

## Preston New Road Exploration Works | Community Liaison Group

### **Date:**

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

### **Venue:**

Wrea Green Institute, Station Road, Wrea Green, Preston, PR4 2PH

### **Attending:**

Councillor Paul Hayhurst, member for Fylde West  
Councillor Julie Brickles, member for Warton and Westby  
Councillor John Kirkham, member for Warton and Westby  
Councillor Dawn Ansell, Weeton-with-Preese Parish Council  
Councillor Miranda Cox, Kirkham Town Council  
David Kirkham, Westby-with-Plumpton Parish Council  
Christopher Holliday, Local Community Representative  
Mary Finn, Local Community Representative  
Jan Gregson, Local Community Representative  
Graham Daniels, Local Community Representative  
Steve Molyneux, Environment Agency  
Tony Almond, Health & Safety Executive  
Jonathan Haine, Lancashire County Council  
Sergeant Andy Hill, Lancashire Constabulary  
Superintendent Richard Robertshaw, Lancashire Constabulary  
Mark Lappin, Cuadrilla  
Laura Hughes, Cuadrilla  
Jackie Dobson, Lexington Communications

### **Apologies:**

Councillor Michael Cornah, member for Warton and Westby  
Liz Cheadle, Local Community Representative  
Councillor Stuart Harrison, Medlar-with-Wesham Town Council

Item		Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>Councillor Hayhurst welcomed attendees. Referring to previous comments made regarding his position, Councillor Hayhurst informed attendees that Westby-with-Plumpton Parish Council had asked him to continue as Chair of the Community Liaison Group (CLG).</p> <p>He acknowledged support received from members of the CLG who have requested he remain as Chair and referred to a letter submitted to Lancashire County Council by Cuadrilla raising concerns.</p>	

	Jackie Dobson noted the apologies received.	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Agree meeting report of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b></p> <p>Referring to the traffic light monitoring system introduced following the moratorium imposed after the seismic event at Preese Hall, Steve Molyneux requested that reference is made to this being required by the Oil and Gas Authority [Page 9].</p> <p>Graham Daniels asked whether Steve Molyneux would provide further information regarding section 6.13 of the environmental permit regarding storage arrangements for waste types produced on site [Page 9]. He advised he would update attendees on this during the meeting.</p>	Jackie Dobson to incorporate suggestion
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Review actions arising from previous meeting</b></p> <p><i>Action 1. Superintendent Robertshaw to raise with the police</i> – Superintendent Robertshaw confirmed that he had raised the issue regarding vehicles entering the site via both gates with the policing team.</p> <p>Councillor Cox reiterated previous concerns raised regarding HGVs entering and leaving site on the incorrect side of the centre line within the bell mouth. She cited an incident that evening of a HGV crossing the centre line and referred to several photographs as evidence of this occurring. Acknowledging these concerns, Mark Lappin agreed to investigate these incidents to prevent further instances of vehicles crossing the centre line when leaving the site.</p> <p><i>Action 2. Nick Mace to provide indicative schedule</i> – Referring to the request for anticipated timescales of activity, Jackie Dobson noted that an indicative schedule had been provided to members. Several attendees suggested that the schedule was vague and questioned whether the dates were correct. Attendees requested further information regarding timings.</p> <p>Mark Lappin explained the difficulty in providing timescales of activity, noting that the operation is dependent upon a number of variables. He explained that priority is upon doing the job right and not quickly with time as a pressure. He advised that, whilst further detail could be provided, he would not expect this information to be used against Cuadrilla, such as via social media, to suggest the Company is failing to meet its targets. Councillor Hayhurst acknowledged that this was a reasonable request and agreed that members would keep the information provided confidential.</p> <p>Whilst Councillor Brickles accepted that it was reasonable to expect the schedule would not be used on social media, she questioned the need to keep the information confidential. She stated that the purpose of the CLG is to disseminate</p>	<p>Mark Lappin to investigate</p> <p>Jackie Dobson to</p>

