

Walleys Liaison Committee Meeting 10th June 2021 at 5.30pm

Attendance

Present

Michelle Purkiss – Note taker (MP)
Carl Moss – Environment Agency (CM)
Henryk Adamczuk – Silverdale PC (HA)
Jon Clewes – Walleys Quarry Ltd (JC)
Paul Lealman – Walleys Quarry Ltd (PL)
Jake Wu – Silverdale PC (JW)
Ian Barnett – Resident (IB)
Steve Meakin – Poolfields RA (SM)
Anna Willets – Chair (AW)
Neil Goodwin – Staffs CC (NG)
Jon Philpin – Environment Agency (JP)
Marion Reddish – NULBC (MR)
Angela Drakakis-Smith – Thistleberry RA (ADS)
Michael Salt – Technical Advisor Stop the Stink/The Landfill Stinks Cap it Off (MS)

Apologies

Nigel Bowen – Walleys Quarry Ltd
Simon Tagg – Staffs CC
Amelia Rout - NULBC
Elaine Moulton – NULBC
Sarah Dennis – Environment Agency

Nonattendance

Dave Jones - NULBC
Brian Johnson – NULBC
Tony Eagles – Knutton representative
Graham Eagles – Poolfields Residents Assoc
Darren Walters - NULBC

1. Welcome and introductions.

AW – Good evening. I would like to start with confirming that I have no association with Red Industries Ltd or Walleys Quarry Ltd outside of this meeting. I am a lawyer for Gunner Cooke who also have no association with Red Industries Ltd or Walleys Quarry Ltd I have been asked to chair this meeting through the Chartered Institute of Waste Management, which is where I've, that's how I was found, if you like, through Red Industries. Prior to becoming a lawyer, I was an environmental consultant working for Atkins and Watt in the landfill industry and prior to that I did my PHD in landfill clay engineering so hopefully this will give you a flavour as to why I've been asked to chair the session. Oh, sorry one more person to be submitted.

MS – Angela have you got 2 devices connected at the same time?

AW – Could everybody mute themselves. I've got a couple of announcements to make before we go any further. Could I ask that if you are not speaking or involved you could mute yourselves. (Feedback noise) I don't know what that was I'm sorry. Ok that's gone quiet, thank you. Before I go any further, please mute yourselves if you're not speaking, can I remind everyone that no consent has been provided by members for recording and distribution of the meeting in line with GDPR regulations. I've been reminded to ask everyone to abide by the laws of GDPR as there have been incidents of information being

supplied and shared outside the scope of these laws and hopefully that's clear to everybody that can hear me, there's no echoing there. In that case, without further ado if we'd like to introduce ourselves. If I go round my screen in the order, I've got people, I think that's probably the most sensible way of doing this. If you can give me a short introduction of who you are and why you're here. I've got Carl Moss in the top left if you'd be able to introduce yourself.

CM – Good evening everybody, as Anna said, my name is Carl Moss, I'm responsible for regulation and enforcement on behalf of the Environment Agency in the West Midlands.

AW - Thank you Carl. And then I've got Mick Salt in the middle.

MS – Hi, I'm Dr Mick Salt, this is my first liaison meeting, my PHD was in particle physics, and I went into nuclear physics.

AW – Your PHD sounds more interesting than mine.

MS – I'm a nuclear physicist by profession but I've sort of recently got involved as a sort of a scientific translator between the Environment Agency, Red Industries, Walleys Quarry Ltd and the local community so that's sort of how I've got involved and I asked Michelle just a few weeks ago if I could join this and I'm here.

AW – Thank you. Good to see you. Jon Philpin next?

JP – Good evening everybody, I hope I'm not sounding like one of the mysterons as well and I'm coming through loud and clear everybody?

AW – Yes, I can hear you well.

JP – I work for Carl for the Environment Agency. I'm boots on the ground. I'm the site inspector who goes to Walleys Quarry on a fairly frequent basis.

AW – Thank you Jon. Marion Reddish please?

MR – It's on mute

AW – No we can hear you now.

MR – Oh, you can hear me? Right, sorry about that. Marion Reddish, Thistleberry councillor where the landfill site is, and I have to say I am an original of the liaison group.

AW – Thanks Marion. Apologies I don't know the first name, but I've got A Drakakis-Smith. Is that Angela?

ADS – Hi, I am Angela Drakakis-Smith and I'm the chair of the Thistleberry residents association.

AW – Thank you Angela. I don't know what that noise is, I'm sorry but if anybody does know can they make it stop.

MS – I know what it is, Angela you've got 2 instances connected to the Teams meeting so they're interfering with each other. I can see you're on the bottom and on a picture, have you got 2 devices connected or perhaps 2 sessions?

ADS – Which one do I turn off? Hang on.

AW – Thanks Angela. Michelle Purkiss?

MP – Hi, I work for Red Industries and Walleys Quarry and I'm just here to take minutes.

AW – Thanks Michelle. I've got Paul, sorry I've got a very small screen I'm squinting. I've got Paul from Red, there's 2 of you on my screen.

PL – Hi, my name's Paul Lealman I'm the Operations Director for Red Industries which covers Walleys Quarry.

AW – Thank you, and ...

JC – I'm Jon Clewes, I'm the Technical Director of Walleys Quarry Ltd.

AW – Lovely, thanks Jon. So that's Jon and Paul on the same camera. Neil Goodwin?

NG – Hi, I'm Neil Goodwin, I'm the principal planning regulation officer for Staffordshire County Council. We monitor the planning permission on site.

AW – (feedback) Thank you, have you also got 2 devices going?

NG – No.

AW – Angela I think it's still you.

ADS – I've deleted the extra one.

AW – Paul, have you got your hand up, have you got something that could help here?

JC – Anna, can you disconnect one of Angela's logins as you're chairing the meeting?

AW – Yup. Let me see if I can. It says leaving, I think Angela you might be.

MP – I've just managed to do it.

AW – Lovely, thank you Paul. Right, where was I up to. I Barnett, sorry I've forgotten your first name.

IB – Good evening all, I'm Ian, Ian Barnett, I am a resident in the local area. I am literally a stones throw from the Galingale monitor here. I'm a young one in this and I've been part of it for about 2 years, but I've got about 20 years plus in air quality consultancy, so that helps a little sometimes.

AW – Lovely, thanks Ian. I've got Jake Wu.

JW – Hi, I'm Jake Wu, I'm a parish councillor for Silverdale, I'm nominated to represent the parish for this liaison meeting. I'm new to the meeting so mainly listening and learning. We should have our chair, Henryk attending but I can't see him here so maybe he will start showing in a few moments hopefully.

AW – Ok, I'll keep an eye out. Thank you, Jake.

MP – I have just had an email from Henryk. He's having trouble connecting so I'm just about to send the invite to a different email address for him.

JW – Ok.

AW – Great, thank you. Then I've got Steve, I think it says Meakin, but my screen has disappeared off to the right. Steve, are you able to introduce yourself?

SM – Hi, can you hear me?

AW – Yes

SM – Not very technically minded I'm afraid. I'm Steve Meakin, I'm representing the residents of Poolfields which is literally on the doorstep of the landfill site and joins Marion Reddish's Thistleberry ward.

AW – Lovely. Welcome to our 3 new joiners. I'll move on now we have all introduced ourselves. I hope we all know who each other is now.

