

## Preston New Road Exploration Works | Community Liaison Group

### **Date:**

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 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 Michael Cornah, member for Warton and Westby  
Councillor Dawn Ansell, Weeton-with-Preese Parish Council  
Councillor Miranda Cox, Kirkham Town Council  
Christopher Holliday, Local Community Representative  
Mary Finn, Local Community Representative  
Jan Gregson, Local Community Representative  
Graham Daniels, Local Community Representative  
Mary Ellison, Local Community Representative  
Steve Molyneux, Environment Agency  
Tony Almond, Health & Safety Executive  
Andrew Mullaney, Lancashire County Council  
Liz Cheadle, Local Community Representative  
Sergeant Andy Hill, Lancashire Constabulary  
Mark Lappin, Cuadrilla  
Laura Hughes, Cuadrilla  
Jackie Dobson, Lexington Communications

### **Apologies:**

Superintendent Richard Robertshaw, Lancashire Constabulary  
David Kirkham, Westby-with-Plumpton Parish Council  
Councillor Stuart Harrison, Medlar-with-Wesham Town Council

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>  Councillor Hayhurst welcomed attendees. Jackie Dobson noted the apologies received.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Agree meeting report of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017</b>  Councillor Julie Brickles referred to her previous criticisms regarding the time taken to respond to a complaint and advised that she had evidence that the response took four days [Page 4]. She referred to the post meeting note and	Jackie Dobson to amend the

	<p>disagreed with its inclusion in the minutes. Mark Lappin advised that a response was provided within two working days in accordance with Cuadrilla's procedure for dealing with non-urgent complaints. It was agreed that the post meeting note would be removed.</p> <p>Elaborating on this, Councillor Julie Brickles advised that she had evidence that Lancashire County Council was unaware of an incident on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September whereby two vehicles entered the site by turning right [Page 4]. Referring to the post meeting note, Mark Lappin advised that he had investigated the concern regarding the right-turn not being reported the day after the CLG meeting and had ascertained that Cuadrilla reports right-turns to Lancashire County Council once per week on a Friday. He noted that the previous Saturday right turn was not reported when the enquiry was made to Lancashire County Council, but was reported as usual later that week. It was agreed that the post meeting note would be removed.</p>	<p>meeting report</p> <p>Jackie Dobson to amend the meeting report</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Review actions arising from previous meeting</b></p> <p><i>Action 1. Jackie Dobson to incorporate suggestion</i> – Referring to the suggested amendment proposed by Steve Molyneux, Jackie Dobson confirmed she had amended the meeting report.</p> <p><i>Action 2. Mark Lappin to investigate</i> – Referring to incidents of HGVs entering and leaving the site on the incorrect side of the centre line within the bell mouth, Mark Lappin advised that Cuadrilla is liaising with suppliers and contractors to prevent further instances occurring. He noted that following the last CLG meeting, the fencing had been moved which has assisted with addressing the issue and Councillor Hayhurst stated that this is reassuring.</p> <p><i>Action 3. Jackie Dobson to circulate a revised schedule</i> – Referring to the request for timescales of activity, Jackie Dobson noted that a revised indicative schedule had been provided to members.</p> <p><i>Action 4. Mark Lappin to replace notice board</i> – In response to Councillor Cox's request for the notice board at the front gate that displayed the community information line to be replaced, Mark Lappin informed attendees that this had been actioned. Councillor Cox questioned whether the notice board was located in its previous location and Mark Lappin stated that he would investigate.</p> <p><i>Action 5. Cuadrilla to consider appropriate distribution areas</i> – Referring to the request to include neighbouring areas when distributing Cuadrilla's newsletter, Mark Lappin advised that all residential properties within the Borough would shortly receive a copy.</p> <p><i>Action 6. Mark Lappin to consider</i> – Referring to the need for those raising a</p>	<p>Mark Lappin to investigate</p>