<p>information about Cuadrilla’s activity to the wider community. It was agreed that Cuadrilla will provide further details regarding the timing of the operation to members.</p> <p><i>Action 3. Jackie Dobson to amend meeting report to incorporate suggestions –</i> Referring to the suggested amendments proposed by Councillor Brickles, Jackie Dobson confirmed she had amended the meeting report.</p> <p><i>Action 4. Nick Mace to investigate noise source –</i> Referring to reports of noise from the site, Mark Lappin confirmed that this was the top drive hoisting mechanism. He noted that Cuadrilla has liaised with the local resident who had reported hearing the noise and was undertaking further noise monitoring.</p> <p>He advised that this is an isolated incident and confirmed that Cuadrilla is operating within the required noise limits. Noting that the noise had been heard by several local residents, Councillor Hayhurst reiterated the need to allay potential concerns of the community regarding noise generated from Cuadrilla’s operation.</p> <p>Elaborating on this, Councillor Cox referred to several residents who had heard noise from the site, but were unable to contact the community information line as the notice board at the front gate that displays the details had been moved. Mark Lappin advised that the notice board would be replaced.</p> <p>Councillor Cox asked whether Cuadrilla will be issuing a letter to properties in the local area to ensure residents are aware of the community information line telephone number [Action 5].</p> <p><i>Action 5. Cuadrilla to issue letter to residents –</i> In response to Councillor Cox, Mark Lappin advised that a newsletter will be circulated to residents in the next few weeks that would include details of the community information line telephone number. Jackie Dobson noted that the contact details had also been recently provided to all residents notified of the consultation on the Community Benefit Fund and is available on Cuadrilla’s website.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding the distribution area for a newsletter, with several attendees stating that Carr Bridge, Great Plumpton and parts of Westby need to be notified. It was suggested that local residents further afield, such as in Wrea Green, should be provided with an opportunity to register to receive updates from Cuadrilla.</p> <p>It was suggested that a poster could be displayed on the notice boards of the local parish councils to provide the contact details and Mark Lappin agreed. Furthermore, it was suggested that details of Cuadrilla’s activity could be included in the local parish newsletters, such as The Crofter. Councillor Hayhurst</p>	<p>circulate a revised schedule</p> <p>Mark Lappin to replace notice board</p> <p>Cuadrilla to consider appropriate distribution areas</p> <p>Poster to be provided to Dave Kirkham</p>
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	<p>and to ensure officer safety.</p> <p><i>Action 10. Jackie Dobson to circulate details</i> – Jackie Dobson confirmed that details of the Environment Agency’s Citizen Space had been circulated to members.</p> <p><i>Action 11. Sergeant Hill to inform local people via Facebook</i> – Sergeant Hill confirmed he would inform the community via social media of contra flows through Warton.</p> <p><i>Action 12. Jackie Dobson to provide details</i> – Jackie Dobson confirmed that details of the Community Foundation for Lancashire had been circulated to members.</p> <p><i>Action 13. Nick Mace to review</i> – Referring to the monitoring data provided on the ePortal, Christopher Holliday raised several issues regarding the information provided on the online platform, particularly regarding the traffic and drilling data. Mark Lappin stated that he would welcome the opportunity to discuss the concerns raised in more detail to improve the user experience of the ePortal. Christopher Holliday advised he would provide feedback to Jackie Dobson and Councillor Hayhurst requested this be put onto next month’s agenda.</p>	<p>Christopher Holliday to provide feedback</p> <p>Mark Lappin to consider feedback</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Site update</b></p> <p>Mark Lappin provided an overview of operational activity, explaining the progress made on drilling both wells. He advised that the final depths have not yet been reached and explained to attendees the rationale for drilling and casing the first well, followed by drilling and casing the second well.</p> <p>In response to Christopher Holliday’s question regarding the site location being described as EXL269 and the lateral well as PEDL165 in the Hydraulic Fracture Plan, Mark Lappin explained that this relates to the historic issuing of licences by the Department of Energy &amp; Climate Change (DECC) issued by the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA).</p> <p>Referring to the Hydraulic Fracture Plan that describes the well as Preston New Road-1z, Christopher Holliday asked for clarity regarding this. Mark Lappin explained that the ‘z’ represents the lateral which will be drilled from the pilot well. The lateral well and second horizontal well will depend upon information</p>	