2. Apologies

As above

3. Minutes of last meeting

AW - Welcome to everyone joining, thank you for taking the time this evening, appreciate it. I'm hopeful that you have seen the minutes of the last meeting. I don't propose to go through them in detail as I've been at meetings before where we do that, and I think it can take up the bulk of the meeting and I think it is more useful to move forward. What I would say is if anybody has any objections to those minutes or anything needs to be corrected, I think perhaps now raise your hand and if we don't I think we'll be happy to take the minutes as accepted. (No objections) Right, thank you. I think, Michelle, everyone is happy with the minutes from the April meeting.

4. Matters arising

5. Red Industries/Walleys Quarry update

6. Site update

AW – I think now is a good time to move onto the Red Industries update, Jon would you like to take the floor for an update?

JC – Paul will be giving the update Anna.

PL – Have we got the presentation to share?

AW – I'm hoping that's Michelle and not me.

JC – It is Michelle you'll be relieved to know. That's a very concerned face by Michelle.

MP – It's not concerned, my laptops thinking about opening it.

PL – Ok. Thank you, Michelle. Obviously, this is an update from the previous liaison committee meeting which was approximately 6 weeks ago. The initial slide, if anybody needs reminding, is an aerial layout view and the layout of site. The photograph is relatively recent, and you can see ongoing works, or works that were ongoing at the time for both the temporary and permanent caps that we're going to talk about shortly. Current operations on site, we are focused in cell 3 and cell 4 where the operations have moved across from cell 1 which we were in prior to capping works that like I say I'm going to talk about. Currently in terms of the company we still have an ongoing recruitment drive across the business in several areas, not just Walleys. Action list, there was an action list which I'll reference later on, that we have been working with the Agency in terms of agreeing those actions for completing. They predominantly comprise works to some infrastructure on site and some FID surveys, some ionisation detection surveys, and that work has been ongoing in April, into May and into June. Groundwater pumping, we've commenced pumping of groundwater into the upper groundwater lagoon, at this moment in time we are still not in a position where

we have discharged to any water course. I just wanted to touch on the landfill communities fund and the applications and ongoing projects. There will be further details at the next liaison committee, there has not been too much happened as there has been only a six-week window between the last liaison committee and this one. I thought it was pertinent to talk about the capping, both the permanent and the temporary capping that has been undertaken through April and into May. The last time we had an opportunity to speak, those works were ongoing. The permanent capping to cell 1 which is the northern flank facing towards the Garners Garden centre, those works were completed in April and that is to a significant area of cell 1. The media we have used to cap for this permanent capping is a plastic liner, an LLDPE liner which covers that site and there was obviously associated groundworks to prepare for that liner to be in place and also to provide protection and cover above it. Those works are complete. Clay capping, this aerial photograph shows clay just at the point of being placed in site, there is a slide towards the end of this presentation where I'll reference how much clay has gone in and the areas, we have covered with that clay material. This is a temporary cap that has been placed to areas of the site that we are unlikely to be operational in for a period of time, predominantly that cap was placed on southern flanks of cell 2 and cell 4 and actually we extended the capping up the western flank and the northwest corner, opposite, on this photograph where you can see the machines and cabins are parked on site. That capping was completed in April. The focus of recent operations has been around the extensive capping that I have discussed, both temporary and permanent cap, that has been a significant driver for us to get completed. I'll talk in a second about what we are doing next in terms of areas that have the potential for further sealing. We are looking at a product called Posi-Shell, which is a product that is applied by spraying on. It is an inert product that is suitable for application on flanks and when I come to the schematic, you'll see the areas that I'm talking about, they're the eastern and western flanks of the site. This schematic shows the areas of the site and what has been applied to them or is going to be applied to them or indeed, what is currently operational. The blue area on the slide in the north is the area of permanent capping. The brown material is the clay cap that has been put on towards the southern flanks and you can see it extended up the western flanks and up to the northwest corner. That comprised in total about 17,500 square meters of capping. The media there was a high-quality engineering clay with a low permeability. The purple area to the south is an area that has previously been temporary capped with an LLDPE plastic liner and that remains in situ as we speak. The main operational area is defined by the green and that is where we are currently landfilling, and our operations are focused on. That is our main area we are working to over the coming months. The two turquoise colours to the eastern and western flanks of the area we are proposing to add this product to, this Posi-Shell and that is on flanked areas that either fit between the temporary capping and the permanent capping that we have got placed, or on the eastern side there is an area of flank we have identified that we can apply

this product to. It was just really to make sure there was a representation out there so people could see very simply the works that have gone on in April into May and the ones that are proposed June into July. As I've touched on, future operations are going to continue, predominantly within cells 1 and 3 which was identified by the green area. The Posi-shell, the turquoise colour is approximately 20,000 square metres of area that has been identified as being suitable for application of the Posi-shell material. The gas infrastructure development in cell 1 as landfill operations continue and we are imminently likely to connect some horizontal wells which were put in the area of cell 3 which is the new engineering that went in 2020. And I think that might be us. It is so that is the site update and the company update.

AW – Thank you Paul and Michelle for doing the slides and managing that very well. Thank you. I think that actually covers 5 and 6 of the agenda if I'm right so, are there any questions at this stage?

MS – Is the, sorry Paul, oh sorry, I'll use hands, I'll wait.

AW – I can see there's quite a few hands. If you start Mick and then I can see 2 other hands as well.

MS – Sorry folks, I jumped the queue there. This Posi-shell material, is that quite flexible then so if there is a bit of movement that will sort of move with the settlement?

PL – In order to apply the Posi-shell Mick there will be a program of regrading, if you like, because those flanks we will want to make sure are as compacted and smooth as possible. The material itself is quite flexible and will take an amount of flex. The material in those flanks has been there for a period of time so as well as being originally placed with the compactor, the best compaction really is time and weight which it has had the opportunity to have but we'll essentially redress those flanks prior to the application of Posi-shell but yes it does have some flexibility.

MS – Brilliant, thank you.

AW – Just before we move on to the other 2 questions, I just want to interrupt myself, I can see that Henryk has joined so I'd like to pause here if that is alright and welcome Henryk. Before you joined Henryk, we just went round the table and introduced ourselves, I just wondered if you would like to quickly introduce yourself. If you can hear me Henryk? You don't have to if you don't want to. Ok, well I think I understand Henryk that you are with Jake so if you want to speak at any point, please feel free to join in.

MS – He's still on mute so that might be what is going on.

AW – Oh yeah, I can't actually see Henryk. Henryk I'll just give you one more chance to unmute yourself and speak. No, ok. Right, I'll move onto the hands I can see that are up. Carl Moss, I believe you have a question?

CM – Yes, thanks Anna. Paul, and I know you've indicated to Jon Philpin who's on the call with us this evening and Sarah Dennis who is unfortunately not with us this evening that

you've issued orders with the company that produce Posi-shell, it might be beneficial if you could just explain timings around when you think this Posi-shell might be applied.

PL – By all means Carl. So, the order has been placed with the company that produces it, it's principally an American product so that has to be factored in. It is currently as we speak .

JC – It's in Wyoming, isn't it?

PL – It's in Wyoming, in the Central part of America heading towards the Eastern seaboard and will be shipped across. At present the installation date is anticipated around the third week in July but I've got the supplier looking to see whether they can reduce that and any opportunity we will take if we can, but we are currently looking at the third week in July.

AW – Thank you Paul. Angela, I can't see you, but I think you've got your hand up.

ADS – Yes, sorry I can't switch the video on for some reason. I just wanted to ask, are you still covering at night and at weekends or you've never done that?

PL – No Angela, I think that's a good opportunity to confirm that that is standard landfill practice and material is covered, it is covered at the end as a daily cover and then enhanced cover when we move from an area. Yes, covering is very much part of our normal day to day activity.