<p>complaint to provide their name, address and contact details, Mark Lappin proposed that Lancashire County Council could obtain people’s details and pass on complaints for response to Cuadrilla having removed details.</p> <p>Councillor Ansell suggested that Lancashire County Council would need to be willing to facilitate this and stated that its online enquiry form had not been working earlier in the week. Councillor Brickles criticised the approach and suggested that it was a convoluted process, a view echoed by Councillor Cox.</p> <p>Mark Lappin outlined the rationale for obtaining contact details to ensure Cuadrilla prioritises complaints received from those within Lancashire. A discussion was had regarding how complaints could be dealt with by Lancashire County Council and Andrew Mullaney confirmed that he could facilitate this. Councillor Hayhurst suggested that the approach is adopted for 3 months and reviewed monthly. Andrew Mullaney advised that he would provide an update in due course.</p> <p><i>Action 7. Mark Lappin to investigate</i> – Referring to the incident on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September whereby two vehicles entered the site by turning right, Councillor Brickles confirmed that Mark Lappin had addressed this issue earlier in the meeting.</p> <p><i>Action 8. Mark Lappin to provide</i> – In response to the request to provide members with the number of right turns in/out of the site following the change to the Traffic Management Plan (TMP), Mark Lappin provided members with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October - No right turns in or out</li> <li>– Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October – Four right turns in or out; two were unauthorised and two authorised</li> <li>– Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October – One right turn in or out; this was authorised</li> <li>– Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October to Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October – Two right turns in or out; both were authorised</li> </ul> <p>Mark Lappin explained that authorised turns in or out of the site refer to instances that have been agreed via consultation with the police, citing examples of protestor activity. He noted that unauthorised right turns in or out of the site relate to drivers entering the postcode of the site into their Sat Navs, but who are not aware of restrictions.</p> <p>Mary Finn questioned why unauthorised right turns are permitted and suggested a zero tolerance attitude for any drivers who fail to comply. Mark Lappin confirmed that Cuadrilla briefs its suppliers to guard against unauthorised right</p>	<p>Mark Lappin</p>
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	he would brief members during his update.	
4.	<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 pilot hole has reached nearly 2km and outlined how the well will be cased with steel and cement. Mark Lappin advised that logging and rock sampling will be undertaken to determine where to drill the lateral well.</p> <p>Advising of visits to the site since the last CLG meeting, he noted that seven members of the CLG recently attended a tour and that the Health &amp; Safety Executive had undertaken an inspection.</p> <p>Referring to the latter visit, Mark Lappin informed attendees of the HSE’s findings, noting that inspectors were generally pleased with the operation on site. He acknowledged that several suggestions had been provided for Cuadrilla to review, citing that a driver had been seen without a seat belt and a scaffolder did not have the right harness. Mark Lappin stated that the HSE had suggested Cuadrilla undertake an emergency planning exercise and that this is being arranged.</p> <p>Mark Lappin advised attendees that a letter regarding the Community Benefit Payments had been recently distributed to those residents within 1.5km of the site. He noted that details were also provided in the newsletter that would be distributed to the Borough shortly.</p> <p>Referring to the recent site visit and comments made that employees work in shifts with two weeks on and two weeks off, Councillor Ansell asked whether the drilling team are living on the site. Mark Lappin explained that employees do not reside onsite when they are not on their shift. He confirmed that as the site operates 24 hours day, 7 days a week, several employees do sleep onsite. For most, this is occasional.</p> <p>Councillor Brickles asked whether Cuadrilla has planning permission for people to live on the site and referred to employees arriving to site with suitcases. Andrew Mullaney advised that planning permission is not required and explained that, Cuadrilla’s arrangement for workers to reside on the site is acceptable for the type of operation and shift work being undertaken.</p> <p>Christopher Holliday asked what the crane had been there for and Mark Lappin replied it had been used as part of the recent the logging operation.</p> <p>Referring to the height of the drill rig, Councillor Brickles questioned whether it should have a warning light to ensure it is visible to aircraft. Andrew Mullaney</p>	

