

THREE KINGS QUARRY SITE LIAISON GROUP MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE LYNFIELD ROOM, FICKLING CONVENTION CENTRE, COMMENCING 7.05 PM

PRESENT:

Winstone Aggregates / Fletcher Attendees:

Jane Bennett (Community and Stakeholder Manager - Fletcher Living), Andrea Cave, Chris Edmonds, Nicolas Giraldo (Development Manager - Fletcher Living), Mike Harris, William Hay, Angela Klein, Sandra Kelly (Minute Taker)

Elected Representative Attendees:

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Auckland Council Attendees:

Adam Duncan (Team Leader Central Monitoring - Compliance Unit, Resource Consents Department), Andrew Grey (Monitoring Inspector - Compliance Unit, Resource Consents Department)

Residents and Interested Parties:

Professor Dick Bellamy (South Epsom Planning Group), Jie Deng, Stephen Evans, O.M. Lichtnecker, Dawn Taylor

David Towle (Chairperson/Facilitator)

1. WELCOME BY CHAIR

David Towle welcomed everybody to the Meeting, and explained the new format based on requests of the Group.

2. APOLOGIES

Garry Bryant (Three Kings United Group), Councillor Cathy Casey, Lee Corrick (Albert-Eden Local Board), Pip Mules, Steve Pearce (Auckland City Council)

Moved: D. Towle, THAT the Apologies be accepted.

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: N. Giraldo, Seconded: D. Towle, THAT the Minutes of the Meeting dated 18th July 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING / ACTION ITEMS

The full Site Monitoring Report was published on the company's website and questions can be raised at this meeting. Also a Standard Agenda Item named Future Development where relevant issues can be discussed has been added.

David then introduced Jane Bennett, Community and Stakeholder Manager at Fletcher Living. She is willing to receive enquiries from the Group in-between these meetings. Jane left a supply of her business cards in order for residents to be able to contact her, and her details will also be added to the company's website.

Action: A. Cave arrange to have Jane Bennett's contact details added to website

A summary of actions from the previous meeting Minutes were outlined as follows:

Action 1 – S. Pearce to request summary report regarding rising AP92 settlement mark.

S. Pearce was not present, however Andrew Grey and Adam Duncan, both from Council's Compliance Unit, Resource Consents Department, were in attendance and advised that they had looked into this outstanding matter. They reported that the three markers that are moving upwards are on sections of footpath adjacent to the kerb which has remained static. Therefore they are confident that the movement is due to tree roots rather than a result of quarry operations. Prof Bellamy responded and A. Grey replied that the markers have been in place for over ten years and are placed fairly close together, with the closest marker being only 16 metres away. A. Grey then commented that the settlements are within the consented limits, and there are only three markers showing anomalies. Prof Bellamy then asked if Council have reviewed survey data from Buddock Road. Yes, it was confirmed that AP114 and AP117 had been reviewed. Prof Bellamy further queried if Council have considered the location of markers, to which A. Grey replied that they could look into it.

Action: A. Duncan and A. Grey

Action 2 – A. Klein and W. Hay to include a summary of the Monitoring Report and Quarry Operations Report in the meeting invite and agenda, as well as a link to the full reports which are uploaded to the Three Kings Quarry website.

Actioned

Action 3 – A. Klein to add an additional agenda item, headed "Future Development."

Actioned

Action 4 – A. Cave to confirm with Council if lime application is permitted in the Consent. Check if Council provided written approval to place lime, and report back to the next meeting.

Andrea Cave advised that she sent Three Kings United and South Epsom Planning Group documentation of the approval from Council to place lime in the quarry. Prof Bellamy said the deposit of 30 tonnes of lime is not a trivial amount. In the issuing of the Fill Consent, was the question asked if the aquifer and the deposit location of powdered lime to stabilize the clay breached the Air Quality Consent? He felt it should have been the subject of a consultation, but this did not occur. Therefore, what consideration was given by Officers in approving this deposit? Would like assurance from the Council Officers that this was a one-off, and are alternatives going to be looked at, e.g. granulated lime, slurry etc.? Council responded that they are not aware of any future trials of dehydrated lime chip, and that testing of alternative products would need to factor in stabilization and not exceeding pH levels. Council would need to be contacted in writing prior to any trials taking place, and would also want to be present on site when such trials occurred. Prof Bellamy asked Council to consult with the Local Board and Community Groups in future.

