HANSON CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE – THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019

PRESENT: Gary Young - Hanson Cement
        Sam Wrathall - Hanson Cement
        Graeme McGibbon - Hanson Cement
        Lynda England - Bellman Committee
        Marilyn Wood - West Bradford PC
        Roy Porter - Chatburn PC
        Cty Cllr A Atkinson - LCC
        Jonathan Haine - LCC Planning
        Cllr I Brown - RVBC
        Cllr R Sherras - RVBC
        Cllr I Sayers - RVBC
        Ken Robinson - RVBC

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Received from Cllr R Hargreaves (RVBC) and Mary Gysbers (Bellman committee)

2 MINUTES

2.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 20 September 2018 were circulated and approved as a correct record.

3. SITE PERFORMANCE

3.1 Environmental and Health & Safety

   • Graeme reported upon employee incidents. Emphasis was now being placed on near-hits where work can be carried out to avoid incidents from occurring. Clean site – safe site is also promoted whereby small improvements are identified by shift teams.
   • All stack emissions were compliant except for a few minor breaches – these had all been reported to the Environment Agency.
   • Water discharges (2 into River Ribble and settlement pond) are well within limits of both pH and suspended solids
   • Off-site testing takes place with frisbies and gauges by outside contractors. Measurements are taken and reported – results are generally static or decreases.
   • Graeme reported upon 9 complaints received this year – 2 relating to train operations; 1 about drivers parking on residential streets; and 6 between 25-28 February relating to dust emissions. The emissions were compliant within the permit and no issues on site but weather conditions may have caused plume grounding combined with atmospheric issues. The EA was informed.

3.2 Fuels

   • Production forecast has returned to what is considered to be 100%
   • Fuels used are made up of coal; tyres; solvents; Industrial Commercial Waste (SRF), animal meal, with some light fuel oil, oil filter papers and pulverised fly ash
   • Discussions ongoing for next full trial of oil filter paper and use of waste oil generated on site – material currently exported to Portugal.
   • Raw materials – continuing to utilise a number of inert waste streams to remove from landfill
4. KEY PROJECTS UPDATE

- The scrubber is fully commissioned and producing better results than expected – final costs £9m
- Continuous emission monitoring (CEM) equipment installed and operational on the main stack
- New data acquisition and handling system (DAHS) to be installed for the continuous emission monitoring data from CEMs
- New filter system for crushing plant
- Quarry deepening application – finally agreed
- Kiln shutdown – biggest ever – 5 weeks
- Hinkley Point C – Hanson is main supplier
- Woodsmith mine - £37k tunnel under the National Park linking Wilton to potash mine, Teeside – Hanson won the contract

5. QUARRY AND BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

- Work continues in Horrocksford area of Lanehead quarry
- At Bellman the bottom of the quarry was lost under water at the weekend (16/17 March) due to rainfall. There is a limit to how much water can be pumped out with the level of the stream. Work continues, with blasting continued as of Wednesday elsewhere on site.
- The development of Lanehead quarry reserve scheme (S106) has been agreed and paperwork it with the legal people.
- Work has begun to recreate Bellman strip fields – aiming to promote biodiversity and supplement plant and wildlife

6. AOB

- Lynda asked that readings from the dust gauges be included in future presentations.
- Cllr Sherras asked that the fallen wall on the main road between Chatburn Road roundabout and Bellman Farm could be rebuilt.
- Sam reported that English Heritage were to do some work to preserve the lime kilns

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1 The next meeting of the Hanson Cement Liaison Committee will be held on Thursday 26 September 2019.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm