

## Preston New Road Exploration Works | Community Liaison Group

### **Date:**

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### **Venue:**

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

### **Attending:**

Councillor Paul Hayhurst, member for Fylde West division on Lancashire County Council  
Councillor Julie Brickles, member for Warton and Westby ward on Fylde Borough Council  
Councillor John Kirkham, member for Warton and Westby ward on Fylde Borough Council  
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  
Liz Cheadle, Local Community Representative  
Jan Gregson, Local Community Representative  
Sergeant Anthony Alves, Lancashire Constabulary  
Andrew Mullaney, Lancashire County Council  
Steve Molyneux, Environment Agency  
Tony Almond, Health & Safety Executive  
Mark Lappin, Cuadrilla  
Laura Hughes, Cuadrilla  
Ben Miller, Lexington Communications  
Jackie Dobson, Lexington Communications

### **Apologies:**

Councillor Stuart Harrison, Medlar-with-Wesham Town Council  
Mary Finn, Local Community Representative  
Mary Ellison, Local Community Representative

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>  Councillor Hayhurst welcomed attendees and Jackie Dobson noted the apologies received.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Agree meeting report of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>  Members approved the meeting report as an accurate record.  Steve Molyneux requested his statement that no issues were identified at the last site inspection on Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March be amended to no <i>significant</i> issues.	Jackie Dobson to amend