AW – Thank you. Steve, I think you're waving your hand around, but I don't know if you're waving your hand at me, if you would like to say something? You're on mute and I can't hear you if you are talking.

SM – Am I on mute now?

AW – No, I can hear you. Did you have a question?

SM – It's a two-part question really. I may have misunderstood something from Paul. I thought we had finished taking stuff into cell 1 and I thought that had been capped off permanently. The second part of my question is, the material you are going to use now to cap off, you've said is flexible. What is the lifespan of that material?

PL – Thank you Steve, good questions both to be fair. In terms of cell one, we have capped a proportion of cell one so there is still some void remaining in cell one. That's adjacent to, on the eastern side of where we installed the permanent liner. There is still some void there in cell one that bleeds into cell three and that area is the one we are focused on filling. I'd say that is where all our materials, our operations are going. I temper that just for the moment because we have got some inputs going into cell three and the reason for that is to provide some cover for the horizontal wells that CLP have installed in that area and that's to allow them to connect into the system. So that explains that we haven't capped all of cell one and the reason is there is still operational void in that cell, it is not up to pre-settlement levels. In terms of the material, it's fairly robust. In terms of lifespan, we expect the lifespan to be something like 12 months but there is a period of observation and maintenance, which there is with any temporary capping so, included in the clay capping we will observe the need to maintain that in an ongoing capacity and it will be the same for the Posi-shell material. It is relatively robust and should last around 12 months.

SM – Ok, thank you.

AW – I've got two more hands. I've got Carl?

CM – Sorry that is an old hand.

AW – Oh, is that an old hand, sorry. Ok, I've got Angela, I don't know if that is an old hand or a new hand. Angela, did you have a question?

ADS – It's an old hand.

AW – I'd rather make sure that everyone's said what they wanted. Ok, lovely, well thank you for that. I can't see any more questions.

MR – Can I just ask if the presentation could be sent to us with the minutes so it's a reminder of what has been said in that presentation. Please.

PL – Yes, that's fine Marion, we'll make sure as we always do that that is shared.

JC – Paul, that will be available on the website Marion before the minutes so you can access it there too.

MR – Alright, it's just as a refresher when I'm asked questions really.

AW – Thank you. So, I think if we move on to item 7

7. Environment Agency Update

AW – Jon, are you happy to take over for an update?

JP – Yes, I am.

AW – Lovely, thank you.

JP – Thank you for that Anna. As old hand Carl did say, my colleague Sarah Dennis isn't available with us tonight. What Sarah did provide though is a fairly detailed presentation pack, I think some 11 or 12 slides, those thanks to Michelle were pre-circulated before the meeting. I hope that most people have had the chance to look at the information. I don't intend on going through everything in those slides in detail, I'll just maybe summarise the information that everybody has received but I think Sarah's intent was to provide everybody with as full a picture as possible to give you all of the available numbers and explanations that you might require. Then at the end, if you have had chance to look at the information previously, I am happy to answer any questions you might have. So, what I'll do is, I'll just explain how Sarah has put the pack together and what the information is that you have received. The first two slides that Sarah has put together are the complaints summary, so they're graphical summaries of the number of complaints received by ourselves at the Environment Agency during May and the first week of June. It allows you to see how many telephone calls were received, augmented with a cumulative total including the number of complaints received by email as well. That should give you a good feel for just how the community are feeling about odour issues in the area and what we are receiving. Moving on to the slides beyond those that are associated with complaint numbers, Sarah has put together a cumulative table of the amount of waste that has been received at the site through the first quarter. It is broken down into a number of categories, those are fairly self-

explanatory with the tonnage for each of the categories. I do notice one of them says C & D, that is construction and demolition waste. The main category with the largest tonnage is water and waste treatment, just to assist in understanding, waste treatment residues are those that come from recycling sites, so transfer stations that have removed paper, cardboard, metal, PVC, anything that could be reused within the chain of utility, it is the residues that are left over that then have nowhere to go other than landfill. So, that is what the water and waste treatment residues principally are. At the very bottom of that slide, it does say that approximately 6,000 tonnes of leachate, liquid residue from the site has been taken out from the landfill mass. The next 3-4 slides detail a summary of the Environment Agency's compliance work at site. First of those slides explains what a site visit is, what we mean by an audit, a review of important data, and procedure review, so, Sarah has gone into detail over the different categorisation we use for the inspection interventions conducted at the landfill site. Helpfully, or at least I hope it is going to be helpful, the cumulative numbers under each of those categories are recorded in a table under one of the slides so that you can see that we did 23 site visits/audits and remote reviews of information in 2019, we've done 20 in 2020 and 21 in 2021, there is an elegance to that at the moment but obviously the figures for 2021 will change. What you see there, the element of remote review is that some of our work we have to do at the moment over systems such as the one we are using now, Microsoft Teams. The idea being that we can overcome some of the restrictions that have been placed upon us under the Covid-19 legislation that is in place at the moment. It also records the number of permit breaches as well, so during our work we do find things that are wrong on site, and we do take different stages of action to ensure that Walleys Quarry Ltd as operators put those things right as we go along in accordance with set deadlines. In addition to the work we do on site, there have also been 53 amenity assessments, that's odour checks in the area that we have undertaken as well. There is some narrative that then relates since the 1st of May to some of the actions that were taken, a lot of that stems around the capping works that Paul has just explained to us, the rejected loads that were unsuitable for deposit at the site. Elements regarding odour and a lot of work around surface emissions surveys and essentially battening down those release points on the site that could allow landfill gas to leak into the atmosphere. I would imagine, a fairly interesting slide towards the end of the presentation, gives a statistical breakdown on the 30-minute raw data for hydrogen sulphide that has been recorded at the 4 automatic air quality monitoring stations that the Agency operates in the area. That's the raw data that we then pass to our partner organisations, the borough council, county council and significantly Public Health England to make a judgement on the impact of hydrogen sulphide concentrations in the atmosphere within the area of Silverdale and obviously Walleys Quarry. That's fundamental baseline data that Sarah has provided there. As we go to the last two slides of the presentation there is an explanation of the variation process being undertaken, this is variation to the permit controls that Walleys Quarry Limited have applied

for. I won't go through the details in any great substance, but you can read about what might be changing there, it impacts on the leachate compliance levels, some of the perimeter monitoring boreholes within the ground for carbon dioxide levels and certainly the techniques for capping that has already been discussed by Paul as I mentioned earlier. The final page gives a little update on communication and engagement, so this is where you can get further information from our website but also details the recent engagement events that the Environment Agency has held, whereby we had a session for political representatives in the community, followed by an open session for residents to explain their thoughts and ask us questions. Those have been run on 2 occasions so 4 different events and I know that pre-planning for further events is already happening now so that's where people will have their chance to directly question our Area Director, Clare Dinnis on those issues that are close to your heart. Are there any questions about the information that Sarah has provided for us?

AW – I can see a hand from Angela, would you like to go first Angela? Are you there Angela? Ok, I'll perhaps come back to Angela, so Mick I think I saw your hand go up next and then I've got Ian and Jake. So, Mick?

MS – Thank you very much. I've got the details of the first 5 permit breaches for this year. Do you have the details of the breakdown for the last 5? Were they all CCS3 or were there any CCS2's, or don't you know?

JP – I think the bulk of them will be CCS3's, I must admit I don't know them fully off the top of my head Mick, but the information is available. If you need me to find the breakdown and pass that information onto you, I can certainly do it.

MS – That'll be great, yes please, I'll drop you an email afterwards.

JP – Great stuff, I'll endeavour to get the information to you as soon as I can.

MS – I've got more questions, but shall I let some of the others go first?

