

MARSH FARM LIAISON COMMITTEE

Report of a site inspection held on 14th. August 2010.

1. Attendees

Cllr. Wolfe, Salford Priors Parish Council
Cllr. John Stedman, Salford Priors Parish Council.
Cllr. Peter Barnes, Warwickshire County Council.
Mr Tony Rowley, Development Manager, CEMEX.
Mr Nigel Taylor, Site Manager, CEMEX.
Miss Sue Broomhead, Senior Planning Officer, Warwickshire County Council.
Mr Michael Philpott, Clerk to Salford Priors Parish Council.
Mr John Fenlon, South Warwickshire Environmental Association.
Mr Liam Maude, South Warwickshire Environmental Association.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Brian Slaughter, Stratford on Avon District Council.

Subsequently it was noted that the invitation sent to the Bidford representatives had not been received and was presumed lost in the post.

3. Report of inspection

The first area inspected was the current restoration strip adjacent to Broom Lane. It was noted that good quality soil was being spread to final level and members were assured that this work would be complete by the end of the year. CEMEX intended to construct a low bank at the edge of the filled area to block views of the quarry beyond. The final soil profile over the entire phase will comprise 600mm. of sub soil and 300mm. of top soil giving a total soil depth of 900mm. Thereafter, the whole area, including the low bank, will be seeded with grass. Members were assured that adequate supplies of topsoil existed to completely restore the whole site.

The second area viewed was between the silt ponds where CEMEX pointed out the area to be preserved for future geological students. Also explained was the method by which water levels were maintained to ensure adequate supplies were available for processing operations.

Finally, the inspection proceeded to the far end of the quarry by the Alamo factory where members of the committee considered it would be desirable to maintain some of the ponds as permanent features. CEMEX said they were meeting with the owners, Ragley Estates, in the near future to discuss handing back land in this area. Sue Broomhead said that retaining the ponds would require a variation of the current restoration plan.

Tony Rowley said that his surveyors were well advanced with calculating the remaining void space and believed it was approximately 300,000 cu.m. The current rate of infill was about 60,000 cu.m. thus indicating a potential life of five years. However, rates of infill could change significantly depending on the contracts available.

Members noted that the next meeting of the Liaison Committee would be on Thursday 14th. October at the Salford Priors Memorial Hall.

M J Philpott
Clerk