

# CEMEX Barrington - Community Liaison Group Meeting

July 18th, 2013, Barrington Village Hall

## Present

Susan Walford	SCDC Chair
Sebastian Kindersley	CCC/SCDC
Susan van den Ven	CCC/SCDC
Tony Fletcher	Barrington PC
Aidan van de Weyer	SCDC/Barrington PC
Peter di Mambro	Harlton PC
Andrew Bott	CAMAIR
Anne Day	Barrington
Monty Goding	Barrington
Fay Waugh	Barrington
Michael Scott	Barrington
Neil Goudie	Environment Agency
David Atkinson	CCC Planning
Simon Barrett	CEMEX
Shaun Denny	CEMEX
Ian Southcott	CEMEX

### 1. **Introductions and Apologies.**

SW welcomed back NG from the EA. Apologies had been received from Charlotte Berrill, Martin and Liz Heazell, Andrew Lansley MP and John Drayton, CEMEX. IMS introduced Simon Barrett, Property Director for CEMEX and Shaun Denny, who would now look after matters planning following Keith Frost's retirement.

### 2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

FW noted that the minutes listed her as in attendance although she was in fact not able to be present. With this correction, the minutes of the meeting held on January 17th, 2013 were approved.

### 3. **Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising from the approved minutes.

### 4. **CEMEX Report**

a) **Industry and Company.** IMS reported that construction activity for 2013 had shown some improvement but that the forecast for the year still predicted a further small decline. House building was showing some renewed strength and it was perhaps true to say that we had reached the bottom of the cycle. Nevertheless, volumes in

the industry remained hugely down on 2007. CEMEX reflected the industry's position generally in that current activity levels were showing signs of improvement.

- b) **Current Status of the Barrington Cement Plant.** IMS restated that the plant had been decommissioned as previously reported. Apart from the supply of clunch to local restoration and refurbishment projects, there was little other activity on site. The two key elements for the future were the rail upgrade and quarry restoration project, and the future of the site in general.
- c) **Quarry Restoration and Rail Upgrade Project.** SB explained that there were two elements – the rail upgrade and the supply of material to effect the restoration. A contractor for each element had been identified and lawyers instructed. It was hoped that the contracts could be finalised during August and work would begin in September. This might be optimistic but it was the target. The rail improvement work would take approximately 26 weeks and if work did commence in September, then the facility would be operational by March 2014. The contractor for the supply of inert material would utilise two trains per day; supplies for the remaining capacity would also be sought. In view of the progress now being made, IMS proposed that the BLR sub-group be reconvened. SK agreed and early September was thought to be an appropriate time. SvdV asked if Barrington Road, Foxton be included. IMS also indicated that communication of the progress being made on these issues be improved. The sub group meetings would help and more information would be posted on the microsite. SB suggested that CEMEX's Mark Norton attend the sub-group meeting in September. IMS would supply information to TF for the parish magazine. It was confirmed that the permission has to be implemented within three years of being granted and lasts until 2018.
- DA circulated an update on the planning conditions. Most of the conditions not involving a third party contractor had been discharged. A meeting had been held in May on surface water drainage for the landfill area and the company had circulated a draft scheme for comment. MG thought the meeting successful and he was content with the outcome.
- TF asked about when there would be discussion and agreement on the timetable of movements in order not to affect residents during rush hours and school run times. Also what measures would be in place to ensure access for emergency vehicles. SB thought that such discussions need to take place when a contractor has been appointed. DA added that the CC would be the final arbiter as it would have to agree a BLR management plan, one of the planning obligations associated with the planning permission. SK added that it would be useful to have a framework for discussion on this issue for the BLR sub group meeting. SvdV asked similarly in respect of the Foxton crossing.
- d) **Future of the site.** IMS reported that circa 250 people attended the open days in April. SB added that a team of consultants had been assembled and Carter Jonas (CJ) in Cambridge was looking at the viability of commercial development following

feedback from views expressed at the open days. Another was looking at infrastructure needs. SK asked what exactly CJ has been asked to consider. SB responded that it was a wide-ranging brief to include single user occupation, business park etc. When this work had been completed, it was the company's intention to hold an event to share the outcome with the community. This was likely to be in the second half of September but CEMEX would liaise with the PC on this matter. SK also asked if CJ had been instructed to consider residential development on the site. SB replied that they had not formally been instructed in this respect but were supplying advice. SB added that all potential uses were being considered. The use by the ski club was not now so pressing as they have had a 'stay of execution'. Nevertheless their longer term needs were still under discussion. PdM asked whether cycling/mountain bike use had been considered. SB replied it had not but was happy to do so. He added that whatever future use there was for the site, additional community uses would form part of any overall development scheme. PdiM also asked if surrounding communities would be invited to the event planned for September and it was confirmed that as with the open days, the invitation would be open.

- e) **Community Liaison.** This referred to the reinstatement of the BLR sub group and the scheduling of an event to share the outcome of the studies undertaken over the summer.

#### **5. Environment Agency Report.**

NG explained that he was involved in discussions with the company concerning the surrender of the permit. The company were obliged to return the site to the base line condition that prevailed when the permit was granted. Information would be submitted to the EA over the coming months for them to consider. The Agency would still remain involved with the site in respect of the regulation of the landfills.

TF asked about leachate removal. NG understood that 3 -5 loads a week were being taken off site. This will continue until the landfill is completed and capped and therefore it is in everybody's interest that is effected asap.

MS asked about the baseline for measuring the condition of the water. NG responded that this would be 2002 when the original permit was granted.

#### **6. Planning Update and Minerals Plan.**

DA reported that the quarry area was still subject to a review of mineral permission (ROMP) which had been postponed but was now due in November. The company will need to decide whether the mineral reserves will be worked again. If not, restoration conditions will come into play. The quarry still produced clunch for use in church restoration projects and was probably the only source of quality material now available. SW reported that the SCDC Local Plan begins consultation from July 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Community Projects.**

Orwell Past and Present had received £300, Orwell Village Hall £500 and Harston Church £600. Foxton PC was seeking funding for sports flood lighting and Orwell and Barrington churches were seeking grants. £75,000 granted to Cambridge Scouts six years ago was being returned as the development of a site was not going forward. Twenty tonnes of clunch had been earmarked for Barrington church and six tonnes for Orwell. JD had carried out fencing and hedge cutting and was supplying a block of clunch to the woodland area.

MG asked about pumping and SB confirmed that this was continuing. SvdV thanked the company for its financial support for the work on Foxton Road.

## **8. Any Other Business.**

The issue of the danger of people entering sites for swimming particularly during periods of hot weather was raised. SB noted that the Meldreth lake, which was currently not being fished due to a disease affecting the fish, had been broken into by swimmers. This was a serious problem and there had been a number of fatalities around the country in recent weeks.

## **9. Date of the Next Meeting.**

The next full meeting of the group would be on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. The BLR sub group would meet on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm. TF would book the village hall for both.

The September event would be dependent on the information forthcoming from the consultant studies underway.