NOTES OF MEETING

Record of Local Liaison Committee Meeting

Date: 17 May 2006  Time: 16:00  Location: Byley Village Hall
Purpose of meeting: LLC meeting

Attendees:
Chairman: John Grayling (JG)
County Cllr George Mainwaring, Cheshire County Council (GM)
Parish Cllr George Yarwood, Cranage Parish Council (GY)
Parish Cllr John Beecroft, Byley Parish Council (JB)
Mark Lynch, Vale Royal BC (ML)
David Adams, Cheshire County Council (DA)
Rod Brookfield, Cheshire County Council (RB)
David Ord, RAP Group (DO)
Michael P Cooper, Project Manager, E.ON UK (MPC)
David Thompson, Site Manager, E.ON UK (DT)
Chris Pearce, Project Engineer, E.ON UK (CP)
Richard Stevenson, Project Manager, Ineos Enterprises (RS)
Graham Hutchinson, Construction Manager, Jacobs Engineering (GH)
Billie Holland, Community Relations, E.ON UK (BH)
Geoff Corker, Noise Monitoring, Cheshire County Council (GC)

Apologies / Absent:
Parish Cllr Shaun Wells, Lostock Gralam PC
Parish Cllr John Hardman, Lach Dennis PC (JH)

Notes

1. APOLOGIES & ADMINISTRATION
1.1 RE and JH sent apologies. ML attending in place of RE.
1.2 CP tabled EON press release regarding investigation into new Gas Storage facility proposal in East Riding of Yorkshire for information.

2. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
2.1 2.4.2 – Questions for E.ON Ruhrgas to be submitted by LLC members 2 weeks in advance of next meeting – ONGOING. E.ON confirmed that as per email sent out with previous meetings minutes (10th April 2006) the exhibition would be held in July.

2.2 3.4 – RB has visited Mr Oakley who is content with the route for raising any further queries.

2.3 3.5 – RB has carried out survey of trees planted and found that semi-mature trees planted are to correct specification. RB to confirm that planting density is correct. RB Next Mtg

RB noted that Holford Gas Storage site is subject to regular (8 annually) monitoring and enforcement visits which are invoiced to EON. 1st visit completed – report will be publicly available shortly on County planning files.

2.4 6.1 – RB/ BH have not received many comments on infonnaire. ALL to submit suggestions of locations for infonnaire to RB / BH (must be indoors). Details of locations will be put in next newsletter. BH / RB tabled draft application form for Community Fund (attached) – All to comment on form and questions.

DUE
2.5 7.2 – CP reported that initial response on “hosting” website not positive. E.ON reluctant to host website without control of content. E.ON will update existing Gas Storage website with information and LLC will review and decide if independent website required. [Post Meeting – a major review of website is under way – revisions will be incorporated in new site]

2.6 E.ON noted that Allostock PC wish to receive LLC meeting minutes and newsletters. Clerk of PC has been added to distribution list.

3. REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS LOG

3.1 RB related complaint from lady regarding hedgerow removals at King St. RB spoke to EON who accepted that clearance work needed tidying up. RB has written back to complainant who is content with response.

3.2 DRT reported that the only complaint received was that referred to by RB. DRT noted a complaint from a lady regarding noise which was traced to Transco activities off Moss Lane (see note below). Not EON project related.

3.3 DRT is in regular contact with all local farmers regarding drilling activities. RB has visited Mr Benion since drilling started.

3.4 RS explained Transco activities related to de-pressurising H165 cavern for safety inspection. Cavern owned by INEOS but operated by Transco. Temporary equipment is used which is noisy. Transco attitude not satisfactory. INEOS are carrying out noise mitigation and will continue to deal with complaints in absence of action from Transco.

