

## Runfold Progress Report

This report provides an update on our work towards restoring the site and towards developing the Restoration Masterplan for Runfold. It is intended to compliment the Community Liaison Group meetings by providing information in between meetings.

The report also provides responses to outstanding queries raised by the Community. However, if you have any further queries or feel there are other issues which remain outstanding, please contact Suez at [planning@sitaco.uk](mailto:planning@sitaco.uk)

## Summary of recent activity

Since the last CLG, the following actions have been completed:

- The air dispersion model has been completed. The modelling considered the emissions from the gas engine and flare (individually and in combination) and assumed the worst case meteorological conditions for air dispersion, to ensure we took a precautionary approach. The modelling was based on the current draft Restoration Masterplan contours. The model shows that the emissions are blown to the NE of the gas engine and flare and that emissions are well below air quality standards set for the protection of human health.
- The air dispersion modelling has confirmed that the draft Restoration Masterplan contours are viable from the point of view of air dispersion. Given this, we are now testing whether the draft contours are satisfactory from a surface water drainage perspective. We are already satisfied that the consented restoration contours for Area A and C are acceptable from a surface water drainage perspective<sup>1</sup> and have now appointed consultants, Terraconsult, to develop the surface water drainage scheme for remainder of Runfold South. A draft scheme has already been developed and Terraconsult will now undertake modelling to ensure this meets the required standards and to make amendments where necessary.
- A key feature of the draft drainage design in the draft Restoration Masterplan area (Runfold South) is a culvert within the site to drain water from the centre of the site (the ROMP area), underneath an access track, to the existing pond in the north of the site. It is important that we seek a view from the Statutory Bodies on this feature and are seeking meetings with the EA and with the Lead Local Flood Authority to discuss this. We do not yet have responses from these bodies but are continuing to contact them for meeting dates.

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<sup>1</sup> We have applications lodged with the Planning Authority for Areas A and C and are awaiting their approval. Having undertaken additional soak away tests in Area A, the EA is now satisfied with the drainage scheme for Area A. We will be undertaking additional soak away tests in November for Area C and, as with Area A, we anticipate this additional information will satisfy the EA on the drainage design for Area C.

- At Runfold North, our consultants, SLR continue to develop the surface water drainage scheme. Please note that whilst the drainage schemes for Runfold North and South are being developed by different technical consultants, we do not feel this will present any issues. Runfold North is essentially 'stand-alone' from a drainage perspective.

## **Current key actions**

The key actions currently being progressed are:

- To attend meetings with both the EA and the Lead Local Flood Authority to discuss the principle of a culvert on site in order to support the development of the drainage scheme for Runfold South. It is our view that a culvert is the preferred approach on this site; it can be maintained, meshed (to help prevent blockages) and is all within the site boundary and therefore within our control.
- Our drainage consultants are developing a drainage maintenance plan for Runfold South and the landscape Masterplan area.
- On Runfold North, further work is being done with our consultants, SLR, to progress the drainage scheme. The location of the drainage features may impact the location of the proposed planting on site; this will be reviewed once the drainage scheme is finalised.
- The finalisation of the drainage scheme for both Runfold North and South is a key milestone in the development of the Restoration Masterplan. Once the drainage scheme is complete, we intend to seek the Community's view on the proposed Masterplan.
- We anticipate that we will be in a position to present the proposed Restoration Masterplan to the Community in the first quarter of 2016; the key factor determining this date is liaison with the EA and Lead Local Flood Authority on surface water drainage issues.
- 'Before' and 'after' infrastructure plans will also be developed as part of the Restoration Masterplan work i.e. the before plan showing the above ground gas and leachate management infrastructure and the after plan showing that above ground gas and leachate management infrastructure removed.

## **Outstanding Community Queries**

### **Gas infrastructure survey**

We can confirm that the gas control infrastructure was surveyed earlier this year; this was reported to the Community at the July CLG. The survey has confirmed that the gas infrastructure is functioning properly and has not suffered any damage.

### **Tarmac batching plant permission expiry date**

We have reviewed the planning permission and associated documentation for this permission. We have also sought the view of the County Planning Authority. The Planning Authority has confirmed that Tarmac has permission to operate their facility until the end of 31st December 2016. Tarmac will be required to dismantle and remove their plant and machinery after this date and the land must be restored by the end of 2021. Currently, there is no deadline in the planning permissions for the removal of the plant and machinery. However, this is a detail which we would expect be included in the development of the Masterplan following discussions with Tarmac. Those discussions are due to commence in December 2015.

### **Area A restoration**

The filling of Area A (in the NW of the site) is progressing well. Area A is formed of three cells – Cell 1 (closest to Guildford Road) is filled and capped; the soils above the cap are now being spread (this process is not yet complete). During the final placement of materials below the cap and during the placement of the cap, we employed a full time surveyor with laser GPS to ensure the levels meet the required restoration contours. We continue to carry out regular surveys to ensure the levels of the soils are correct.

Cell 2 (the most southern cell) is almost full and will be levelled to make it ready for the placement of the cap. The centre cell (Cell 3) provides access into Cells 1 and 2 and will be completed last.

### **Clay stockpiles**

The clay which was stockpiled on site in the summer and autumn has now been utilised in the formation of the cells within Area A. The unused clay has been relocated to the floor of Area C and will be utilised for future cell construction. A small volume of clay remains in the vicinity of the former stockpiles in order to provide edge protection to the internal site road. This is required for health and safety reasons. Please note that this was confirmed, by Email, to members of the CLG by our Communications Team on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

### **Area C excavation depth**

Planning Condition 15 of our Area C sand extraction permission (Ref. WA/2012/1652) limits the maximum depth of extraction to 67.4m AOD. The most recent survey for the site was carried out in May 2015 which identifies that the lowest point of the floor at Area C is at 71m. No excavation of the floor of Area C has taken place since that survey as we have only extracted sand from the side walls. I can confirm that there is no breach of our Planning Condition.

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