

hard core materials which can be reused therefore reducing levels removed from the quarry. The location of the proposed recycling centre has been discussed and operating times for deliveries was foremost of the discussion with the local residents in mind. The site is well protected and it was considered that the impact upon the residents would not be an issue. An application for a permit is to be submitted to the Environment Agency for approval.

4 HANSON CEMENT LIAISON MEETING

4.1 A meeting was held at Hanson Cement on the 7 December to discuss the grey dust released over Clitheroe during September/October 2016. The meeting was attended by Tom Glyn Jones of the Environment Agency (EA) who are the regulating authority for Hanson Cement. Tom informed us that he had been on site to investigate the release and found three separate incidents.

4.2 Also discussed during the meeting was the 7 year upgrade of Hanson cement starting in January 2017. This investment will cost around £25m and is for the continual improvement of environmental performance of Hanson cement to ensure it operates within the new regulating limits which come into force in April 2017.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

5.1 All environmental permits are now up to date following recent inspections, and invoices have been sent out by finance for payment. A number of variations have been completed and a new application is to be considered for the Salthill Industrial Estate in the New Year. The public register for IPPC is nearing completion following a review of all files. Any changes to the register will be updated upon receipt.

6 FOOD SAFETY AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

6.1 Within the food and health safety team the current position is that 207 routine inspections have been undertaken. This is part of the 353 interventions comprising of 45 revisits, 10 complaints, 3 advice visits, 18 visits to new businesses, 7 other, 7 events, 3 sampling, 43 ceased trading, 9 visits to rescore and 1 asthma. 86% of the planned routine visits have been undertaken to date, however 16 alternative inspections have not been returned despite letters and reminders. Going forward the food team have 62 programmed inspections December 2016 – April 2017 plus 24 overdue/unrated premises. The food team are on target for 100% of all programmed food premises inspections to have been done by 31 March 2017.

6.2 There has also been an increase in businesses producing raw cows drinking milk in the Ribble Valley. Until recently there has been only one raw cows (unpasteurised) drinking milk producer in the district. Due to the current low price of milk on the wholesale market, and an increase in the demand from the public for unpasteurised milk, there have been two new raw milk producers who have started trading over the past few months in the Ribble Valley. There is also interest from a further three businesses who hope to begin trading in the New Year.

6.3 The increase in demand has been created through TV programmes such as 'Countryfile' who have interviewed raw cows drinking milk producers who have promoted their products as being healthier and better tasting than pasteurised milk.

6.4 Whilst being legal and subject to thorough checks by the Environmental Health Department and the Food Standards Agency, there is a significant public health risk associated with drinking unpasteurised milk. The young and the elderly are particularly susceptible to infection from pathogens which may be present in the milk due to the lack of pasteurisation.

6.5 Whilst some of the infections associated with the consumption of raw milk are relatively mild and self-limiting, some such as E.coli O157 can cause life changing complications such as kidney failure and even death.

6.6 Each container for the milk must bear a health warning that 'this product has not been health treated may therefore contain organisms harmful to health'. The Department was involved in the investigation of three substantial E.coli O157 outbreaks linked to local dairies in the late 1990s. With the increase in the consumption of raw milk comes an increase in the risk of similar incidents which can be complexed and time consuming to investigate.

6.7 We have also undertaken 32 health and safety visits to date.

7 MID YEAR REPORT ON CHRISTMAS MARKET

7.1 The first Clitheroe Christmas Market took place in 2016 and was organised by Ribble Valley Borough Council. The market was developed as a small event with a small amount of resource to attract visitors to Clitheroe over the festive period. The market was hosted from the 26 November through to 17 December and offered the following to visitors:

- food and drinks stalls;
- crafts;
- entertainments; and
- weekly provisions on the market.

7.2 The market was organised and funded by the Council and was managed as an event for the local communities and visitors. It is believed that the market was a success with schools, choirs and bands performing during the event.

7.3 The Council wants to ensure that the market continues with the approval of Committee and that it has the appropriate mix of stalls that meet the needs of the customer and offers a diverse retail offer.

7.4 The Head of Service has the responsibility of balancing the different types of market stalls to suit the demographic and shopping behaviour of the visitors to the market. As a result it is believed that a market traders' feedback questionnaire will be issued to review and allow the Council to flexibly change the market's offer at Christmas to change with customer preferences and new products on the market.

7.5 It is believed that the economy of the market was increased over the four week period as a result of the work that was undertaken. A further report will be brought to March Committee as to how the Christmas Market will be progressing following the review with the market traders. The review will cover a wide range of areas of planning and management of the market. The recommendations will again be outlined in the March report to Committee. However it is hoped that Committee will support the success of the 2016 market.

8 RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – None.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – None.

- Political – None.
- Reputation – None.
- Equality & Diversity – None.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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