

# CEMEX Southam Liaison Group

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## Present

Len Gale	Chair
Bob Stevens	WCC
John Appleton	WCC
Chris Spencer	SDC
David Fry	Marton PC
Robbie Robertson	Stockton PC
Bill Ratcliffe	Princethorpe PC
Steve Kittendorf	SDC
Jason Ward	Southam TC
Matthew Williams	WCC
Martin Lithgo	CEMEX
Marco Murillo	CEMEX
Ian Southcott	CEMEX

### 1. Introductions.

### 2. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Howard Collerson and Jeremy Wright MP.

### 3. Notes of the last meeting.

IMS apologised for the lack of notes of the meeting held on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There had been a technical 'glitch' and the recording had been deleted prior to being transcribed.

### 4. Matters Arising.

LG noted that he had requested MW to report on any traffic surveys carried out since the completion of the RWRR and the subsequent clay lorry route change. He understood that there had not been any such survey carried out as yet but reminded MW that he would like the results of any future survey to be reported to this meeting. It was noted that the 'Straight Mile' was currently closed for resurfacing; IMS added that he had

notified members that this was to happen and that vehicles would be following a recommended diversion.

## **5. Operational Update.**

ML reported that the annual shutdown at Rugby had commenced on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately due to some issues, the plant had only just come back on line. 750 tonnes of clay were supplied on March 16<sup>th</sup> for a trial restart and similarly on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. March 26<sup>th</sup> was the first full day of normal supply. IMS explained that the extended shutdown was due to a fatal accident involving a contractor at the Rugby plant. The subsequent investigation, which was ongoing, and the delay to the actual maintenance work were the cause of the delayed restart. LG asked that an update be provided for the next meeting.

With regard to the Spiers Farm extension granted in 2011, MW reported that the company had submitted details relating to the pre-commencement conditions covering issues such as landscaping, drainage, noise, dust etc and these had been circulated to relevant consultees and he was awaiting their response which should be due in about two weeks. BS asked that, as a matter of courtesy, the three residents in Stockton Fields Farm be notified in advance of any activity in the extension area and this was agreed.

## **6. Southam Demolition Project Update.**

MM presented the history, scope and progress of the project. He described which buildings were to be demolished and those to be retained. The latter included one silo where peregrines were nesting; the chimney was not included in the project and ML reported that there was a second pair nesting on this structure. He showed a number of 'before and after' shots and some video of controlled explosions used to demolish three particular structures. 7,000 tonnes of ferrous scrap had been recovered so far and he estimated that the project should be completed by the end of April. The company was not aware of any complaints during the project.

LG asked about asbestos. MM described the stringent procedures carried out prior to and during the removal. Once removed, the contractors issue a certificate indicating that all the asbestos has been removed to a proper disposal site.

The future of the chimney was raised. IMS confirmed that it would stay for the foreseeable future as it was structurally sound, close to the stacker/reclaimer facility and that removing represented a substantial cost. CS asked if there was any other use planned for the chimney and IMS responded that there was not.

## **7. Parkfield Road/Southam Project Update.**

MM reminded the meeting of the context, scope and objectives of the project. Essentially the original aim was to transport 132,000m<sup>3</sup> of cement kiln dust from the old Parkfield Road quarry in Rugby to Southam and in the process close and restore Cell 3 at Southam and restore Parkfield Road to nature conservation. In reality almost 180,000m<sup>3</sup> was removed; this was due to the profile of the quarry face being significantly different from that envisaged. The 132,000m<sup>3</sup> target was reached in December, 14 weeks ahead of schedule and the 180,000m<sup>3</sup> target was reached on February 10<sup>th</sup>, seven weeks ahead of schedule.

LG asked if the nature reserve to be created at Parkfield Road would be open to the public. IMS replied that for safety and security reasons as well as protection of the habitat, it would not. However, there were public footpaths around the site that afforded views into the site and interpretation panels would be installed detailing the history and current status of the site. MM further explained the completion and restoration process for Southam Cell 3.

During the transportation of the ckd there were some complaints about the state of the road. MM outlined the measures taken which included the use of a 'back to black' road sweeper, this being the most powerful available in the UK. He also explained how all concerns and complaints were addressed speedily. BS felt that things had improved during the project but that at the outset, there had been quite a few complaints. CS was also concerned about and received complaints about the colour of the verges and hedgerows. IMS noted that this was a very busy road and that CEMEX traffic only represented a small proportion of the total. He also explained how the drivers associated with the project had been trained and instructed to be particularly aware of the communities through which they drove. DF noted that there were problems expressed from Marton early on but more recently, there had been no comments at all.

ML confirmed that the road sweeper operated on a Tuesday and Thursday and would continue to do so. If it was required to go to Marton, for example, that could be arranged.

MM concluded by stating that the project should be completed by the end of May.

## **8. Stockton to Southam Cycle Route.**

In HC's absence, no one present was aware of any further progress. IMS noted that it was over a year since he, HC, Nigel Rock and a representative from CEMEX Contracting had walked the route. JA noted that the expectation was that funding would be difficult to secure but that shouldn't defray us from continuing to pursue the project.

#### **9. Community Projects.**

A number of local projects had been supported recently – Marton Museum (£4,000), Long Itchington skate park (£4,000), LILAC (£2,000) and Stockton Village Hall £800. The company had become members of FROLIC – a group raising funds for the church in Long Itchington who were also applying to the Rugby Group Benevolent Fund. CS expressed the gratitude of Long Itchington PC for the skate park grant.

#### **10. Any Other Business.**

JS asked about the dropped kerb. MW was talking to colleagues. JA reminded the group of the new speed limit on the A426 which should commence in June followed later by a speed camera. RR reported that the belt of trees planted on the Griffin's Farm site was showing some gaps where some trees had failed. IMS noted that this had been referred to the company's tree specialist and he would chase this up. XX asked for an update on the Spiers Farm extension. No work had commenced as yet and as stated earlier, the pre-commencement conditions had been referred to consultees. If all these matters went according to plan ML anticipated work beginning in April/May 2013.

XX noted that a shrine had appeared near the verge and was lit at night. This was a distraction to motorists and was on company land. This would be referred to Highways. It was obviously a sensitive matter.

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

A date in October would be arranged.