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Ormeau Quarry Community Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 23 November 2022

Darlington Conservation House, 24 Cliff Barrons Road, Kingsholme

ATTENDEES

Neighbours / Community Representatives

Bob and Sue Durance

Judy Hendrikx

Sidney Wright

Boral

Bruce Barry, Quarry Manager Ormeau

Keli Adair, Property - Planning & Approvals Lead

Kate Woodbridge, Stakeholder Relations Manager Northern Region

Apologies

Michael Crandon MP

Cr Hammel

Muriel and Chris Saverin

Meeting commenced at 5 pm

Kate introduced herself to the committee after taking over from Elke.

In Boral news our CEO Zlatko Todorcevski has left Boral and our new CEO Vik Bansal has commenced. Vik recently visited Ormeau quarry and was introduced to staff; he was very open with everyone about his planned way forward for the company.

Operational Update

No changes to operational procedures at the quarry. Volumes have increased slightly with an increase in demand on sales.

Supply chain is under pressure like all industries; this has seen a general increase in customers using external transport. With a number of new contractors entering the site there has been a focus on ensuring driver behaviour is of a high standard. Boral has been sharing Toolbox Talks with new drivers to ensure our community is safe (this was an action at the previous meeting). The quarry has also been ensuring that there is no overloading of vehicles with staff ensuring TARE weights are correct before loading commences.

A contractor has removed the dead tree near the Boral Environmental Park which was an action item from the previous meeting.

Current Local Projects

Major project has started with delivery of Foam Bitumen to Seymour Whyte on the Gold Coast as part of the M1 upgrade at Tugan, the bitumen product is used in flood prone areas.



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Environmental Updates

Blast Monitoring – Overpressure

- Overpressure for the period December 2021 to November 2022
- We conducted 8 blasts since our last meeting
- Monitoring is done at three locations
- 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 usually occur on a Wednesday and there is one per fortnight.

Blast Monitoring –Vibration

- Vibration for the period December 2021 to November 2022
- 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 overpressure monitoring results were within limits

Dust Monitoring

- No elevated results at any dust sensitive locations between April 2021 to November 2022
- Wind direction throughout the period was variable.
- Rainfall total for the seven months period = 602mm
- Dust deposition guideline limit: 120mg/m²/month (Total Insoluble Matter)
- Monitors are installed at sensitive receptors M1 and M6.
- Total Insoluble Matter = mix of organic (combustible) & inorganic (ash) after it has been filtered. Ash content usually indicates quarry dust.

Planning Update

Boral is seeking to lodge a minor change request to amend 2019 operational works approval for vegetation clearing prior to Christmas. The 2019 approval incorrectly approved a plan which did not encompass the full extent of required clearing which was previously approved under the original 2017 approval.

The amended application will include some changes to stage boundaries of clearing, however, will not seek to increase the amount of clearing to be undertaken on the site.

The overburden storage site needed to be modified and will form the base of a new haulage road being built. This work will be done over the next two decades.

Current Local Matters / Community Issues

A community complaint concerning dust and vibration from blast was received. Blast footage was reviewed and was compliant for vibration. There was an increase in visible dust from the blast, contributing factors identified were the wind direction and location of the blast in the development area.



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Community complaints concerning trucks travelling over white lines have been received. This is an ongoing concern from the community, while every effort is made to control driver behaviour there are increased numbers of external trucks entering the site. As discussed earlier Toolbox Talks are being shared with new drivers so they do the right thing on the road.

A community member notified the quarry that someone had tipped rubbish at park, quarry staff removed rubbish.

The committee asked if Boral would be willing to speak to Council regarding pedestrian safety on the road. Kelli advised that these issues were raised with Council as part of the DA process and Boral had contributed two million dollars towards upgrading the road. Sue suggested the Progress Association writes to Council about this issue in the first instance because with the Montego Hills estate there are a number of families and children using the road.

Boral has been working with Councillor Hammel and nearby quarries to deter 4x4 vehicles from entering the area. Norbury Road will be closed by Council with gates to be placed and CCTV cameras monitoring the area. Boral will donate some large rocks to place in front of the gates. Signage will be placed by Council as well.

Community Projects

Boral was pleased to continue its partnership with the North East Albert Landcare Group for a further three years. The funding provided will be used towards the Pimpama River Revegetation Project including the Ormeau Bottle Tree Program.

General Business

Committee members asked if the December meeting could be moved to October as it is a very busy time of the year with Christmas and school leaver events.

The next meeting will be held in mid-2022 – Kate will be in contact with everyone closer to the date.

Meeting closed at 5:38 pm

ACTION ITEMS:		
Name:	Task:	Actioned by:
Quarry Manager	- Update on Quarry Operation - Update on rehabilitation works	Next meeting
Environmental Manage	- Report on dust & blast results	Next meeting
Committee members	- Update on Community matters	Next meeting

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