Action 5 – M. Harris to investigate a peer review of the precise level survey results from 2016.

A peer review of the precise level survey results from 2016 has been investigated and it is not required. Should a peer review be required, there would be suitably qualified persons with no previous association with Three Kings Quarry available to undertake such a peer review.

The power to review rests with the Council. Prof Bellamy asked who within Winstone Aggregates recommended that a peer review not be required, and Mike Harris said it was a general consensus. Prof Bellamy thought Council might be concerned with what is going on with subsidence continuing. He advised that several property owners are still concerned about the issue of subsidence. Request Council Officers look into this matter re Prof Bellamy's concerns on the peer review, and report back to the next Meeting.

Action: A. Duncan and A. Grey

Action 6 – W. Hay and N. Giraldo to follow up issue of rocks found on the road.

Photos of a rock were provided after the last meeting, but difficult to pinpoint when it was deposited and by which contractor. An open invitation was sent to the Local Board to visit the site to show them what processes were in place, including Health & Safety issues regarding rocks in tyre duals. Prof Bellamy added that you can see evidence of dirt etc. along Mt Eden Road so the company should install proper wheel wash equipment, adding that the next thing you will see is lime left along the road. Winstone Aggregates responded that there is a full-time person checking the duals in wheels for any rocks before trucks exit the site. There are also two wheel washes in place which every truck drives through prior to exiting the site. It was reported that the road sweeper will now be used on a daily basis.

A Landscape Road resident commented that he had not seen any cleaning carried out on that road, and trucks using the road did not have their loads covered, resulting in a build-up of dirt. He is ready to make an official complaint to the Ministry of Transport. D. Towle said that there is an obligation on an operator to have a safe load, however Winstone Aggregates cannot enforce contractors to cover their loads. Residents were then advised to take photos, record number plate details etc. and report these directly to the trucking company in question, along with their specific complaint.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Matters raised will be discussed under the Future Development section.

6. SITE MONITORING REPORT

The Executive Summary was included as part of the meeting invite. Points to note include:

Groundwater Level Monitoring - Groundwater levels are currently being measured in 51 boreholes and piezometers located in and around Three Kings Quarry. Groundwater levels are generally following seasonal trends.

Groundwater Chemistry Monitoring - Samples for chemical analysis are required to be taken at six monthly intervals from the pumping bore within Three Kings Quarry and from Borehole 7 on Landscape Road (March and September). The results from the September 2016 monitoring round have been received. All parameters were less than the trigger limits, with the exception of Zinc recorded in Borehole 7. Borehole 7 currently has no direct groundwater link to Three Kings Quarry. Auckland Council and Watercare have been notified of the trigger exceedance.

Continuous Groundwater Quality Monitoring - An upward drift in pH was recorded from January 2016 to July 2016. The electrode was replaced in July 2016 and is showing much more consistent results.

Air Quality Monitoring - Air quality monitoring equipment at the quarry consists of two Continuous Real Time Beta Attenuation Monitors (BAM), time-lapse video cameras and a meteorological station. Air quality monitoring results recorded since the last Site Liaison Group Meeting have generally been less than 30 micrograms per cubic metre as a 24 hour average. No air quality triggers have been recorded since the last Meeting.

Noise Monitoring Results - The next round of noise monitoring will be undertaken in November 2016.