	<p>gathered in the pilot well.</p> <p>Graham Daniels referred to the Environmental Statement that stated Cuadrilla would drill and fracture the first well before moving onto the second well; he questioned why Cuadrilla is not adhering to this sequence. Mark Lappin explained that this is more efficient from an operational point of view as equipment for each stage does two jobs rather than leaving and returning or remaining on site longer than necessary. Steve Molyneux informed attendees that Cuadrilla has requested a variation to the Environmental Permit regarding this and advised that the Environment Agency is consulting on this variation.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Lancashire County Council Update</b></p> <p>Jonathan Haine advised that nine complaints had been received by Lancashire County Council regarding several issues, namely noise, water, vehicle routing, storage of materials and operational activity.</p> <p>Elaborating on this, he noted that Lancashire County Council is meeting with Cuadrilla to discuss monitoring of noise generated from the site due to the difficulties associated with differentiating between noises identified by the monitoring equipment. Jonathan Haine advised that this could include relocating the noise monitoring station within closer proximity to the site.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding Cuadrilla's application to modify the seismic monitoring arrays. It was noted that Cuadrilla has consent for 80 buried arrays that are bounded by a small fence. Jonathan Haine advised that Cuadrilla has applied for two surface arrays which would be located within small, temporary kiosks, similar to those used by utility companies, which would be made of green plastic to be in keeping with the local area.</p> <p>Mark Lappin advised that this approach will reduce the number of monitoring arrays required and improves efficiency with regard to data collection. Attendees requested an update be provided at the next meeting regarding the seismic monitoring arrays and noise monitoring.</p> <p>Jonathan Haine concluded by advising that he would be undertaking a site inspection on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Later in the meeting, Councillor Cox asked what the longer term vision was regarding secondary gates at the bell mouth and Jonathan Haine advised that he would review the current arrangements at his site visit.</p>	<p>Jonathan Haine to provide update</p> <p>Jonathan Haine to review</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Industry regulators update</b></p> <p>Providing an update from the Environment Agency (EA), Steve Molyneux advised that copies of the Hydraulic Fracture Plan would be available shortly on the EA's</p>	<p>Jackie</p>



	<p>Referring to concerns raised that hazardous and radioactive activity was occurring at Preston New Road, Steve Molyneux explained that wireline logging equipment had arrived onsite. He explained that radioactive sources are lowered into the borehole to log formation parameters. He explained that the permit is held by Cuadrilla’s supplier to deal with radioactive sources and regulated by the EA.</p> <p>Councillor Ansell showed Steve Molyneux a graph provided to her by a local resident showing a peak in particulates on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. He suggested she contact the British Geological Survey (BGS) for a response and explained that caution is required when interpreting raw data.</p> <p>At this juncture, Councillor Brickles left the CLG to attend another meeting.</p> <p>Providing an update from the Health &amp; Safety Executive (HSE), Tony Almond advised that a well engineer had visited the site to scrutinise the drilling process. He advised that five concerns have been raised to the HSE, notably regarding chemicals being used, the mobilisation of the drilling rig and equipment onsite. In response to a question raised by Councillor Cox, Tony Almond confirmed that one visit had been made to site since the last meeting.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Lancashire Police update</b></p> <p>Superintendent Robertshaw advised that Lancashire Police was no longer receiving support from other forces following a reduction in the protestor activity at site. He noted that Lancashire Police has submitted a bid to the Home Office to seek financial assistance for the policing efforts.</p> <p>Referring to the cost of the policing operation provided on Lancashire Police’s website, Councillor Cox questioned why the figures for August represented a significant increase. Superintendent Robertshaw advised that the increase relates to the payments made to other police forces to provide additional support.</p> <p>Councillor Cox asked whether the level of police could be sustained long term and Superintendent Robertshaw confirmed that so far, officers appear willing to work over-time.</p> <p>Sergeant Andy Hill referred to the police having facilitated recent visits to the site, such as the Green Party and the Quakers, as well as organised protests by Women in White. He noted that there has not been any recent contra flows or road closures, noting that this has reduced the inconvenience for local businesses and residents.</p> <p>Citing an incident on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September whereby police blocked the road, Councillor Ansell emphasised the danger posed to motorists of traffic coming to a</p>	

	<p>sudden standstill when driving onto Junction 4 of the M55 from Blackpool. She questioned who would be responsible in the event of an accident. Superintendent Robertshaw advised that Lancashire Police would be required to explain the actions of officers should this result in an accident.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Agreed date of next meeting</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting should take place at:</p> <p>7pm on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at Wrea Green Institute, Station Road, Wrea Green, Preston, PR4 2PH.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>David Kirkham stated that it had been an excellent meeting. Councillor Hayhurst acknowledged the willingness of Cuadrilla representatives to listen and work together to address concerns.</p> <p>Councillor Hayhurst closed the meeting.</p>	