

MINUTES OF MEETING			
SUBJECT:	Egger group liaison meeting		
Topic:	Progress discussions		
Date:	24 th September 2015	Time	15:00
Venue:	Conference Room		
Minutes taken by:	Tobias Zimmerman.		
Participants:	Egger	External	
	Tobias Zimmerman (TZ), Paul Turner (PT), Jonathan Parker (JP), John Paterson (JP) (part)	Charles Enderby (CE), Jean Fearon (JF), Bill Grigg (BG), John Middleton (JM), Terry Robson (TR)	
Cc:	Janet Rix (JR)	Mark Baxter (MB)	

NO		WHO	WHEN
1	Apologies for absence		
	Apologies for absence were received from Mark Baxter.	MB	24/09/15
2	Minutes of previous meeting		
	These were agreed as being a true and accurate record and signed by (PT) accordingly.	PT	24/09/15
3	Discussion		
	TZ opened the meeting by welcoming all of the members from	TZ	

<p>Sandhoe Parish Council and extended the invitation to CE who had requested attendance via BG to specifically discuss the traffic flow issues of round wood vehicles through Acomb village.</p> <p>CE expressed his appreciation to the company regarding an updated review which was to be presented by JP, Director, representing Egger Forestry.</p> <p>Appreciation was also passed to TZ who had written to BG on 4th August and highlighted the issues which proved to be of some concern to Acomb Parish Council. In the letter TZ also identified statistical data regarding timber quantities as well as the contact regarding transport and road users with particular reference to Timber Haulage vehicles.</p> <p>TZ and the Egger representatives did express sympathy in connection with such issues, however, it is a fact that not all Timber Haulage is destined for the Hexham plant.</p> <p>This was clearly accepted by all and confirmation made that in the first instance any concerns would be directed to the Timber Transport Liaison Officer, Andrew Douglas, at Northumberland County Council.</p>	<p>CE</p> <p>All</p> <p>TR</p> <p>All</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Proposals moving forward</p>	
<p>All concerns in connection with the noise emissions from the Holtec/Hombak wet wood preparation process have now been addressed, the plant has been operating around a twenty-four hour (flexible and non-continuous) period for a number on months now without any complaints from local residents.</p> <p>The construction phase completed earlier this year has been a resounding success and all the follow up Acoustic Assessments completed by independent consultants have shown that compliance is being maintained at levels below the conditional requirements identified within the PPC (Pollution Prevention Control) Environmental Permit.</p> <p>The regulatory authorities have been updated on a regular basis and have agreed to the operational availability over any twenty four hour period.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p>Needless to say the company will continue to monitor the situation and carry out further assessments in line with the requirements of their Noise Management Plan which again is a conditional requirement of the site permit.</p> <p>PT would continue to keep the residents updated regarding any related dialogue.</p> <p>TZ/JP provided an update regarding on site projects with particular reference to the new warehouse which was well under way towards completion. The new warehouse would provide the company with an additional 7500 m2 of storage space for finished product. It is important that due to the location of this building that the height is below existing buildings, it would not be visible (certainly not prominent) from areas off site at ground level.</p> <p>From Oakwood and the surrounding parish areas, looking down over the plant, the warehouse can be seen. There will be no additions to noise or any other operational activities from the new building and associated activities.</p> <p>TZ confirmed that the employee car park area was refurbished and extended. JP confirmed that all lights were changed to the most modern and efficient available and that there will be no obvious increase to the existing visible glare from the site.</p>		
5	Requests.	
<p>TZ reiterated that the company would continue to support any proposals directed through the parish council, however, as with previous notifications these would have to be justified regarding the potential benefits and improvements.</p>	TZ	Ongoing
6	Any other business.	
<p>PT informed the group that Nick Barrett, NCC Environmental Area Manager and site regulator had achieved an early retirement agreement with the authority. Everyone was well aware of the working relationship Nick had with the company ever since compliance had been initiated through the Environmental Protection Act in the early nineties.</p>	All	

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<p>Appreciation was expressed to the dedication and the diligence shown over the years by Nick in ensuring that the company adhered to the necessary regulatory requirements.</p> <p>The group wished Nick well in his retirement and anticipated the same level of enforcement from Wendy Stephenson (who knows the site well having worked alongside Nick for the last twelve months) and her team who will now take on this responsibility.</p>		
7.	Date of next meeting	
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 24 th 2016 at 15:00 hours in the Conference Room.	All	Confirmed.