

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2014  
title: GENERAL REPORT  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of relevant issues which have arisen since the last meeting.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Council Ambitions – The following reports generally relate to the Council's ambitions to make people's lives healthier and safer.

## 2 PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRESS

2.1 I am pleased to report that progress is ongoing to meeting the EU/Drinking Water Inspectorate 31 December 2014 deadline for completion of the initial Risk Assessment and compliance sampling of our private water supplies.

2.2 Unfortunately, since the last report, progress has slowed considerably due to the requirement and need for the serving of enforcement notices in relation to most supplies. As of the end of September, there are still 72 multiple domestic supplies outstanding requiring risk assessment and sampling. Due to the complexity and detail of the process, including the need to serve multiple notices on all users of each supply failing to meet the standards, it is only proving possible for in the order of 8 supplies to be assessed each month. The project lead officer Matthew Riding is making every effort to complete the assessments as quickly as possible, but a more realistic completion date is now July 2015. Altogether, this is proving to be a much bigger piece of work than originally envisaged.

2.3 The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) have been advised of the above, have asked for and been issued with a revised work plan. I shall keep committee informed of developments. Due to the considerably greater than average number of private water supplies in Ribble Valley, the DWI have suggested that Ribble Valley, in partnership with other East Lancashire authorities in a similar position, explore the possibility of obtaining additional resource from Public Health funding for this very important work.

## 3 HANSON CEMENT LIAISON MEETING

3.1 A liaison meeting was held on 25 September 2014. A copy of the minutes is attached as the appendix to this report.

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# **HANSON CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING DATE – THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2014**

PRESENT:	Simon Moorhouse	-	Hanson Cement
	Sam Wrathall	-	Hanson Cement
	Linda England	-	Bellman Committee
	Mary Gysbers	-	Bellman Committee
	Stephen Booth	-	Chatburn PC
	David Sharp	-	West Bradford PC
	Jonathan Haine	-	LCC
	Phil Goodwin	-	Environment Agency
	Cllr R Sherras	-	RVBC
	Cllr I Brown	-	RVBC
	J Russell	-	RVBC
	O Heap	-	RVBC

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cty Cllr Fillis and Bill Honeywell (West Bradford PC).

### 2 MINUTES

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2014 were circulated and approved as a correct record.

### 3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

3.1 Simon informed the meeting that Gary Young had been seconded to Heidelberg onto a continuous improvement programme and would not be returning to Ribblesdale. His position was being advertised and in the meantime he was acting site manager.

3.2 Simon gave a brief update on operations at Ribblesdale where production was continually improving Ribblesdale is the sole supplier of cement to Hinckley Point with guaranteed supply for 8 – 10 years. As a result, staffing had increased from 70 - 102.

### 4 BELLMAN, LANEHEAD AND COPLOW QUARRIES

4.1 Sam reported on the current workings of the quarries that were going well. De-watering has continued from Bellman into Worston Brook and Lanehead into the Ribble in compliance with EA permit conditions. They were now ready to go down to another level in Bellman.

4.2 Simon presented an overview of blasting data for both Bellman and Lanehead along with the outflow data that confirmed excellent compliance with quarry planning conditions.

4.3 Simon gave details of the outflows at Bellman and Lanehead along with suspended solids/ph graphs. He also showed data for the settlement pond.

4.4 With regard to Coplow quarry – the definitive closure and restoration would be complete by September 2015.

### 5 QUARRY DEEPENING APPLICATION

5.1 This had been submitted on 17.9.12 for the right hand side of Lanehead quarry. There are current reserves of 7 years that would be extended by a further 13 years. This application, in conjunction with existing Bellman reserves (a further 18 years), allows for sufficient reserves to support ongoing investment at the plant. For compositional reasons, it will be necessary that both quarries will operate together up to the end of reserve life; estimates for when this will be relate to production volumes but could potentially provide to 2050.

5.2 Draft conditions relating to a proposed joint hydrological monitoring scheme with Tarmac were currently being worked on. LCC had approved the application subject to a S106 agreement relating to the de-watering of Chatburn Brook and the simplification of the monitoring regime.

5.3 A capital application had been made to invest in pumping – using electric rather than diesel.

## 6 SUBSTITUTE FUELS / MATERIALS UPDATE

- 6.1 Simon showed a bar chart of the comparative use of substitute fuels.
- 6.2 A contract had been secured with Lancashire Waste, Thornton to provide SRF. Approx 170 tonnes can be used in one day. A significant % of the waste from Lancashire Waste being used by Hanson Cement at Ribblesdale works – the arrangement was working well although there had been a reduction in supply.
- 6.3 Application had been made to use MBM to the main burner. Trials were ongoing with SRF to the main burner and calciner. An application for capital for SRF to calciner had been made.

## 7 COMMUNITY CONCERNS (COMPLAINTS)

- 7.1 Hanson had received a total of 4 complaints so far in 2014. RVBC had received 1 and EA had not received any.

## 8 ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

- 8.1 Simon gave an overview of continuing monitoring of dust, by dust gauges on Google Earth that were placed all around the site and had been in operation since 2007 (single kiln operation). The results showed correlation between all the gauges (North, South, East and West) and the general trend of deposits was continuing to decrease. Any gauge linked with a complaint is sent off for independent analysis. This often transpired as bird strike. Covers had been installed at the 'duckpond' gauge.
- 8.2 Phil reported that as of July 2014 a tighter standard had been introduced for NOx emissions to reduce levels from 800 to 500 ppm.

## 9. MPA ALTERNATIVE FUELS – CODE OF PRACTICE

- 9.1 A Code of Practice was being formalised by the EA in agreement with the cement industry that would include an approved list of waste types that would mean each site could select what fuels they use without having to apply for a new authorisation each time. This had not happened yet.
- 9.2 All cement sites had also been asked to do a Risk Assessment Gap Analysis as to their position now compared to the European Directive to confirm that they can meet it by March 2017.

## 10. BELLMAN SCREENS

- 10.1 This had been a planning condition requirement as an effective screen for the Worston residents. There was still 3m to complete plus the top soils. The work was being carried out in campaigns as the benches are worked in the quarry. Reassurances were given that the existing ponds were safe and to be retained.

## 12. AOB

- 12.1 Planning Application at Old Road, Chatburn  
Hanson would not be submitting a formal response to the consultation on the changed application.
- 12.2 Linda reported a leak in the pond on the nature trail and asked if the pond could be moved to another site away from the trees. Sam would investigate.

## 13 OPEN DAY

- 13.1 Simon reported upon the Open Day that had been held the previous weekend. There had been 700 visitors who had enjoyed a site tour, face painting, seeing the geology process and maintenance experiences, a balloon release, mobile plant & rail exhibition.
- 13.2 Simon also showed three short videos that had been available at the Open Day – Concrete, Apprentice and Process.

## 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 14.1 The next meeting of the Hanson Cement Liaison Committee will be held on Thursday 26 March 2015.