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Boral Ormeau Quarry Community Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Monday 17 July 2023

Darlington Conservation House, 24 Cliff Barrons Road, Kingsholme

ATTENDEES

Neighbours / Community Representatives

- Bob and Sue Durance
- Judy Hendrikx

Boral

- Bruce Barry, Quarry Manager Petrie
- Michael Higgins, Quarry Support Manager – Metro Qld
- Carlo Dela Cruz, Environmental Business Partner
- Kate Woodbridge, Stakeholder Relations Manager – Northern Region
- Jack Briant, Senior Planning & Approvals Manager, North, Property Planning

Apologies

- Cr Mark Hammel, Division 1, City of Gold Coast
- Kris Boody, Catchment Liaison Officer, City of Gold Coast
- Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera

Meeting commenced at 5 pm

Introductions

Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Operational Update

- There have been no changes to operational procedures at the quarry.
- Volumes have remained steady with no noticeable change in sales volume.
- Supply chain is under pressure like all industries; this has seen a general increase in customers using external transport.

Current Local Projects

- Continued delivery of Foam Bitumen to Seymour Whyte on the Gold Coast as part of the M1 upgrade at Tugan. Bruce explained that foam bitumen is used in flood prone areas as an alternate subbase.

Current site Projects

- Site will commence 6.5 hectares of tree clearing to develop a haul road to reach some of the upper bench in July. Stage 1 of the campaign is almost complete with Stage 2 on track to be completed in 4-6 weeks. All work being conducted is in accordance with the current consent. While this work is being done, wildlife spotters and catchers are present for the duration. No wildlife has been seen so far.
- Once the material has been extracted from the upper benches the site will commence rehab on benches above RL250.
- As part of the tree clearing project, we are in partnership with the GCCC to supply 50-60 suitable trees for stabilising waterways.
- These trees would have otherwise been chipped but will now provide bank stabilisation. A positive outcome for the environment.

Environmental Updates

Blast Monitoring – Overpressure

- Overpressure for the period November 2022 to June 2023.



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- We conducted 16 blasts since our last meeting.
- Ormeau Quarry approval limits: Overpressure:
- must not exceed 120dB(L) for all blasts
- must not exceed 115dB(L) for 9 out of 10 blasts
- All blast overpressure monitoring results were within limits.

Blast Monitoring –Vibration

- Vibration for the period November 2022 to June 2023.
- Ormeau Quarry approval limits: Vibration:
- must not exceed 10mm/s for all blasts
- must not exceed 5mm/s for 9 out of 10 blasts
- All blast vibration monitoring results were within limits.

Dust Monitoring

- For the period November 2022 to June 2023.
- No elevated results at any dust sensitive locations between November 2022 to June 2023.
- Wind direction throughout the period was variable.
- Rainfall total for the seven months period = 135mm.
- Dust deposition guideline limit: 120mg/m²/month (Total Insoluble Matter).
- Total Insoluble Matter = mix of organic (combustible) & inorganic (ash) after it has been filtered. Ash content usually indicates quarry dust.

Planning Team Update

- Boral Property Group (BPG seeking to lodge a minor change request to GCCC to amend 2019 operational works approval (OPW) for vegetation clearing.
- 2019 approval incorrectly approved plan which did not encompass full extent of required clearing which was previously approved under original 2017 approval.
- The application will include some changes to boundaries of clearing stages to suit operational needs, however, will not seek to increase the amount of clearing to be undertaken on the site.
- OPW change will require an administrative change to material change of use (land use) approval which requires Boral to go back to the Planning & Environment Court as the relevant authority to amend the approval.
- BPG working in consultation with visual impact assessment expert to ensure changes are in line with intent of approval for top-down clearing, extraction and rehab outcomes.

Current Local Matters / Community Issues

- A community complaint concerning vibration from blast was received. Blast footage and data was reviewed; blast was compliant for vibration. Monitoring was conducted at residence for next 3 blasts and all blasts were also compliant.
- Community complaints concerning trucks travelling over white lines. This is an ongoing concern from the community, while every effort is made to control driver behaviour it is becoming increasingly hard with the number of external trucks entering the site. Bruce had recently banned a truck operator from the site and said there was a shortage of drivers across the industry which adds to the problem. Bruce advised if resident witnesses anything concerning if they could provide a number plate and approximate time of the day he can follow up with the operator.
- Neighbour raised concern of noise at night from the quarry on 3 separate occasions. Site investigated each concern; the first was a fire pump running due to loss of water pressure. The second was from whirley bird on roof damaged after storm. The third was from a compressor running due to a clock timer set incorrectly after a power outage.



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Other business

Bob let the CLG know that Cr Hammond had secured \$20,000 of funding over five years to tackle invasive weeds in the area, he commented on the great work the Councillor had done since he commenced. Bruce wanted to acknowledge that fantastic work this Landcare group has done over many years, particularly Bob and Sue. Kate was keen to share some of the historic and current photos from Bob's collection on Boral's social media channels.

Next meeting is to be held later in November.

Meeting closed at 5.32pm

ACTION ITEMS:		
Name:	Task:	Actioned by:
Quarry Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update on Quarry Operation- Update on rehabilitation works	Next meeting
Environmental Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Report on dust & blast results- Additional Item for next meeting – please include on the blasting results slides for overpressure and vibration which monitor the results are taken from.	Next meeting
Planning Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please provide an update map of the amended footprint for the OPW vegetation clearing.- Please provide further information once finalised for distribution in the wider community.	Next meeting
CLG members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update on Community matters	Next meeting

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