



Smiths Concrete

Minutes

Subject: **Wolston Fields Quarry Liaison Committee**
Date: **Tuesday 12th April 2016**
Location: **Doubleday Room, Ryton Gardens, Wolston Lane, CV8 3LG**

Present: Cllr Heather Timms (Chair)
Mr Matthew Williams (Senior Planner – Warwickshire CC)
Mr Tony Lyons (Principal Planning Officer – Warwickshire CC)
Cllr Ian Spiers (Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council)
Cllr Geoff Marsh (Ryton On Dunsmore Parish Council)
Cllr Tim Harvey Smith (Wolston Parish Council)
Cllr Arthur Parker (Wolston Parish Council)
Ms Carole Garner (Facilities Manager – Ryton Gardens)
Mr John Green (Operations Manager - Smiths Concrete)
Mr Bob Woodbridge (Principal Geologist – Smiths Concrete)
Mr Mark Page (Land and Planning Manager - Smiths Concrete)

Apologies: Ms Julie Court (Finance Director – Ryton Gardens)
Mr Andy Stubbs (General Manager - Smiths Concrete)
Mr Andy Duncan (Landscape Manager - Smiths Concrete)

Distribution: All those above and Mr Ted Beale (Sheldon Bosley)

Minutes taken by: Mark Page

No	Item	Responsible
1.	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 January 2016 were accepted as representing a true and fair reflection of the discussions which had taken place.	
2.	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> Addressed in following items	

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3.	<p data-bbox="316 331 1043 367"><u>OPERATORS UPDATE (update provided by Mr Green)</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 434 1321 537">3.1 The wildflower seed mix sown on the soil bund opposite Ryton Gardens and is starting to 'green up'. Tree planting around phase 1 (settlement pond) has been undertaken.</p> <p data-bbox="316 602 1326 739">3.2 Smiths will be taking soils off the remainder of the southern stage of phase 3 this Spring/Summer 2016 again under the watch of Museum of London Archaeology. The company will wait until the ground conditions are drier before commencing the stripping works.</p> <p data-bbox="316 804 1315 940">3.3 Some limited quantities of inert materials have been brought into the site to date. Inert waste materials from Toll Bar roundabout are due to be imported imminently into the site and will be used to restore part of Phase 3.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1005 1329 1350">3.4 Smiths are acutely aware of the need to ensure the public highway is kept as clean as possible particularly given the impending importation of inert materials for restoration. The highway from the quarry site entrance towards the A45 is showing signs of staining. All lorries when leaving the site use the on-site wheel cleaner which removes any mud and other deleterious material from the lorries wheels. A road sweeper brush has been used to date although Mr Green is not convinced that this is as effective as it can be and so a jet sprayer road sweeper is now being used which will hopefully improve the situation. Matter to be kept under review.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1415 1299 1485">3.5 A site visit is to be arranged with members of Wolston Parish Council this summer. The parish council is liaising with Mr Green.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1527 1262 1597">3.6 A sand face has been created in the quarry to cater for nesting sand martins. Some 100 holes/ nests are present.</p>	Mr Green
4.	<p data-bbox="316 1724 1177 1760"><u>COUNTY COUNCIL'S UPDATE (update provided by Mr Williams)</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 1825 1318 1962">4.1 The county council undertook a site monitoring visit at Wolston Fields quarry on 17th December 2015. The quarry was operating in accordance with the planning conditions. The next monitoring visit is scheduled for May.</p>	

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	<p>4.2 Mr Williams confirmed that he had spoken to Highways regarding the additional quarry traffic signage as per the details discussed in the previous liaison meeting and that Highways now have this matter in hand. The committee expressed their desire that the signs are installed as soon as possible and before importation of inert waste materials starts in earnest. Cllr Timms to chase up Highways for progress.</p> <p>4.3 Mr Williams confirmed that the county council had received a complaint in the previous 24 hours about the condition of the public highway. Smiths need to keep matter under review to ensure road is kept as clean as possible.</p> <p>4.4 Mr Lyons advised that a consultation exercise on the draft Minerals Plan was completed in January 2016. Hundreds of responses have been received in respect of the proposed site allocations for mineral working; some sites receiving considerably more interest than others. The county council is currently assessing the responses.</p> <p>4.5 Mr Lyons explained that as part of the consultation exercise the land at Barbellows and Ryton Fields Farms has been promoted by the landowners for potential mineral extraction. A further 6 week consultation exercise is to be undertaken shortly whereby the council will be seeking comments about this new site. The next round of consultation of the full Minerals Plan is scheduled to take place Autumn 2016.</p>	Cllr Timms
5.	<p><u>OBSERVATIONS/ COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>5.1 The parish councils' principal concern relates to the condition of the public highway and the need for Smiths to manage the situation carefully so that the road is kept clean. Acknowledged by Smiths.</p> <p>5.2 No Lorries have been observed travelling through Ryton which was welcomed.</p> <p>5.3 The road surface on Wolston Lane near to the quarry entrance is showing signs of deterioration. Mr Williams has raised this matter with County Highways but not had a response to date and so will raise it with them again.</p>	Mr Williams

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	<p>5.4 Footway improvements along Wolston Lane have been completed but the county council has not yet requested the financial contribution from Smiths as set out in the Section 106 Agreement. Cllr Timms to follow this up. Mr Page confirmed that under the S106 Smiths is due to contribute 50% of the costs of the footway improvement up to a maximum of £9000.</p>	Cllr Timms
6.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>6.1 Mr Page confirmed that Smiths were looking at potential sand and gravel sites to replace Wolston Fields quarry. Two possible sites in the locality are Coney Grey Farm and land at Barbellows Farm. A drilling investigation has been undertaken at both sites and the results of the survey are awaited. Should Smiths take one of these sites forward then the company considers, given the timescales required to secure the necessary consents and other approvals, that it would be developed as a follow on site to Wolston Fields quarry.</p>	
7.	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7.1 Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 4.00 pm at Hills Room, Ryton Gardens, Wolston Lane, CV8 3LG.</p>	