

# Meeting Notes



West Cumbria Coking Coal Project Liaison Group		
Date: Thursday 6 <sup>TH</sup> . July 2017	Time: 14:30 – 15:30	Location: Haig Pit Museum
Meeting called by	West Cumbria Mining	
Type of meeting	Community Liaison Group	
WCM hosts	Colin Sharpe (CS)	
Attendees	Tom O’Fee (TO), Sharon Blakeley (SB), Stuart Trevaskis (ST)	
Apologies	Caroline Leatherdale (CL), Tony Potts (TP), John Heneghan (JH), Tom Todd (TT), Thomas Greer (TG), Graham Barwise (GB), Sophie Badrick (SB), Kevin Murphy (KM), Keith Cartner (KC), Alice Gill (AG), Adam McNally (AM).	
WCM Update		
<b>Discussion</b>		
<p>CS welcomed those attending, gave apologies for absence, introduced himself and explained his role as Supply Chain Manager, based in the Haig office.</p>		
<p>CS confirmed that the WCM planning application had been submitted at the end of May.</p> <p>Subsequently, addenda have been submitted to the County Council around concerns by a small number of Sandwith residents regarding sight lines/visual impact of the above ground construction. WCM has accordingly proposed a revised design for the planted bund.</p> <p>CS advised the planning determination period will be over the summer with the decision on whether to grant permission or not being anticipated from the Council by late Autumn.</p>		
<p>CS advised that the jack-up barge had successfully completed the first of up to 7 bore holes offshore and re-affirmed these boreholes inform the decisions about long-term construction funding and are not related to the planning application process.</p>		
<p>CS explained the process by which a drift re-entry and partial dewatering of the old anhydrite mine would be undertaken imminently.</p> <p>TO revisited his view that any elevation in the pH levels of the mine water would be beneficial to local streams. CS re-affirmed that all water discharge would be to the sea and none would be discharged into local watercourses.</p>		
Feedback from the latest Project Update Events		
<b>Discussion</b>		
<p>CS reported that the 3-day public update event in June (specifically themed around the planning application) was another success in terms of footfall with a significant number of visitors supporting the project’s planning proposal in writing.</p> <p>CS also advised of the official launch to the supplier engagement processes by a formal presentation from CEO, Mark Kirkbride, to the West Cumbria business community (via Britain’s Energy Coast Business Cluster).</p>		

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## Programme of Works

### Discussion

CS explained that during the planning determination period, there would be progress towards pre-construction and construction planning in identifying the various elements of construction which will be required, forming these into a schedule and establishing supplier / contractors to assist in their delivery.

A key element in this move forward would be the forthcoming appointment of an Operations Director to be based at the Haig office. This individual would have overriding responsibility for the delivery of the construction programme and for the running and management of the mine in operations.

Potentially, site investigation works *may* commence on the proposed development site prior to planning determination.

The drilling programme would be ongoing offshore.

The partial de-watering of the old anhydrite mine drift would be started.

## Stakeholder Engagement Plans

### Discussion

CS advised that a further public engagement event would probably be held once the planning outcome was visible and hence likely to be late Autumn.

## Any Other Business

SB suggested a large 'development information board' could be erected on the perimeter of the proposed ex-Marchon site to inform passing traffics.

Date of next meeting – early October, to be advised specifically.

There being no other business, CS thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.