	<p>advised that the Civil Aviation Authority was consulted on the application and no conditions were attached to the application.</p> <p>Councillor Ansell asked whether the rig that is currently onsite is the only one needed. Mark Lappin confirmed that the rig is the only one required to drill, but noted that other machinery would be used on site as the operation progresses, such as pumps and stimulation equipment.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Lancashire County Council Update</b></p> <p>Andrew Mullaney advised that two complaints had been received by Lancashire County Council; one regarding dangerous driving, which had been referred to Cuadrilla and Lancashire Police, and one regarding a breach to the TMP on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October as a vehicle turned right in or out of the site.</p> <p>Referring to Cuadrilla’s application to modify the seismic monitoring arrays, Andrew Mullaney explained that the two surface arrays applied for would be located within small, green, temporary kiosks.</p> <p>Andrew Mullaney informed attendees that Cuadrilla has applied for a non-material amendment for Planning Condition 19 to allow up to nine HGVs to enter the site outside of the current operational hours over 24 month. He advised that the application would be considered by Lancashire County Council’s Development Control Committee on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>Councillor Cox asked for clarification regarding the term ‘non-material amendment’ and Andrew Mullaney advised that the proposed variation is not considered substantial to require a new planning application.</p> <p>Referring to the statement in support of the planning application, Councillor Cox stated that Cuadrilla cites a number of occasions where ambulances responding to emergency calls were delayed and notes that the variation to Planning Condition 19 is to prevent further disruption. She went onto question this statement advising that following a Freedom of Information request, North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust was unable to substantiate Cuadrilla’s claim.</p> <p>Andrew Mullaney explained that Cuadrilla has submitted further evidence in support of its application, including the minutes of the CLG held in July 2017 when Sergeant Hill advised that three ambulances had to be diverted due to the road being closed.</p> <p>As a member of the Development Control Committee, Councillor Hayhurst advised that to avoid predetermining the application, he should not be present during discussions regarding a forthcoming planning application that he would determine. He informed attendees that he would need to leave the room should</p>	

	<p>this require further discussion. Andrew Mullaney and Councillor Cox agreed to discuss the application outside of the CLG meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Industry regulators update</b></p> <p>Steve Molyneux of the Environment Agency (EA) circulated a briefing note relating to the disposal of waste from the site, including identifying waste streams and timescales for removal. He offered to provide attendees with similar briefings of audits undertaken by the EA if members would find these useful.</p> <p>Referring to the consultation on the changes to Cuadrilla’s waste environmental permit, Steve Molyneux advised that based on this assessment, the EA is minded to grant the variation. He informed attendees that the EA has commenced a second consultation on its ‘minded to’ decision. Elaborating on this, he provided an overview of the variation, citing changes to the monitoring methodology, the flaring of the wells, an update on the number of groundwater points and discharging rates.</p> <p>Steve Molyneux updated attendees on the draft report on background air quality that commenced in August 2017 and advised that several pollutants, including methane, benzene, chlorine and acrylamide, are being monitored. Steve Molyneux invited feedback on the draft report and Councillor Brickles questioned the spike in particulates shown on the graph during the third week in September 2017. She suggested that this could cause concern if it is not accompanied by an explanation.</p> <p>Attendees were informed that spikes in concentrations, as shown on the graph, can be due to an instrumental error that can occur with any data set. He noted the need to consider trends in data to understand the longer term picture.</p> <p>During his update, Steve Molyneux acknowledged the recent drone footage showing a build up of surface water on the site due to heavy rainfall. Councillor Cox questioned whether the water on the site is a result of rainwater, as well as flow back or discharge. Steve Molyneux advised that there have not been issues with discharge of surface water since the faulty interceptor which was reported to the CLG in September.</p> <p>Steve Molyneux noted that Cuadrilla is addressing previous concerns of rainwater leaking from skips. Elaborating on this, Councillor Cox criticised Cuadrilla’s onsite staff for trivialising this issue and raised concerns regarding contaminants, such as diesel, within the rainwater collecting onsite. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Mark Lappin would provide details of the water monitoring undertaken on the site.</p> <p>Councillor Cox went onto describe an incident onsite whereby gaffer tape and a</p>	<p>Mark Lappin to provide details</p>

	<p>plastic bag was used to prevent a vehicle leaking. Mark Lappin confirmed that he was aware that a vehicle had needed to be repaired whilst onsite due to a faulty valve, but was unaware of the detail as it had happened that day. He agreed to investigate the incident and Councillor Hayhurst suggested the issue be put on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Echoing these concerns, Graham Daniels showed attendees an image of a Portaloo that had been removed from the site and questioned whether the liquid leaking from the vehicle was urine. Mark Lappin explained to attendees that the Portaloo was being removed because it hadn't been used and that any leakage was water used to clean the unit prior to its removal from the site.</p> <p>During discussions regarding surface water, Councillor Brickles questioned whether this issue had been anticipated during the planning process given the number of daily vehicle movements. Andrew Mullaney advised that there is no limit on the vehicles movements and that this is currently being discussed in relation to the appeal on Roseacre Wood.</p> <p>Providing an update from the Health &amp; Safety Executive (HSE), Tony Almond reiterated earlier comments made by Mark Lappin regarding the site inspection undertaken and advised that there are no concerns regarding well integrity. He advised that 11 concerns have been raised to the HSE; one that has been dealt with and 10 have been passed to other agencies to respond.</p> <p>Speaking on behalf of a local resident, Councillor Cox stated that they had seen a blow-out preventer (BOP) valve and questioned whether this meant there was a problem onsite. Tony Almond advised that, as an operator, Cuadrilla has a responsibility to ensure suitable well controls are provided on site and confirmed this it does not represent an issue as the use of a BOP is standard practice.</p>	<p>Mark Lappin to investigate</p> <p>Jackie Dobson to add to agenda</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Lancashire Police update</b></p> <p>Sergeant Andy Hill advised that there had been eight arrests during October, noting that this was lower than in previous months. He stated that 10 Greenpeace activists had been found not guilty in a high profile case earlier that week, but noted that eight protestors had recently been found guilty for similar offences.</p> <p>He explained that the police continue to manage activity at the site, including organised protests, such as the Women in White, and several lock-ons. Elaborating on this, Sergeant Hill detailed the police resource required to manage lock-ons and that this would be addressed by using carriers moving forward, where possible.</p> <p>Referring to the protest camps local to Preston New Road, Sergeant Hill explained</p>	

	<p>that Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue and Fylde Borough Council had conducted visits to the camps at Maple Farm, near B&amp;Q and Lytham Windows to assess current conditions. He advised that Maple Farm is a well organised site with identified assembly points and fire exit routes. He noted that the site near B&amp;Q had engaged with officers who recommended smoke alarms, whilst those inhabiting the camp at Lytham Windows denied access to the site.</p> <p>Sergeant Hill referred to a recent meeting held with several councillors and Gillets Environmental Ltd (Lytham Skips) due to concerns raised regarding waste disposal. He suggested that Councillor Brickles had been provided with contact details should she need to engage with representatives further regarding concerns.</p> <p>In response to recent incidents of protestors jumping in front of fast moving vehicles, Sergeant Hill advised that the police are issuing warnings to advise those involved of the danger of their actions. He emphasised the potential for a future fatality being caused by this behaviour.</p> <p>He advised of a ‘truck surfer’ who had mounted a vehicle earlier that day and confirmed that contra flows were in place as a result of the disruption caused. Councillor Brickles criticised Lancashire Police and Cuadrilla’s security for allowing vehicles to be brought onto site when protestors have mounted vehicles.</p> <p>Sergeant Hill stated that drivers have previously advised that they have been unaware of protestors having mounted moving vehicles, but advised that he would raise with silver commander if further details were provided.</p> <p>Councillor Cox referred to an incident that was reported via the community information line of a vehicle that approached the site at high speed and suggested drivers need to act carefully when arriving to site. Mark Lappin agreed that the safety of all is important and advised that he would raise these issues to the onsite security team.</p>	<p>Councillor Brickles to provide details to Sergeant Hill</p> <p>Mark Lappin to raise issues</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Cuadrilla’s ePortal</b></p> <p>It was agreed that Jackie Dobson would circulate Christopher Holliday’s feedback on the ePortal to members. Mark Lappin suggested a meeting with Christopher Holliday to discuss these concerns further, as well as potential solutions, and present recommendations to the CLG at the next meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Hayhurst encouraged members to engage with Cuadrilla, the regulators and the police outside of the monthly meeting to try and resolve issues. He noted that any issues that cannot be resolved should then be discussed further at CLG meetings.</p>	<p>Jackie Dobson to circulate</p> <p>Mark Lappin to meet Christopher Holliday</p>

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<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, 4<sup>th</sup> December at Wrea Green Institute, Station Road, Wrea Green, Preston, PR4 2PH.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Referring to Cuadrilla’s Putting Lancashire First tracker, Graham Daniels noted that 23 full time jobs have been created in Lancashire by Cuadrilla and referred to Francis Egan’s quote in the recent edition of the Fylde newsletter that stated 23 jobs have been created at Cuadrilla’s Head Office at Bamber Bridge.</p> <p>Criticising the statistics provided in the tracker, Graham Daniels stated that this is misleading and suggests jobs have been created across Cuadrilla’s suppliers and contactors, rather than within the company. Mark Lappin explained that the statistics provided in the tracker relate to jobs created in Lancashire directly by Cuadrilla, and that it isn’t currently practical for Cuadrilla to estimate indirect job creation in businesses in their supply chain in addition to these direct figures.</p> <p>Councillor Hayhurst closed the meeting.</p>	