4. PROGRESS UPDATE

4.1 GH gave an update on current construction progress and forthcoming activities.

Drakelow Lane:
Drilling has started with Rig 18 on non-24-hour basis. First conductor casing installed.
Rig 29 due on site 29th May. After 4 days mobilisation, 24-hour drilling starts. Rig currently being modified to reduce noise emissions prior to arrival at site. RS noted that this is same rig used for months without complaint by INEOS at Hulme Hall.
GH noted that drilling operations may require vehicle movements “out of hours” in line with Conditions but these would be minimised.
Road and foundation construction continuing including King St access TSMC – civil works to July 06

Hulse Lane:
May – wellhead and service main upgrades to start

Main Pipeline / Cable route:
B&W pipeline corridor fenced off. Topsoil removal from Hangmans Lane working north ongoing – ¼ of route complete – work should be complete by September but may overrun
Site Compound (Cranage Airfield):
Investigating drainage solution for installing new access road. Ground very soft so new design required. Undergrounding of existing 11kV line at entrance ongoing.

4.2 DO thought straw bales specified at public inquiry for noise suppression at one residence. DA stated this is not in Conditions but that noise limits at residences were binding and would be enforced. EON confirmed preference to deal with noise issues at source with blanketing / mitigation an option if required.

4.3 GM queried why no temporary speed limit requested on King St. Work progressing on access. MPC stated that unlikely police would support speed limits if not “self-enforcing”. E.ON have committed to support the speed limit campaign for Byley. DA to contact Richard Flood to discuss speed limits.

4.4 JB – James Benion concerned that water main in verge at Drakelow lane may be damaged by vehicle turning into wellpad 402 and put him out of business. GH – S278 works when complete will ensure no damage to main and that “bog-matting” to spread load used in interim. GH - Jacobs have spare main to repair breakages if they occur.

5. GUEST SPEAKER

5.1 GC explained noise conditions cover drilling, construction & operation. Conal Kearney will monitor drilling noise closely – subject of dissertation for Inst of Acoustics. Limits tighter than normally applied for construction. CCC monitoring against these limits. Complaints re: noise should go to RB. Night-time complaints will be dealt with that night. Operational noise limits – pressure letdown stations discussed. MPC – EON well aware of noise from pressure reduction plant and will be designing acoustic enclosures to meet requirements of conditions.

5.2 DO – why is monitoring not on permanent basis. GC explained that problem is you don’t know what you are measuring.

5.3 DO – Monitoring locations? GC – conditions based on specific properties but trying to measure noise at equal or less than background so need to monitor close to source and calculate. Also visit the site and monitor within boundaries to pick up specific noise sources (e.g. tonal, repetitive).

5.4 Concern over noise likely to be worse in summer when outdoors.

5.5 MPC – EON committed to avoiding problem. If complaints made important to note time and date to help track down source.

5.6 JB – who do residents contact in middle of night? MPC to confirm mobile phone number for 24-hour site based contact. MPC noted that construction time limits apply – drilling is only 24-hour activity.

5.7 DO – String-breaking mentioned in Inquiry as noisy operation. CP confirmed activity specifically prohibited at night except emergencies.
6. COMMUNITY UPDATE

6.1 JG – School had reported that £20k not a lot spread amongst 5 communities.

6.2 BH - this is annual payment during construction and all that is available now. Other sources of funding discussed. CCommC can advise sources for specific projects.

6.3 Parish Notice board – DO to forward details of local craftsmen to BH as quotes obtained by EON so far not acceptable

7. MEMBERS DISCUSSION

7.1 GY – congratulations on planting but queried planting to south of airfield. DRT – lots of planting in this area. JG suggested a walk-round with DRT to look at areas planted. GY agreed and will contact DRT.

7.2 DRT - measures put in place to physically prevent illegal access to airfield by motorcyclists as EON concerned for their safety

7.3 DO – has been elected as Parish Councillor for Cranage but will continue to represent RAP on LLC with GY continuing to represent Cranage PC. DO – will decline to vote on issues relating to Community Funding applications by Cranage as this may be seen as unfair

7.4 DA – leaving CCC and is standing down from LLC. RB will continue to attend for CCC. LLC agreed DA’s replacement can attend also

8. NEXT MEETING agreed as 19th July 2006 at 16:00pm at Byley Village Hall followed by:

PUBLIC EXHIBITION on Thursday 20th July 2006 at Byley Village Hall (Times to be confirmed).

Distribution: Attendees + Absentees + Northwich Town Council
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Local Parish Councils to place on notice boards and School & Village Halls
E.ON UK Website at www.eon-uk.com/gas_storage