



**Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 14 April 2016 at the Benson Hall, Compton Bassett village.

**PRESENT**

**Compton Bassett Parish Council**

Peter Szczesiak (PS)  
Peter Barnett (PB)  
John Reis (JR)

**Calne Without Parish Council**

No representatives

**Calne Town Council**

No representatives

**Cherhill Parish Council**

David Grafton (DG)  
David Evans (DE)

**Wiltshire Council**

No representatives

**Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee**

No representatives

**Environment Agency (EA)**

No representatives

**Hills Quarry Products Limited**

Peter Andrew (PA)  
Andrew Liddle (AL)

**Hills Group**

Monique Hayes (MH)

**Land and Mineral Management Limited (planning consultant)**

Nick Dunn

	<b>Action</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	
No apologies were received.	
<b>1. Introduction</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA welcomed everyone to the meeting.</li> <li>• A 4 page information brochure on the proposals was made available.</li> <li>• PA confirmed that a number of local residents had been met with in the past two weeks to explain the proposed plans to them.</li> <li>• JR enquired if there would be a public exhibition and PA advised that no exhibition would be held as this meeting with elected representatives was being held to provide information on Hills plans for Freeth Farm Quarry.</li> </ul> <p><b>1.1 Planning History</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA explained that the land was originally given to the war effort for the purpose of providing mineral for redevelopment of the country which established the right to work the mineral and in the 1950's a set of planning permissions was laid down. Hills is now seeking to agree the conditions of that original planning permission.</li> <li>• PA advised that the original planning permission allowed for lorries to transport the material, but that Hills is proposing to change this to using conveyors and hence the requirement for planning permission for the conveyor.</li> <li>• JR, DG &amp; PS enquired if Hills will give a written undertaking that the land to be quarried will be returned to agricultural use only and that no landfilling will take</li> </ul>	

place. PA advised that this would be taken into consideration.

### **1.2 ROMP Process**

- ND explained that the Freeth Farm development was made up of two parts –
  - one being a Review of Old Mineral Planning Permissions (ROMP) application for Freeth Farm Quarry to agree planning conditions; and
  - a planning application to construct a field conveyor to transport sand from Freeth Farm Quarry to the existing processing plant at Calne Quarry.

### **1.3 Need for Environmental Impact Assessment and its content**

- ND explained that an Environmental Impact Assessment had been undertaken and a Scoping Opinion had been obtained from Wiltshire Council.
- ND advised that all the mitigation measures proposed in the specialist reports of the Environmental Impact Assessment are to be adopted.

### **1.4 Anticipated date of submission**

- ND advised that Hills expected to submit the planning application within one month.

## **2. Quarry proposals**

### **2.1 Design and phasing**

- Plans of the proposed site were presented and it was confirmed that the redline outline was the total area of the site.
- ND confirmed that the mineral reserve is recognised in the current Wiltshire Council Minerals Policy and included in the calculations of the county's reserves.
- Detailed plans of each phase of workings were presented.
- ND explained that there will be 7 phases which allowed for the site to worked in smaller areas and progressively restored.
- ND gave details of the bunding that will be created around the two cottages to deal with visual and acoustic impact.
- ND advised that work around the cottages was expected to last for approx. 3 weeks and that higher noise levels would be experienced by these properties during this time.
- PA explained that there is no set stand-off limit in relation to working near properties and this is decided on a case-by-case basis.
- ND confirmed that diverted footpaths, bridleways and removed hedges will all be reinstated post working and that the aim was to return the land to what was there originally, albeit at a lower level, with additional biodiversity enhancements.
- ND gave details on how the Scheduled Monument will be protected during working.

### **2.2 Plant and machinery**

- PS enquired if any mechanical vibration machinery would be used in the proposed operations. AL advised that the existing screener being used at Low Lane will be moved to Freeth Farm Quarry.
- PA explained that plant for the site will be transported by heavy vehicles that would be routed via the A4, onto the B15 (?) and then onto the farm track.
- Discussion was held over the possibility of including signage on the A3102 indicating that there is no access to Hills site off that road through Compton Bassett village.

### **2.3 Restoration Scheme & timescales**

- PA confirmed that the proposals did not include any importation of materials for the restoration.
- Details of the phased restoration scheme and timescales for each were discussed.

<b>3. Conveyor</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ND presented detailed drawings of the conveyor location and route it will follow to join with the existing conveyor at Low Lane and then onto the plant at Sands Farm.</li><li>• ND advised that the conveyor would be enclosed with the enclosure painted olive green to blend with the landscape.</li><li>• ND gave details of the bridge that will need to be constructed to take the conveyor over the road and confirmed it was of sufficient height to allow farm machinery / emergency vehicles to pass underneath it.</li></ul>	
<b>4. The meeting closed at 7.00pm</b>	