Soakage Infrastructure ASCNMP - In order to avoid, remedy and mitigate any adverse noise effects from the soakage infrastructure project, an Activity Specific Construction Noise Management Plan (ASCNMP) has been implemented. A copy of the Plan can be found on our website: www.threekingsquarry.co.nz under the "Management Plans & Regulatory Structure" tab. Alternatively, you can contact Angela Klein on 027 504 3624 or email her angela.klein@gbcwinstone.co.nz

Prof Bellamy said an Activity Specific Construction Noise Management Plan has been agreed to by Council, but asked whether Council Officers had read the Fill Consent from the Environment Court – to which they replied that they had. The issue of Noise is mentioned twice in the Fill Consent; once in Paragraph 43 regarding construction noise, and also under Paragraph 51 regarding noise control. He noted that the two limits were different. Zoning of the site is still to be clarified so Prof Bellamy asked whether the wrong limits are being used. Council responded that the construction noise limits are applicable for the construction of the soakage devices and that they are satisfied Winstone Aggregates have all of the permissions required under the consent to carry out these works.

7. QUARRY AND FILL OPERATIONS

The Executive Summary was included as part of the meeting invite. Points to note include:

Daily Truck Movements – the total number of trucks to enter site per day has been below the consented limit of 375. 154 was the average number of trucks to enter site per day over the last six months.

Pest Control – possum traps and rat bait stations continue to be checked and baited. Two possums have been caught since the last Meeting.

Complaints / Incidents – complaint received on 6th September and 3rd October 2016 from a member of the public who reported seeing trucks using St Andrews Road. All truck drivers were reminded on their next visit to site that St Andrews Road is NOT to be used. Cartage companies and Permit to Tip holders were informed of the complaints and the Three Kings Quarry Drivers Code of Conduct was reiterated.

Another complaint was received on 4th October 2016 from a member of the public who noted sediment in gutters along Mt Eden Road. Staff conducted a visual inspection of the road and gutters on the day of the complaint. Two gutters blocked by leaves, some grit noted on road. Intergroup did a weekly sweep and leaves/rubbish were removed from the gutters.

Fill Weighted Rolling Mean – all parameters are less than trigger limits.

8. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

N.Giraldo provided an update and advised that the Environment Court is still ongoing, with the Unitary Plan due to be available in the next few months, therefore Fletcher's will not be making any comments while this is ongoing.

Dawn Taylor expressed concern regarding the height of buildings resulting in the view of the Big King being blocked. N. Giraldo advised the buildings have been designed in accordance with the Unitary Plan and, as such, comply with those conditions. Prof Bellamy asked if the Company representative was happy with the appearance of the buildings, to which N. Giraldo responded that he is very happy / satisfied on how the buildings are looking and they are being built to a very high standard. Prof Bellamy commented that, in his opinion, it lacks any empathy with the landscape and a style of construction opposing the ambience of the grounds. N. Giraldo said the ultimate test will be whether the properties sell or not, to which Prof Bellamy responded that anything will sell in the Auckland housing market.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Dawn Taylor advised the name of the area was originally Three Kings, therefore the name of Mt Eden Road should be changed to Three Kings Road. Council representatives present at this meeting instructed her to contact the Local Board about this issue.

Prof Bellamy said this group was originally called the Quarry Site Liaison Group, in conjunction with the Environment Court Report, with the idea being for the community to get together with the company to

discuss matters of common interest. The low attendance of community members tonight suggests that things are not working well. He looked up the meaning of the word “liaison” in two dictionaries. He added that the decision on the lime was made as well as noise control issue without the Local Board being consulted. If Fletcher Living want to build their image, then they really need to have a culture change where some genuine effort is made to seek residents’ views. He has struggled to see genuine liaison between all parties, e.g. Winstone Aggregates, the Local Board, Council, residents etc. over the last 15 years or so. David Towle said there is perspective this is the residents meeting and he is happy to promote and facilitate new topics.

Prof Bellamy said there is a requirement in the Fill Consent to consult various Groups regarding certain issues, plus a final contour plan was not provided.

David Towle noted that there are more Company representatives at this particular Meeting than there are residents, so how do we encourage more community participation?

9. NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th February 2017

Meeting declared closed at 8.15 pm