

Preston New Road Community Liaison Group

Meeting: Eighth meeting Wednesday 7th January 2015

Venue: Wrea Green Institute, Station Road, Wrea Green, PR4 2PH

Time: 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Attendees:

Chair, Sam Schofield [SS] Cuadrilla, Lancashire Communications & Public Affairs
Manager

Leon Jennings [LJ] Cuadrilla, HSSE Director

Stuart Hall [SHa]

Susan Holliday [SHo]

Jan Gregson [JG]

Julie Brickles [JB]

Liz Cheadle [LC]

Andrew Pemberton [AP]

Mark Kerr [MK]

Secretariat, PPS Group

<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>
<p>1.0 Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Pat Davies and James Adam.</p> <p>2.0 Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the 12th November meeting were agreed.</p> <p>3.0 Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p>4.0 Programme update</p> <p><u>LCC PNR determination period:</u> LJ confirmed that the LCC determination committee meeting was scheduled for 28th January. JG asked how LCC had consulted on its latest Reg. 22 information and confirmed that the only communication residents had received on the matter had been from Cuadrilla. MK suggested that LCC had advertised the matter in the local papers and on its website.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Secretariat would ask LCC how it had engaged with and consulted local residents.</p> <p><u>Environment Agency permits:</u> LJ explained that the EA's extended consultation on its "minded to consent" decision on permits for PNR had concluded on 31 December 2014. The EA was currently reviewing the comments received. LJ added that the EA wanted to see all comments in relation to both PNR and Roseacre Wood (for which the deadline was 6 January 2015) before reaching a</p>	<p>Secretariat to approach LCC on Reg 22 consultation.</p>

final decision on the issuing of permits.

Preese Hall restoration: LJ confirmed that restoration was nearing completion but that a dry of 2-3 weeks was needed to conclude the works. It was hoped that such a period in end January/early February would allow this to take place.

Seismic monitoring: LJ added that seven low profile seismic monitors had been located at various points around the site with the relevant landowners' permission. He confirmed the monitors were in shallow underground locations having been buried by shovel rather than mechanical equipment and that the monitors would provide data following quarterly readings.

5.0 Community update

Community queries: JG raised the matters detailed in her email of 6 January namely, in relation the responsibilities of Cuadrilla, not Bowland Ltd.:

- Damage to property
- Pollution of waterways
- Pollution of air
- Pollution of ground water
- Noise/light pollution in excess of agreed levels
- Property de-valuation
- United Utilities current activities near the Little Plumpton site

It was agreed that a detailed response would be sent to JG in due course and would be made available to all CLG members. However SS confirmed that Cuadrilla Resources, Centrica plc and AJ Lucas were jointly and severally liable.

Secretariat to provide a response to JG

In a wide ranging discussion, a number of points were raised;

Insurance cover : AP raised the issue of NFU insurance not covering fracking operations and SS responded by stating that fracking was not seen as a specific, insurable risk but that other insurances would cover in any event.

Fracking: In response to a question from SHa, SS confirmed that on-shore fracking had taken place in Poland, Holland, USA and Australia and that off-shore fracking had been undertaken in in the North Sea.

SS added that fracking for oil, the same process as for gas, had been taking place at Wytch Farm, Purbeck, Dorset since 1979. It is the largest onshore oil field in Western Europe and is located near Poole Harbour and the high value residential area of Sandbanks. SS suggested to SH that he would need to ask the operator Perenco what chemicals it used in the fracking process but they would have to be non-hazardous to be permitted.

JB was keen to point out that the first example of high pressure fracking for shale gas had been at Preese Hall and that it was a different process and in different geology and should not be compared with the fracking elsewhere or at a different time.

SS identified that the Elswick site had been fracked in 1993 but that the gas had been found closer to the surface in shallower formations, however the fracking process was broadly the same but with a thicker frack mix. He stated that the sites drilling and well integrity issues were broadly comparable with today.

JB did not accept this and was critical of the impression created that Cuadrilla had undertaken the fracking at Elswick. SS clarified the situation by saying that Eric Vaughan, Cuadrilla's Well Services Director had been responsible for fracking the Elswick site in the early 90s under its previous ownership. AP commented that claims had been made some two years ago that Cuadrilla had fracked the site and the fact that this was not the case had undermined trust in the company.

Impacts on farming: In relation to the farming community, AP highlighted that the need for clear statements from HMG on compensation for loss of earnings if pollution occurred and that in his view this was not the case.

Noise/light pollution: SS confirmed that the relevant limits would form part of any planning conditions and LCC would take any enforcement actions required including stopping operations as a last resort. JG commented that the limits required regular monitoring and SS suggested that if it was thought any limits had been breached any complaints could be raised with Cuadrilla initially followed by LCC (on noise and light) and the EA (on pollution issues). SS stated that if the site was granted planning permission, Cuadrilla would establish a communication conduit (phone/email) for local residents.

United Utilities (UU): JB raised the work being undertaken by UU since November in Little Plumpton and highlighted the lack of information given to residents and the high level of security, which had created suspicion that it related to a spur of the water main to Cuadrilla's site. She thought UU's works were badly timed and badly handled. JB added that FBC had tried to raise the issue with UU but to no avail.

SS responded by categorically stating that the UU work was nothing to do with Cuadrilla. He said consideration would be given to approaching UU about the matter but was mindful that FBC had drawn a blank.

Monitoring: In response to a question from AP, LJ confirmed that monitoring of air and surface water would be undertaken by a company employed by Cuadrilla and would be on-going with all data captured. If the site became operational the data would be shared with the EA. He added that noise would be monitored daily, ground water every 30 minutes and seismicity continuously.

It was agreed that LJ would provide the CLG with a note on monitoring detailed in the ES and the EA's permitting requirements.

Property devaluation: SS identified that a number of different factors affected property prices but that if Cuadrilla went about its business properly there should be no impact.

SS to given consideration in approaching UU

LJ to provide note on monitoring.

SHol said that there was already evidence that there was no interest from buyers in homes close to the PNR site. SS identified that at Preese Hill and Grange Hill where drilling had taken place and Anna's Road where there had been partial drilling there had been no impact on local property prices.

JB asked for proof of this and it was agreed that CLG members would be sent local housing market information for Preese Hall and Elswick.

6.0 AOB

Westby-with-Plumptions PC representation: Following a suggestion from JB, it was agreed that the Secretariat would approach WPC and invite it to propose up to two representatives to join the CLG.

Public interest in the CLG: In response to a question from JB, MK confirmed that the approved CLG minutes were put into the public domain via Cuadrilla's website.

9.0 Date of next meeting

7.00 pm Wednesday 11th February 2015 at the Wrea Green Institute, Station Road, Rea Green, PR4 2PH.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

Secretariat to provide housing market data.