<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Review actions arising from previous meeting</b></p> <p><i>Action 1. Mark Lappin to ascertain GDPR requirements</i> – Mark Lappin advised that he had liaised with Cuadrilla’s legal advisor and confirmed that Cuadrilla will be fully compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that becomes enforceable on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>Referring to previous comments raised regarding employees taking photographs, Mark Lappin reiterated these are not being requested by Cuadrilla and any images captured are taken by individuals for personal use. Councillor Brickles expressed frustration that members of the security team continue to take photographs. Councillor Brickles advised that she has liaised with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) regarding her concerns, specifically related to a previous photograph of a child, and has been encouraged to formally report the issue.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion followed regarding whether it is appropriate for security staff to take photographs, with Mark Lappin explaining that images are taken for personal protection. He stated that it seems unfair to prohibit members of his security team from taking photographs in an intimidating situation when others are allowed to take photographs and video footage of them using mobile phones.</p> <p>During the discussion, Councillor Brickles raised concerns that video footage taken from within Cuadrilla’s site has been shared on social media platforms. Mark Lappin agreed that this was unacceptable; promised to investigate and requested that such incidents be reported to him. Citing his own experience of ensuring Westby-with-Plumpton's Parish Council is compliant with GDPR requirements, Councillor Hayhurst questioned the implications for storing imagery. Mark Lappin agreed to further consider the concerns raised.</p> <p><i>Action 2. Sergeant Alves to raise with Lancashire Resilience Forum</i> – Referring to requests for a multi-agency emergency response exercise, Sergeant Alves advised that he had liaised with Katherine Bentley of the Lancashire Resilience Forum (LRF). He explained that the LRF has undertaken a risk assessment, but confirmed that a site specific plan has not been prepared. Sergeant Alves went on to advise that Julian Williams of the Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue regularly investigates the site. Sergeant Alves suggested that Katherine Bentley is invited to the next meeting to advise further.</p> <p><i>Action 3. David Kirkham to provide update</i> – David Kirkham advised that Lancashire County Council has issued a letter to residents of Carr Bridge Residential Park, but that no one had expressed an interest in joining the CLG. Councillor Cox advised that several residents had informed her that they had not received a letter. Andrew Mullaney confirmed that Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>Mark Lappin to investigate and report back</p> <p>Mark Lappin to consider</p> <p>Sergeant Alves to invite LRF to next CLG meeting</p>
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<p>had used the Royal Mail’s address list to issue the letter to the hundreds of properties on the site.</p> <p>Whilst attendees acknowledged that there may be apathy from Carr Bridge Residential Park’s elderly population to join the CLG, members were keen to ensure a representative from the development is invited to participate in the Group given their close proximity to Cuadrilla’s operation.</p> <p>Sergeant Alves advised that he has liaised with the Park’s management company to disseminate information via a community newsletter and suggested this could be used to inform residents about the CLG. However, Councillor Cox and Councillor Hayhurst agreed to distribute the letters by hand. Andrew Mullaney agreed to provide copies of the letter to Councillor Cox who confirmed she would coordinate its distribution.</p> <p><i>Action 5. Andrew Mullaney to liaise with Highways Department – It was confirmed that this action had been completed.</i></p> <p><i>Action 6. Sergeant Alves and Mark Lappin to liaise – It was confirmed that previous concerns raised regarding several vehicles entering the site at higher speed than advisable had been addressed.</i></p> <p><i>Action 7. Sergeant Alves to ascertain police numbers – Sergeant Alves advised that he had been unable to ascertain the number of officers deployed to Preston New Road. Councillor Hayhurst informed attendees that Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire’s Police and Crime Commissioner, is reviewing whether the number of police officers at the site is impacting rural communities.</i></p> <p><i>Action 8. Sergeant Alves to investigate the incident – Referring to the closure of Preston New Road for nine minutes on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Sergeant Alves advised that this had been raised with senior officers and addressed.</i></p> <p><i>Action 9. Steve Molyneux and Councillor Kirkham to liaise – Steve Molyneux confirmed that he had passed details of the culvert that is repeatedly blocked onto the Making Space for Water Group which allows Lancashire County Council to communicate and engage with other Flood Risk Management Authorities and organisations, such as the Environment Agency and United Utilities. He advised that the issue is due to be raised at the Group’s June meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Action 10. Jackie Dobson to circulate – Jackie Dobson confirmed that the update provided by Tony Almond of the Health &amp; Safety Executive had been circulated to members.</i></p>	<p>Councillor Cox and Andrew Mullaney to liaise</p> <p>Councillor Cox to coordinate distribution</p>
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<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Question &amp; Answer session</b></p> <p>Members reviewed the responses provided to questions raised ahead of the meeting. A handout was provided to attendees.</p> <p>During the review of responses, several additional questions were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– At what stage will Diagnostic Fracture Injection Testing (DFIT) be undertaken and does it use proppant? Mark Lappin explained that DFIT is performed prior to fracturing to ascertain the strength of the rock. Proppant is not used as there is no intention of keeping fractures open.</li> <li>– If well-bore casing has perforations, do the holes seal up once cement is added. Mark Lappin confirmed that when the well is fractured, this is through the cement. He went onto explain that during the fracturing stage, sleeves (or frac sleeves) are opened and closed, with only one sleeve open at any one time.</li> <li>– Are explosives going to be used to fracture the well? Mark Lappin confirmed that no explosives will be used.</li> <li>– What is the steam vapour arising from the site in recent days? Mark Lappin stated that this could be in relation to the drilling fluid. He explained that during drilling operations, drilling fluid is used to keep the drilling bit cool and lubricated. He advised that the temperature below the surface is higher than at surface, so it can form steam vapour as the fluid circulates back to surface. Councillor Ansell advised that she would provide photographs and video footage to Mark Lappin and Steve Molyneux. Mark Lappin advised attendees that he would investigate.</li> <li>– Referring to the question relating to a roadshow, Councillor Hayhurst referenced that a drop-in event has been arranged for the EA and key regulators, such as the Oil &amp; Gas Authority and Public Health England, to engage with the local community. Steve Molyneux confirmed that this will take place on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at Weeton Village Hall and encouraged members of the CLG to attend.</li> </ul>	<p>Councillor Ansell to provide to Mark Lappin &amp; Steve Molyneux</p> <p>Mark Lappin to investigate</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Lancashire Police update</b></p> <p>Sergeant Alves advised that that there had been an increase in protestor activity, with several lock-ons during recent days. He noted that Chief Inspector Keith Ogle continues to monitor the number of officers required at Preston New Road on a daily basis. He stated that few complaints had been received and encouraged attendees to report any issues to Lancashire Police.</p> <p>Sergeant Alves went on to inform attendees that he was aware that a protestor camp had been moved due to safety concerns, but was unaware of the details. Councillor Brickles noted that a police officer had been recorded stating that</p>	