AW – Can I just jump in, I can see Paul has got his hand up and I would guess that is not a question, but you might be about to answer what Mick and Jon were just talking about Paul, is that right?

JC – Hello there Mick, do you have a pen and paper ready?

MS – I do indeed.

JC – You'll enjoy this. We'll start in 2019. There was a CCS3 score on 31/3/19 that related to leachate levels that were above where they might be and we knew that would be the case when we purchased the site and we have continued to be scored for that as a CCS3, every quarter as the quarterly monitoring is submitted. So that will be 4 x CCS3's per year that relate to pre-acquisition and will be resolved by the resubmitted hydrogeological risk assessment that has been put in for the permit application.

MS – Ah, so that's what this is about and the permit change, right, you've answered once of my other questions there Jon.

JC - 31/3/19 we had a CCS3 for elevated ammonia levels in ground water, we knew we would experience that when we purchased the site as there is a history of that at the site and we will be scored 4 times a year for that at a CCS3 level, we accept that and have submitted a hydrogeological review and permit application to ensure this is corrected.

MS – What month was that sorry Jon?

JC – It was 31/3/19.

MS – Thank you.

JC – On 31/3/19 we had a CCS3 score because unfortunately on that particular day, the meter that tells you what volume of water has been discharged to Silverdale Brook was broken. It was raised as a non-conformity within scope of our ISO14001 system and a new meter was put in and it was rectified.

MS – Rightio.

JC – On the 29/4/19 there was a CCS3 score relating to staff competency and training because the site manager wasn't on site and the deputy allowed a bag of polyurethane powder to spill in the unloading area, it didn't go outside the site but quite correctly that was scored as a CCS3 score, it was raised within our non-conformity and corrective action system within scope of the ISO14001 management system and rectified with additional training. Mick, at that point, would you like at some point to meet and perhaps we can understand what scores, corrective actions and the impact of the ISO14001 system means for a site? I suspect the context of permit scoring isn't understood and Jon and Carl, I'm sure you'll have some joy in hearing this, there seems to be some misunderstanding that somehow the Environment Agency pop in for a very cosy cup of tea and a chat with us. The Environment Agency are a rigorous regulator that pop in to hold us to account to many hundreds of permits and management plan conditions and a permit breach, whilst nobody wants them and that is not sort of our modus operandi, I have worked in the waste industry for 30 years, when you apply for a permit, part of that permit is having an operational environmental management system. The environmental management system will then minimise the risk of events that damage the environment or people, however, key to any management system will be non-conformity and corrective action because things will go wrong from time to time and that may result in a permit breach score of some severity but the key thing in maintaining compliance is a live ISO14001 system so the non-conformity is raised, measures are put in place, the effectiveness of the measures are reviewed using the plan, do, check, act methodology of continuous improvement. Shall I stop boring everybody at that point and we'll organise.

MS – You can bore me on a site visit another time.

JC – I think context of this and understanding around it is absolutely key Mick.

MS – Thank you.

JC – Has that partially answered your question?

MS – Yes, thank you.

JC – No problem, happy to help.

AW – Thanks Paul and Jon, that's helpful. It's probably helpful for everybody I think for context of scoring and breaches. Next, I think it was Jake, did you have a question, Jake?

JW – Oh yes, my question was just regarding the rejected loads, 6 of them in April and May so has that happened again since then or how often is this being checked? Or rejecting the inappropriate loads.

JP – Yes, there is something of a campaign which we instituted, and I will say that Walleys Quarry landfill have engaged with us because we wanted to be absolutely scrupulous, as do the company in making sure that nobody could exploit Walleys Quarry landfill going forward with the deposit of inappropriate materials. Those 6 loads, and I think might have been 1 or 2 since, and I'm sure that Jon or Paul will correct me on this, each of those nonconformities raised through the management system and identified in writing to ourselves will be subject to further investigation. I won't go into detail on that because that could obviously have legal ramifications, but it is something we are looking to audit and audit heavily at the moment.

JW – Ok, thank you.

AW – Paul I can see your hand up, again I assume that is not a question but maybe you were going to respond to Jake?

PL – I just wanted to also confirm that the inspection of loads is an ongoing process and hasn't just been instigated post our curtailment in April Jake. Loads are continuously checked again in line with our management system as they come through. What we found in, I think it was May when those loads started to come in, it appeared that loads were coming direct from the producer and those were flagged appropriately both with the customer and with the Environment Agency and as Jon has covered, they are currently investigating those producers for that material arriving.

JC – Can I just add on that Jake, and thank you for that Paul, I think we have to accept that the paperwork that accompanies those loads was saying that the waste had arrived from a waste treatment centre but actually, it is our view Jake, from the photographs and the inspection they had arrived to us from construction and demolition site, because the waste that made us reject them, although plasterboard has been mentioned, they also contained aerosols and in one case a piece of asbestos board, which would be absolutely typical of that type of origin for the waste. We are happy to report that to the Environment Agency and have their support in investigating the supply chain who brought those into us.

JW – Thank you.

AW – Right, I've got two more questions for Jon. Ian, I'll go for you next.

IB – Ok, yes, we mentioned rejected loads, it just seemed, you say that these have been checked beforehand, however these are recent campaigns by the EA to check them in more stringent, then all of a sudden, loads are found, so what has changed, what were the EA doing differently that they weren't doing before?

JP – What we had, actually is a West Midlands based campaign, so this is something that has been signed off by Carl across all of the landfills across the West Midlands. We're growing increasingly concerned about certain waste streams and I think it is only fair to say this focus is on plasterboard and gypsum-based materials that seem, we seem to have noticed a trend within the industry that these materials are perhaps being pulverised and disguised, shall we say, in other mixed materials. So, we are putting together a campaign across all of our landfill sites to look at this in some level of intensity. However, the situation in and around this particular vicinity, the community concern has led us to focus our efforts and it's positive to see that the company have reacted positively in undertaking this work of their own volition in being scrupulous in identifying the people who might be involved in this practice.

IB – Ok, well it's good that it's being, I mean it's generally well known that this kind of thing has happened, and I wouldn't go as far as saying endemic, but it is good that the EA are now cracking down on it. It is my personal belief that is why we are suddenly finding loads that have to be rejected. So that is obviously my concern is they weren't being rejected before and they were sneaking through, but that's just a side note. I do have 2 other questions. The online data and such, the data that has been collected, of course just focusing on the hydrogen sulphide there which, because of the nature of not having an actual annual limit for that, there is no point annualising it. However, particulate matter, both pm2.5 and pm10 and no2 and potentially non-methane such as benzene, toluene and such, they can be annualised. Is that planned to happen with this data because it has been run over, I think, a three-month period? If I am remembering that correctly and that is although with a greater uncertainty band, that is sufficient to annualise up then be able to apply it to the air quality objectives. Is that a plan?

JP – This is where I'll defer to Carl because he works at a higher level with those partner organisations, Public Health England, the local authorities in analysing the information that we are gathering or supporting their analysis of the information so, if I may Carl can I take that on hand and into a new one.

CM – Yes. Thank you, Jon, and thank you Ian for your question. Yes, those materials are recorded by the monitoring stations, it is in the information that we share with the Public Health England, it is information that we have shared with partner organisations, and we are talking to the company going forward on what other monitoring they can put in within the boundary of the site going forward on their plant and equipment. If you've got an air quality monitoring background, you won't be surprised that we're talking to the company about their gas utilisation and the emissions from there and how we can monitor going forward, you know, between ourselves and the company.

IB – Ok, in addition to that I would say, this is probably an explanation to everybody, that to annualise data there is a whole network of air quality monitors put around the country and air quality effects happen generally on a regional basis so by taking a small subset of data

that's ran for a minimum of months you can use within a certain radius, you can use appropriate stations, you can use that data to then turn that few months data to a set amount of data that you can apply to the actual objectives and that's one that basically Newcastle Borough would need to know because if for example, I'm not saying it has, if for example, the pm2.5's, pm10's sorry breached then the Newcastle Borough would have to then declare an air quality management area and of course they would need to have that information so I am assuming that is going to be part of the plan to turn this data into annualised data.

CM -That's where we're working Ian and you know, one of the greatest frustrations in terms of what we have lived through in the last 14-15 months is that we haven't been able to meet people on a face to face basis and have all our information with us and share with you the data we've got, put that data on the table and explain a) what we're doing and b) what the data is saying to us and I dare say that your observations may be useful to us going forward from your experience so yes we are doing that, we are sharing it with PHE and we are sharing it with Newcastle under Lyme and we will be moving forward on all of that but all those materials that you mentioned are being monitored for in those monitoring stations at those four locations.

IB – Fantastic, there is one, I'll try not to take too much time but there is one more thing. Taking as read that the, as read, apologies for the pun there, Red Industries say that there are no operational differences between week and weekend work and covering in week days and weekend days, now from purely living in this area and experience, odours are increased around weekend times as opposed to week times now I wanted the EA's opinion of why do we see quite a temporal alignment with the amount of complaints lined up with weekends. So, during the week the complaints seem to be generally lower, statistical analysis would probably get in on this one later but just by the simple view of the data here, there does seem to be a temporal alignment between weekends and odour complaints and weekdays and odour complaints and obviously they're quite different. Have the EA got a view on that?

CM – At the moment Ian, we are working with all our partners on sharing EA data, Newcastle under Lyme data and if I can refer to them this way, I hope they won't get, our techies are looking at that to come up with all those correlations. Obviously when we have got our head round all of that we are going to be talking to the company> I'd be interested in Paul or Jon, whether they have got views on the perceived view and we heard this last night on the engagement call with the public, why are those peaks, you know on a Friday evening and on a Saturday evening and we'll be talking to Paul and Jon about are there any automated activities that go on at the site out of hours that are maybe contributing to some of those releases, so that's our way, that's my plan going forward once we've got all that data from all the partners together. We've got those trends as you referred to and we can put questions to the company about, are there any activities, automated or otherwise that take place on the site that caused those peaks at those times.

IB – I appreciate your responses.

AW – I can see Paul you had your hand up before and again I assume you were going to address something Ian had said but I think Carl has just asked you if you want to jump in there as well so if you want to do that and I'll move to the last question from Angela.

JC – Actually Anna, my hand had been up a while, I was going to come back to rejected loads for a moment if I could.

AW – Yeah, I saw it was up for a while, but I wanted Ian to finish. Yup, go ahead.

JC – actually Anna, this may be something as the vice chair of the Chartered Institute of Waste Management you might even be able to speak into, but I think it is also worth reflecting a moment on the scarcity of active landfill void for various deposits of waste. So, our view with regard to the six rejected loads is that the reason they came to us straight from construction sites may well be related to the stockpiling of waste at transfer and treatment sites that would normally receive them because of the interrupted supply chain while we had curtailed inputs.

AW – Yeah.

JC – That's our view.

AW – Highly likely.

JC – So we found that unsurprising that we might see a peak in that when we started taking waste again. Just to pick up on Carl's point and on Ian's point, Ian, Carl, yes that is interesting thoughts, our view on that is the activities at the weekend, well there aren't activities at the weekend really, they finish at 12 o'clock on a Saturday, so the only activity there after cover has been applied is really the active gas management at the site which is dealt with by our onsite gas management contractors, CLP Environmental, we have asked them to review their operations and the gas utilisation if they can. Actually, Carl as of the Environment Agency in terms of submitting a report on that, our advice from the onsite contractor, CLP Envirogas, is that there is nothing different at those times. We will work to continue to investigate the current situation and advise when we see any pertinent information, we can share that is of use.

AW – Thank you. I can see two more hands. I think if nobody minds, once we have done these two questions, I'm just looking at the time and I can see we have got two more presentations, so I don't want to curtail peoples' discussions, but I think perhaps we should start to draw it to a close. So, Angela I think I came to you earlier but maybe you didn't hear me, would you like to have your question?

ADS – I wanted to know, there's a lot of earth movement going on on the Persimmon Housing development and I'm wondering, is this going to impact at all on your monitoring equipment for dust that the EA have set up? Maybe linked with that, I just wanted to also know, sorry I've lost the question, sorry, that was one question, the other thing is about surveys, your small area survey and your annual surveys. I think it would be quite useful if those could be presented at these meetings in the future and also if you know what the

current gas rates are from the open areas on site if we could have updates on these on a regular basis at these meetings so that is kind of discussed.

JP – Ok, if I take the first question, I think it was about the Persimmon development site, Angela. Yes, as with any earth moving there is a potential for dust to be generated and us at the Environment Agency don't have any form of control over that particular development. It is sensible with the proximity of the Gallingale air quality monitor it is possible that we may pick up particulate matter during the course of our observations. I have to say I don't think it has been shown to be the case yet, but it is something the partner organisations as Carl said, could keep under review if they have some concerns over that activity.

ADS – Thank you.

JP – In terms of the small area studies and surveys, I'm not entirely convinced we will generate that sort of information ourselves; I think that tends to come more in terms of health studies that the partner organisation, principally Public Health England, Carl might be able to correct me if I'm wrong on that one.

CM – yes, you're right there Jon but I think the point, the final point about gas rates that Angela was talking about, that is something that I know Paul, you are looking at in terms of your equipment now for fugitive emissions surveys and that you're obtaining that information more than you used to in the past. I don't know whether you want to comment to Angela what you are doing with your flame ionisation equipment?

PL – Yeah, by all means Carl, so we undertake surveys across site at regular intervals and really always have. It is quite right that Carl has identified that we do them regular, I think we've probably done 3 or 4 in the last couple of months, something like that. In principle those surveys are undertaken relatively regularly. We are also potentially looking at flux box by the end of September which will look at flow rates from individual areas. There is a lot of data captured as you can imagine, CLP who we have spoken about, capture a lot of data in terms of gas that they are capturing, flow rates and that type of data so I guess we would have to look at what would be relevant and useful to you Angela.

ADS -Ok, thank you

AW – Thank you. Mick you had your hand up and then it went away, I don't know if you had your question answered in the meantime or?

MS – It was actually just a comment, it wasn't a question. In regard to the weekends looking through, I've done some analysis on the, at least the hydrogen sulphide monitoring, there doesn't appear to be a clear pattern between the amount of hydrogen sulphide at weekends, so it is either other odorous materials, other odorous gases or people are just more at home and have more free time available for reporting, I'm not entirely convinced there is a correlation between the odour just yet. [Following further analysis and review of the minutes Dr Michael Salt has asked to retract this statement as it is his opinion that there is an indicative correlation between odour being higher at the weekend.](#)

AW – Thank you. OK, right, oh, Ian. We're going to have one more question from you and then we're going to move on if that's alright.

IB – Just a comment back on what Mick just said, because I don't feel the same, the odour events happen in the evening and the morning and residents are here in the weekday and the weekends so that is immaterial. It should be the same amount of receptors available to perceive this at any time of the week.

AW – Thank you all. I hope everybody feels they have got their questions in but I'm aware that we've got other things and I'm trying to stick to the time. Thank you very much for that Jon and all the questions.

8. Newcastle-under-Lyme EHO update

AW – I've got item 8 down as Newcastle-under-Lyme EHO update, I can't see, apologies I'm looking at my screen, I can't see anybody here from Newcastle under Lyme so I have a feeling we may not be having that. Please correct me if I am wrong Michelle, have I missed anybody. (Michelle shakes her head). No, ok in that case we'll move on.

9. Staffordshire planning update

AW – Neil, Staffordshire planning update, are you happy to do that Neil? You're definitely there, I can see you.

NG – I am, yes. Nothing much for me to say other than we now have a submission of details in with us in regard to the prior approval of any working plan, progress plan and a review of the final restoration and aftercare scheme for the site that has now been validated this week. I believe that the members of the liaison committee have, should have been sent an email anyway to consult you on this. If anybody hasn't had that by all means get in touch with me. Essentially it is a link to the documents that are now available on our website anyway. We'll look to approving that in the next couple of months depending on exactly what comments we get back on that. Otherwise, there is nothing more for me to update on unless anyone has any questions.

AW – I can see a hand up from Paul or Jon.

JC – I just wanted to say thank you to the members of the liaison group that took the time to review and provide their comments on those documents we sent out. Thank you for that.

AW – Thanks Paul and Jon. Angela you've got your hand up?

ADS – Yes, we've sent in one comment, but I think the county have just sent us another, I'm not quite sure what that's for but I'm sure I will find out. What concerns me about your reconstruction plan is that the next one is due in 2026, now if you complete the site earlier than 2026 it means that the current plan which is slightly, shall we say, lacking in detail will kick in before you've put in your detailed plans in 2026. So, I am just wondering if you can kind of square that so there is some proviso so that you know, your plan is ready to go in if the site is completed earlier than 2026. Can you hear me?

AW – Yes, I think, Neil, can you?

NG – In terms of the planning submission, what we've got now is, the submission is now valid as far as the county council's approval process goes, but obviously now there is the opportunity to make comments on the detail that's within the scheme. Obviously if yourself or anybody else wants to comment on it, thinks that more detail should be included in that scheme, there is the opportunity now to do that. We are not saying that what has been submitted to us is necessarily the final scheme or as it will be approved. All we are saying is there is enough information now for us to determine this application. As far as the previous comments, yes, we did receive your previous comments from a couple of different people that were sent to us, that was after Red had taken the time to send it around to members of the liaison committee for comments. At that stage it was not a submission that had been made to us or validated to us, that wasn't our formal consultation process which is what we are now carrying out. That said, any comments that did come from me or the county council in the meantime we've made sure to send them on to the case officer so they will be taken into account in this formal process anyway. As far as the review, there is the requirements in the planning permission to review the restoration scheme in another 5 years which yes would be in 2026. Our position I think from the county council obviously the operator can submit a review in a shorter time than that if they feel the need to. What we'd want to do is if we get the scheme that is submitted now such that we are happy with it then eventually our position will be that's what will be carried out on site. If there are any changes to that, for example if the site finishes early or anything changes on site or there needs to be something different to what is in that scheme then there is an opportunity to review it or we could do that, hopefully then we would invite in the first instance, the operator to submit a new revised scheme at an earlier date which can be done any time. Obviously, we can't enforce them to submit anything again within that 5-year period but essentially, what we have got is a restoration scheme that everybody is happy with anyway so if they continue to work towards that scheme then there is no issue, it is only an issue if something needs to change in that scheme at which point they would need a new submission.

ADS – OK I mean the problem is, you don't know what to plant until you know the kind of soil that is being used for capping so you're in a chicken and egg situation here, if you don't know what the soil type is you can't put in detail so, sorry, yes go on, Jon.

JC – Sorry Anna.

AW – It's ok, you're quite small I can't see you waving.

JC – A lot of people say that so thank you Anna. Angela, just to make sure we're not talking at cross purposes, the restoration scheme is the design, the materials including the soils we can actually use, that's agreed with the Environment Agency and those EWC codes that represent that, they are already in there in outline and actually there is a second permit at the site for producing soil like outputs from particular materials to achieve that. So, I just wanted to make sure you know, Neil and his team are over there looking at a plan of what it

will look like at restoration but actually the soils and the materials is more a permitting question Neil than a planning question.

ADS – Looks like he didn't hear you.

JC – Would you agree, did you hear me, Neil?

NG – Yeah, that seems fine as far as my understanding yeah. Like I say I think what we are talking about, in terms of the capping materials and the stuff we use on site, that's a different, that's something we would look to the Environment Agency to make sure they're happy with the capping materials in terms of soils can be placed if required on top of that is something that we might look at but how much you'd want to be putting machinery on top of that cap once we're happy with it but that something that can be included in the scheme but as you say that's a different point to the nature of the materials that will cap the landfill.

ADS – Ok. Sorry just one more mundane thing really. There are some very large potholes outside the entrance in the road and I don't know if that is a county responsibility or what, but I think it would be helpful if they were repaired.

NG - Yeah, I noted that in the email you sent me, I have sent you a reply, I have passed that onto our highways liaison officers that we do have on the county council's website there is a function to report any highways defects, be it here or anywhere around the county. So, by all means any time anybody sees something on the highway, do report it to us and then I expect as they go out, they will have a look and put it into their program of maintenance.

ADS – Ok, thank you.

AW – A question from Jake.

JW – Yeah just a quick one I think on behalf of our chair he mentioned because in terms of the restoration plan, the new one, for consultation, does that actually take into account what happened in the last couple of years in terms of the increase of tonnage? Both the temporary one in 2019 and the permanent one in October 2020 so, yeah, just see if the plan should differ, should be significantly different from the one 5 years ago if I'm right. I don't know if that makes sense or not in terms of the significantly increased tonnage, is it a part of the restoration plan?

NG – Yes, your question makes sense, it is probably for Jon to answer as obviously, as I say we are looking at potentially approving we're looking at determining the scheme, but I haven't looked at the details of what it actually says in the scheme as of yet.

JC – I think Jake to answer that the final landfill form, the restoration levels and the contours are what we are discussing here and what the appearance will be. Increasing the tonnages that can be taken in, what that has the potential to do if the tonnages are realised are actually just realising the final landform and contours earlier. Actually then, what the landform looks like in the end will be the same, it will just arrive there quicker and what it looks like when it is grassed and dressed and you have all the arboreal and flora and fauna, that really isn't related to how quickly we get there.

JW – Ok thank you.

AW – Lovely, thank you all. I hope that was useful and thank you Neil for the update.

10. Newcastle-under-Lyme planning update

AW – Item 10 is Newcastle under Lyme planning update with Elaine, I don't think I've seen Elaine? Michelle, no? (Michelle shakes her head). I think that item is, 8 and 10 we don't have this evening, so we'll move on to item 11.

11. Local councillor and residents' representatives' comments

AW – Angela, I can see you hand up, is that an old hand or?

ADS – No, it is a new one, I don't know who is responsible for it but there has been a drone going over the site and it's been posted on social media suggesting that the stuff that's going in or being dumped on the site is inappropriate so I don't know who is responsible for the site, is it a private site, is it a county owned site, and are drones going over it legal?

AW – Paul and Jon is that one for you?

PL, Yeah, I mean, drones is an interesting one, Angela, I think in answer to the questions the site is obviously owned by Walleys Quarry. There is a surprising number of drones going over the site, I think in the last 30 days we have had something on the order of 23 drone flights from around 6 different potential operators, albeit I think the 2 that stand out quite strongly and post videos on the internet. So yeah, drone flights are increasingly common around Walleys, so much so actually they cause me a little bit of concern about how they are being operated. Not from the point of view of what they film, I am in the main quite comfortable with what is being filmed in terms of the waste going into site and how the site looks but there have been flights where they are a long way from where the operator is. They are too far and too high is the short answer. I am not the person to ask about legality of that but there is a question on some of them certainly. My main concern really comes from when those drones are flying overhead and whether people have adequate control particularly around people.

JC – and machinery in no uncertain words.

PL – and machinery yes that's true.

ADS – Ok, and are you doing anything about it or not?

PL – We're doing what we can in terms of the legal framework so I think I've intimated that some of those flights, and it is for others to give an opinion, may border on not being legal but they are allowed to fly as long as they are operating legally, if they have a permit, are registered and not flying a drone too far or too high, too close to people, all those things come in to factor. It is quite a complex and newly evolving area of UK legislation.

JC – Might I pick up for a moment there Paul if that's OK?

PL – Yeah.

JC – In terms of what's being filmed, and I actually watch the drone flights that are posted on YouTube because I find them very interesting and I particularly like the helicopter over-

dubbing, I think it is really good. They show what I would expect which is a site in compliance, so it is actually a very interesting view that we get of the site. I think for me the more concerning drone flights which don't relate to the site, is the increase of drone flights that we are seeing actually going over members of our staffs houses and invading in to gardens which is very disappointing to see and has been reported to the police.

ADS – Ok, thank you. I ask this on behalf of the borough councillor but he is not here so I don't know whether you can tell me. As a matter arising from the last meeting, I think I asked do we know where the hydrogen sulphide is coming from and in what quantities and if it is Newcastle borough council department who are detecting it do they report their findings to you? What happens to the information? This information would be quite useful because people are posting on social media that they're being poisoned, that they are being gassed and I think we need to be quite clear about what is going on in reality.

AW – Paul and Jon I think that was addressed for you.

JC – Yeah, thank you for the question Angela, I think it is a very important question actually. There has been no data provided to us by Newcastle under Lyme borough council in relation to any of their monitoring as I can't really comment on that because none has ever been seen, I am sure there is some there, but it is not something that is shared. In terms of investigations, we continue our investigations into the current situation and to work to address the situation. I think it is well documented that we have got teams of experts including geochemists, hydrogeologists and other disciplines looking at the wider area and compiling a report on sources in the area. That is progressing, it is a very extensive study, very heavily resourced by us through these technical consultant specialists and when that is completed, we will happily share that, Angela.

ADS – Ok thank you.

AW – Marion did you want to say something?

MR – Yeah, just some comments on the questions. I've listened very carefully and clearly there is lots of monitoring going on and questioning and surveys, but the bottom line is that for residents, the smell, the odour, whatever you want to call it is actually not much better now than it was 6 months, 12 months ago. So, we're doing a lot of work, the agencies and etc and I acknowledge that but how can we get past the post of improvements for residents because the odour is as bad now as it was many months ago. So, whatever we are doing actually isn't helping the residents. So how so we get past that post, what more can we do?

AW – Is that a general comment Marion or did you want, I can see Paul has got a hand up.

MR – If someone can answer it, yeah because I'm just, I'm not underrating at all what the work that's being done but the reality is for residents is that it's not improving.

AW – I don't know if you can address that Paul and Jon, but I can see the box moving so I think you've got something to say.

JC – Thank you Marion, I absolutely welcome that comment, and you're right, the important thing is that matters are addressed. We are working tirelessly to address any issues,

investigate, so are the Environment Agency and so are other parties. The key thing is to deliver those outcomes Marion and those outcomes will be delivered, and they'll be delivered when we all communicate more effectively and perhaps work together better and we can monitor those improvements together. That's the importance of communication in all of this.

AW – Steve, before I forget because I think you're waving your hand at me and light isn't great, would you like to go next?

SM – I think I'm unmuted now, yeah?

AW – Yes, you are unmuted, yes.

SM – Two things really, I applaud Marion's comments there because as residents we really are suffering with the odour, especially at weekends, from Fridays to Mondays it seems really bad. I've got a question for the Red Industries guys there, if you upped the tonnage from 250,000 tonne to 400,000 tonne, was the 250,000-tonne target to be complete in 2026, so please forgive my ignorance on this, at 250,000 tonnes, now that your capability is 400,000 tonnes does that mean that you're going to complete the site earlier?

PL – In response to that Steve, I think the answer very simply is it should get there quicker which is what Jon confirmed earlier on. Having seen the tonnages coming through site, particularly post curtailment, they aren't at the levels at this moment in time that you would see at 400,000 tonnes but essentially there is a finite void available at Walleys and we want to fill that with waste in effect in the shortest possible time which is in everybody's interest. Having said that we will run to, I'm quite confident to the 2026 planning outline.

JC – Yeah, I think it is a good question, Steve. It is a finite void and actually if more material comes in it does fill up quicker, we get to height quicker, and actually Steve importantly we get to height in certain areas quicker so we can permanently cap.

PL – Which I think is an important point, just following on from Jon, so the work we have just finished in cell 1, we actively focused the waste disposal into that area of Cell 1 to get to the pre-settlement level as soon as possible so that we were in a position to do some capping. That site, other than some temporary capping hasn't got, or didn't have any permanent capping to that point, it was actually some way off unless we concentrated landfill operations to a specific area which is what we chose to do in order to allow us to implement that capping scheme.

SM – Ok thank you.

AW – Ok, so it looks like we have got two more points from Ian and Jake, I think before we start to finalise. So, Ian I think I saw your hand first.

IB – Ok, under the comments as a resident, I wouldn't want to contradict Marion, however I am living in the area here and it's not as bad as before the EA monitoring came in where we had a terrible period. It's not as bad as that, it is improving so obviously we implore Red to keep on doing what they're doing and the EA are the dinosaur that got stamped on the foot and eventually the impulse got to the brain are acting now and I think any reasonable

resident, any reasonable person would say that they're very happy that the attention is getting to it now, we can see improvement, its not as bad as it was but there are still issues to deal with and obviously we wish to see these ongoing engagements from Red, we want to see what they're doing we want to be kept informed because I do talk to people and such and there are distresses around, there are people that feel ill from this, it is a fact. Any effort in this regard obviously, when people are reasonably thinking about these things, they are very appreciative of the fact that attention has been given to it. One thing I did forget to mention because I think it was Carl, if I got the name correct from the EA, did mention some additional monitoring, I would suggest because I was involved in the back in the early 2000's when the EA started to look at landfills and the health effects, potential health effects of landfills and there were a number of compounds which I know, well I haven't seen any data, and they're not being monitored at the moment and they were picked up in the first study, I'll mention the names and these will come up on their own, styrene, formaldehyde, 1-2-dichloromethane, chromium, toluene I know is already being monitored and PAH's. Those were things that were highlighted in that study that needed further investigation and if they have not already been discounted as potentials, I would suggest that. That's more of a technical note, that's not a resident's comment. I just thought I would say it since I was speaking. OK, thank you.

AW – Thanks Ian. Paul and Jon did you have a response on that, it looks like you might do.

JC – Ian, sorry you've disappeared off my screen Ian, can you still hear me?

AW – I think he is still there.

IB – I can.

JC – Ian, in terms of engagement, and it's absolutely important. We are always looking for respectful, objective engagement that you know has achievements there to have so if you want to come and meet us on site and see the facility up close and personal Ian, you are most welcome.

IB – I'd welcome that, yeah sure.

AW – Can I come as well; it's been ages since I've been round a landfill site.

JC – It is not a holiday or a day trip, you can't put it on TripAdvisor Anna.

AW – No, I wouldn't.

PL – You are welcome to come.

JC – You are.

AW – Will do when we are allowed out again. We'll have to do June 21st.

MS – I'm terribly sorry folks, I'm going to have to make a move, I promised my daughter I would put her to bed.

AW – Well thanks for joining Mick, it was nice to meet you and we'll see you again hopefully.

MS – Thank you very much everyone, tara.

AW – I can see it is nearly time to wrap up, so Jake would you like to go with your question, I can see you've had your hand up.

JW – Ian mentioned about the communication side and residents being informed. Can I just make a few comments? I understand recently there is a liaison officer, Nicky Birks? Appointed to communicate, to specialise in communicating with the residents but I gather from local residents that their emails to Nicky have rarely been replied and also, I think Nicky incidentally, Nicky was on annual leave for 10 days as soon as Nicky was appointed so I gather that our residents are not happy about this situation.

AW – Paul and Jon can you address that?

JC – Jake, I think rumours of the extended holiday that Nicky was allowed to take are very exaggerated. You wouldn't work at Red/Walleys Quarry Limited for very long to realise that holidays are not something that are given out lightly or easily. So, I'll pass on that she had 10 days, I'm sure she'll be delighted Jake that she spent them in the office, I'm sure she'll like that, thank you. In terms of replying to emails, I will take that up with her. My feelings about that is that the emails have been replied to and certainly the ones I have seen, she has but I will take that up for you Jake.

JW – OK, thank you Paul.

JC – Rest assured, just like the rest of the staff here she's not allowed to take holidays easily.

PL – I think I would also add to that Jake that's slightly outside of your question, she has made some direct communication efforts with people in the community and made big strides to do that. There is obviously the website coming with frequently asked questions and things like that, that help communication in other ways.

JC – As well Jake, although some people, she may not reply by email, she is actually telephoning some people and having a conversation with them.

JW – That makes sense. Can I also ask, in terms of the website, www.walleysquarry.com, I don't think that works at the moment or has that been working?

JC – It's walleysquarry.co.uk

JW – Is it .co.uk, I think Michelle's email signature is .com. I'm literally on my computer, yeah .co.uk is not working either.

PL – We'll get that confirmed.

JW – It has not been working for a considerable amount of time now so how would that facilitate the communication

JC – I don't know if you can see it, that's me logged on to it there.

JW – Oh, really?

JC – We'll look into it for you with our IT.

JW – I tried to log on to the website, but it was .co.uk not .com

PL – I was on it yesterday and it was functioning yesterday.

JC – We appreciate you raising that though Jake, we'll check that.

MP – Just to butt in there, it does help if you put the https:// in first.

JW – Actually I've followed the one in your email signature, without https so...

AW – While you do that Jake, I'm going to go to Angela cos we've got.

JW – Yeah

ADS – Just three things, one is I would actually quite like to visit the site, I haven't been for a while myself and also to say that we have never had any problem with Nicky responding very promptly to emails to the TRA and thirdly I guess this is a question for Marion if she is still online, we understand that £70,000 was allocated by the borough council for monitoring or whatever it was that they wanted to do and I think we would like a report to this meeting on where this money is being spent, we understand that 7 trained officers have been employed of late and we'd like to know what their roles are, what they are doing, whether in house staff or whether they are new staff, we would like some information please on how this £70,000 is being spent.

MR – Do you want me to reply? I will ask the leader Simon to do a report if you want for this committee next time or he can do a report and give it to Michelle to circulate with the minutes.

ADS – Yes, I think that is quite important.

MR – I think that would be better than me spouting forth now, to get a proper report.

ADS – As long as it happens because at the minute there is no borough council representation and I would have thought it would be quite important for the Environment officer of the NBC to be present at this meeting, certainly if they are doing monitoring and also posting up spreadsheets of their surveys that they are doing and you know I think they have to be there, at this meeting.

MR – I'm sure they're listening in.

ADS – I hope they are.

AW – Thank you both. I will start to bring this to a close as we are slightly over time. Thank you. I think we have come to the end of the presentations.

12. Any other business

AW – If I do my usual and go round my screen and ask if you have any AOB, I think that is the best way of doing this. Oh sorry, Paul, hand up.

JC – Thank you very much for that, there is a security certificate around site that we might be able to make easier for access Jake so thank you for raising that.

JW – No problem.

AW – Oh the website.

JC – Yes, thank you for that.

AW – Lovely, hopefully everything has been addressed, technical problems and everything else. So, for AOB I'll start with Jake, so you have anything you need to raise?

JW – Fine

AW – Any other business Jake?

JW – No thanks.

AW – Carl, any AOB?

CM – None for me thank you.

AW – Jon?

JP – Nothing from me.

AW – Steve?

SM – No thank you it has been very interesting.

AW – Neil?

NG – Nothing else from me thank you.

AW – Marion?

MR – No, nothing else to add.

AW – Ian?

IB – Just one quick one, it doesn't concern me cos obviously nothings secret in these meetings or anything commercially sensitive, but the draft minutes were circulated outside of the liaison group I heard on the grape vine that they were out there so obviously that is something that needs to be looked at.

AW – Paul, yup I can see you waving.

JC – Where's Ian gone? Ian, can you still hear me?

IB – Yes, sorry, I can still hear you yes.

JC – That was the reason Anna made the statement about GDPR at the start of the meeting actually there have been a round of breaches lately of GDPR and people doing exactly as you have said there and also some other things where they have been giving away peoples addresses and names on presentations so hence the reminder by Anna at the start of the meeting.

IB – I thought so, thank you.

AW – Where did I get to, Marion, I think you were next, any AOB?

MR – No, no nothing thanks.

AW – Angela, AOB?

ADS – Just to say, if the councillors are not going to be present, then I think perhaps they should be removed and perhaps somebody else, for example, I would like to see Aspire sitting on here because they would be reporting on the gypsy traveller site because at the moment they are stuck between a rock and a hard place, between Persimmon and between the landfill site and I think it would be helpful if Aspire, the person that represents or does whatever she does with the gypsy travellers site should be on this committee. That was my immediate response and also if people are not attending meetings and they are deliberately boycotting it then I don't see why they should be sent minutes to be honest.

AW – Paul and Jon?

JC – Does anybody have any objections if I invite the person from Aspire to the next meeting?

MR – I think that would be helpful actually.

JC – Thank you Marion, we will do that.

ADS – Thank you.

AW – Thanks Angela. Henryk do you have any AOB? I'll take that as a no. Right where did we get to, Paul and Jon is there anything else you would like to say to finish the meeting?

13.Date of next meeting

JC – The date of the next meeting.

PL – Yeah, agreed.

JC – I don't particularly have a problem if we only want to go 6 weeks to the next meeting, unless others do, if that is helpful.

AW – It seemed to me to be a good gap. So you'd be looking at the end of July, is that when you were thinking?

JC – Yeah July and probably not into the first week of August as it tends to be holiday time. I think it comes out around Thursday 29th.

AW – Ok

JC – And are we sticking with slightly later, 5.30 is that better for people, worse for people? Or no different?

AW – I can see nods for 5.30.

JC - So, 29th July at 5.30pm then.

AW – Sounds good. Well, if I'm not on holiday in the Falkland Islands or Israel then I'll be there. So, I think we have reached the end of our agenda so thank you all very much for your time this evening, I appreciate it. Thanks, Michelle, for the tech. I hope everybody felt they had the opportunity to say what they wanted and have had their questions answered and we look forward to seeing everyone at the end of July.