it would be 1.5kg per tonne. Chris Edmonds stated Winstone do not receive much asphalt product, as companies now tend to recycle/reuse the material.

Garry Bryant suggested not accepting any asphalt.

Action 3: Winstone to provide comment within a fortnight.

Pip Mules spoke about truck movements on roads impacting air quality. South Epsom Planning group have engaged a consultant to prepare a report. If appropriate this information will be made available.

5.3 Covering of Trucks

At the last Workshop in January, it was asked if all trucks could be covered. Garry Bryant said Winstone should be able to dictate that everybody covers their loads, not just Winstone trucks but also independent contractors, as it is a residential area. Dawn Taylor read a section from the Land Transport Act 1998 / 110 5/11/2011 # 42 "Failure to Secure a Load". In response Andrea Cave advised that 'securing your load' under the Land Transport Act does not equate to 'mandatory load covering'. Dawn Taylor suggested that the clause in the Act be displayed at the quarry.

Action 4: Elyse LaFace to add link to the Land Transport Act to the company's website.

Action 5: Elyse LaFace to post the relevant section of the Act on site.

Michael Wood from the Local Puketapatapa Board said that they are getting the most comments and concerns on this issue, and covering loads would mitigate the problem. So why does Winstone not enforce this for other trucks coming into the quarry? Greg McKeown suggested that the company is to progress this question and have an answer before 15th March.

Action 6: Winstone to provide an answer to the covering of loads by 15th March.

6. SITE MONITORING REPORT

Mike Harris introduced himself, and presented the Site Monitoring Report dated 27th February 2012.

Noise monitoring – biannual monitoring completed in December 2011 by a specialist consultant. The results showed compliance with the limits.

Air Monitoring – two monitors, one at the office block and the other at the northern boundary run every three days as required by the Management Plan. The consented limit is 80µg/m³. There were no exceedances since last reported though in November 2011 there was one reading just under the trigger at 79.5µg/m³.

Annual Precise Level Survey – is currently being undertaken by specialist consultant and results should be available at the next meeting.

Groundwater level monitoring – is ongoing and nothing of significance to report.

Groundwater quality monitoring – two samples have been tested as required by the Fill Consent. The first results for Borehole 7 on Landscape Rd showed a zinc level greater than the trigger. Condition 36 of the Consent details the procedure for dealing with an exceedance. This requires an additional sample to be taken. This was done and the results showed compliance with the trigger levels. It was queried if there was a relationship between site blasting and the zinc levels. Mike Harris to provide comment at the next meeting.

A resident asked if they could view the testing results, and Mike Harris advised they will be posted on the company's website (as they are reported to Auckland Council). Elyse LaFace noted that the monitoring is undertaken quarterly.

It was also requested Mike Harris' report be supported by a PowerPoint presentation to assist with interpretation of results.

Action 7: Mike Harris to look at the zinc results and the blast dates to try and ascertain if there is a relationship between blasting and the zinc concentration in the retest sample.

Action 8: Mike Harris to include a visual presentation with his report at the next meeting.

7. QUARRY OPERATIONS AND FEEDBACK / DRILL AND BLAST PROGRAMME

Daniel Le Roux, Three Kings Quarry Manager, presented his Report. A copy of which is available on the company's website.

He displayed an indicative plan of current quarrying and proposed quarrying, and filling over the next three months. He also reported on possum control, and advised that rats are targeted through bait stations. He provided a summary of blasts undertaken since the last meeting, showed a photo of the new out weighbridge and advised that the wheel wash is also being upgraded.

8. PROGRESS OF CONSENTS

Elyse LaFace, Three Kings Environmental Co-ordinator, presented her Report; a copy of which is available on the company's website.

She advised that a Consent Implementation Team had been formed within Winstone Aggregates; the fill Consent is made up of 77 conditions and 26 advice notes; CsVue is an on-line environmental management compliance system which the company uses. She further added that timeframes are set for each condition,

with alarms emailed to the responsible person when an action is required. Council were given access to the system to facilitate compliance audits.

The conditions requiring action prior to commence of fill activities (2nd April 2012) were highlighted and an update on progress provided.

Questions and Comments

A resident asked whether looking out for cyclists could be added to the signage? Elyse LaFace explained that this is contained in the Drivers Code of Conduct. Winstone will ensure that this is emphasised to the drivers prior to fill commencing.

Hugh Thomson made comment that the changes made to the Management Plans after the first workshop went beyond what he would have expected. A resident added that they are frustrated that the Consents have been granted to the company and not at specific Winstone employees present.

9. AIR DISCHARGE CONSENT RENEWAL UPDATE

Andrea Cave detailed that Winstone still intend to quarry for the next 5 years in conjunction with filling. As such a renewal application for a discharge to air permit has been submitted to Council as the current permit which allows for quarrying activities expires at the end of August 2012. Council is still reviewing to decide whether or not to notify the application and a decision should be made within the next two weeks. If you require any more information regarding the process, please contact Andrea Cave.

Dick Bellamy raised that the fill operation did not require consent because it has been deemed a permitted activity, which means after the 5 year quarrying permit expires there would be no specific requirement for air monitoring. Also for the 5 year period discharges would be a mixture of scoria dust and dust from the fill. If there is an exceedance over the limit, how would they decide the source of the problem? What is the company's stance when there is no consent in place requiring air monitoring?

Andrea Cave replied that when it expires, those conditions regarding air quality monitoring would be inserted into the Air Quality Management Plan, as per the relevant consent condition in the new fill consents.

Action 9: Andrea Cave to provide details at the next meeting on the current monitoring process and those planned once there is no air discharge consent in place.

Action 10: Andrea Cave and Dick Bellamy to meet to discuss the consent renewal further.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 If quarrying is still going on, will those truck movements be included in the proposed 750 per day figure, or will they be extra movements? Yes, they will be included in the 750 per day figure.

10.2 A resident queried the location of bore hole 7 on Landscape Road, and the depth of it.

Action 11: Mike Harris to provide these details at the next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

Monday 28th May 2012, 7.00 pm

Meeting declared closed at 9.15 pm.