	<p>protestors were being evicted due to safety concerns, specifically citing proximity to the highway and alcohol use. However, she questioned whether legitimate reasons had been used to evict the protestors, noting that neither protestor drinks alcohol.</p> <p>Councillor Cox went on to question which legislation had been used, comparing the wording used in the recent eviction to the removal of the wooden pallets. Sergeant Alves advised that he would confirm what legislation had been used.</p>	<p>Sergeant Alves to confirm</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Site update</b></p> <p>Mark Lappin provided an overview of operational activity, advising that Cuadrilla is currently building the second lateral and expects this to be completed in the next few months.</p> <p>Referring to the number of right turns in and out of the site, Mark Lappin explained that 12 instances occurred during April involving 21 vehicles. He explained that 18 of the 21 vehicles had a police escort, whilst three occurred following a risk assessment conducted by Cuadrilla’s site team in consultation with the Police. Mark Lappin concluded that all were authorised and complied with the Traffic Management Plan (TMP).</p> <p>Councillor Cox cited an incident on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April of a vehicle turning right that Lancashire Police did not appear to be expecting. Mark Lappin confirmed that the six right turns undertaken on said day had involved a police escort. Councillor Ansell advised that she would circulate the photographs to Sergeant Alves who would raise the issue with colleagues.</p> <p>Christopher Holliday asked whether the Hydraulic Fracture Plan had been approved by the Environment Agency. Steve Molyneux advised that the formal assessment is due to be completed shortly and will be publicised on Citizen Space in due course.</p> <p>Christopher Holliday asked whether Cuadrilla has submitted its finances to the Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy. Mark Lappin confirmed that this will happen when consent is sought.</p> <p>Councillor Hayhurst asked when Cuadrilla would anticipate bringing forward a planning application for a production site if the exploratory works demonstrate the operation would be commercially viable. Mark Lappin advised that this would depend on a number of variables particularly upon the results of the exploration well tests.</p> <p>Councillor Brickles referred to Mark Lappin’s comments at the previous meeting that the significant increase in protestor activity and direct action in recent weeks</p>	<p>Councillor Ansell to circulate photographs</p> <p>Sergeant Alves to raise with colleagues</p> <p>Mark Lappin to raise internally</p>

	<p>had not caused any delay to the rig operations. However, she questioned whether contradictory evidence had been provided at the Roseacre Wood inquiry which acknowledged that the operation had overrun. Mark Lappin confirmed that, at the previous CLG, during his site update, he had stated that operations had not been delayed by recent increase in protestor activity. At the Roseacre Wood inquiry, he had referred to low levels of delay due to protest since drilling began. Mark Lappin noted that these statements are compatible.</p> <p>In response to Councillor Ansell’s question of how many wells had been drilled, Mark Lappin advised that a pilot hole and one lateral well had been drilled. Company is currently drilling second lateral well. He explained to attendees how these were drilled and Laura Hughes noted that there are two well heads onsite.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Lancashire County Council Update</b></p> <p>Providing an update from Lancashire County Council, Andrew Mullaney advised that a complaint had been received regarding a convoy entering the site at speed. He noted that the complaint had been passed to Cuadrilla for investigation. He stated that he had received a complaint regarding the arrival of a camp on a roundabout near Ribby Hall. Several attendees advised that this was incorrect, noting that this is on a grass verge adjacent to the B&amp;Q roundabout.</p> <p>In response to noise complaints received via Councillor Cox, Andrew Mullaney advised that he was awaiting a response from Lancashire County Council’s noise consultants and would update in due course.</p> <p>Elaborating on the complaints raised, Councillor Cox advised that several residents of Carr Bridge Residential Park heard noises and felt vibrations in the early hours of Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. Councillor Brickles suggested that Lancashire County Council reviews the British Geological Survey’s monitoring data from Ballam, Blackpool, noting that the seismic station monitors daily vibrations in real-time and frequency.</p> <p>With regard to the noise complaints received from Carr Bridge Residential Park, Andrew Mullaney encouraged residents to raise issues directly with Lancashire County Council. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that an email address and telephone number for the Planning Department at Lancashire County Council would be included in the letter distributed to residents of Carr Bridge Residential Park.</p>	<p>Andrew Mullaney to add contact details to letter</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Industry regulators update</b></p> <p>Steve Molyneux advised that the Environment Agency (EA) continues to finalise the conditions in relation to Cuadrilla’s application to vary the waste environmental permit to discharge surface water into Carr Bridge Brook. He</p>	

<p>noted that a joint inspection had been undertaken by the EA and the Health &amp; Safety Executive (HSE) to assess well integrity and the cement bond log.</p> <p>With regard to complaints, he advised that several had been received from local residents reporting a solvent odour, citing similarities with the smell of nail polish. He pointed out that there was nothing at site which should create such a smell. He went on to note that the EA will continue to assess the level of complaints, but explained the difficulties associated with monitoring odour, notably the level of resource required and the subjective nature of smell. Members were informed of current odour problems associated with Clayton Hall landfill site, near Chorley, and efforts to monitor the issue.</p> <p>Echoing previous comments raised, Steve Molyneux referred to several complaints received citing the steam seen from the site. Councillor Ansell confirmed that she would provide photographs and video footage to Steve Molyneux.</p> <p>Referring to drone footage submitted to the EA regarding the potential contamination of local ponds, Steve Molyneux confirmed that there is not a pathway from Cuadrilla’s operation to said ponds. Councillor Cox cited concerns raised by several residents of Carr Bridge Residential Park that Carr Bridge Brook appears 'silty'. Steve Molyneux advised that the flood risk management team has completed work to clear the watercourse and suggested that a factsheet is prepared for the briefing for regulator drop-in event that explains the activity undertaken.</p> <p>Tony Almond of the Health &amp; Safety Executive (HSE) reiterated that a joint inspection had been undertaken alongside the EA to assess well integrity. He noted that no concerns had been raised and the HSE would provide its key findings, alongside its recommendations for ongoing activity, to Cuadrilla in due course.</p> <p>He went on to advise that three complaints had been raised; one regarding the emergency evacuation exercise, another relating to separation distances from the site to residential properties and one pertaining to the lifting of equipment onsite. Referring to the complaint raised regarding equipment being lifted, Councillor Brickles advised that she would provide photographs that demonstrate why the concerns were raised.</p> <p>A discussion followed regarding the evacuation exercise, with Mark Lappin advising that site employees are not informed prior to the drill being conducted to simulate the response that would be taken to an incident onsite. Councillor Brickles suggested that elected members are informed of the exercise being undertaken to allow councillors to allay the fears of local residents hearing the</p>	<p>Councillor Brickles to provide photographs</p>
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	<p>siren on the site. She advised that members are bound by their Code of Conduct so assured Cuadrilla that the information would not be disseminated locally. Mark Lappin agreed this was a reasonable request.</p> <p>Councillor Cox asked Sergeant Alves whether Lancashire Police are able to distinguish between the sirens used at the site. Mark Lappin advised that he was aware of only one alarm at the site but would check full procedure with site team. Sergeant Alves advised that the response of the emergency services to an incident at the site would be discussed further at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Mark Lappin to check alarm system</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> June at Wrea Green Institute, Station Road, Wrea Green, Preston, PR4 2PH.</p>	