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Heidelberg Cement (Hanson) Liaison Meeting: Report to Council

Outside Body	Heidelberg Cement (Hanson) Liaison Meeting
Date(s) of Meeting(s)	6 th December 2023

Issues to be highlighted to Council

Attended by: - Heidelberg Executive, Environment Agency, Ketton Parish Council, Cllrs Payne & Farina.

Heidelberg Update

Health and Safety. A good quarter, 1 twisted ankle reported only

New illuminated walkways are being installed with gates and alarms at crossings.

Complaints. In 2023 there were 6 complaints only. 3 complaints received regarding blasting; monitors fitted to complaining sites but all below threshold for damage. On 1 site an alternative cause outside Heidelberg Cements derestriction was identified. 3 complaints regarding fugitive dust were all investigated, and the source was mitigated.

Emissions. All below threshold, (sulphur dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, hydrogen chloride and carbon dioxide). Up to 90% of the fuel now used in kilns is not coal but a synthetic recycled material (Cemfuel and Profuel).

Carbon Capture. The site was setting up a new carbon capture trial in December prior to the kiln shutdown in January/February 24. The trial will commence when the site re-opens at the end of February. Environment Agency is handholding and is very excited about this trial.

Renovation. Continues, another field has had its soil strata re-established and will be seeded for calcareous grassland in the spring. A pond and new woodland also to be planted and maintained by the Wildlife Trust. Other renovated fields, previously planted, will now be grazed by sheep. Archeological finds, Iron age and Bronze age corn dryers and smelting kilns have been found beside Empingham Road.

Planning. The quarry extension plan will be submitted to RCC late January. Now submitted reference 2024/0066/MAF. This will support quarrying reserves until 2032.

Environment Agency. Has given approval for the C Capture trial. Ketton will use for 6mths -1year. There is strong competition to run this trial. The trial will understand how effective the chemicals are at adsorbing CO₂, plus frequency of top-up, cost etc.

There are no concerns from the EA regarding quality of operation and compliance with regulation. Comment that there was a good performance on emissions, some were very low. During shutdown there will be work on dust handling, removal of a redundant fuel station and the installation of a new stainless steel ammonia tank.

EA is investigating one low level noise complaint and has been for 6-7mths, the source cannot be identified as yet.

EA commented that overall, the site is in good shape.

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RCC. Cllr Payne updated that the Local Plan was out for Regulation 18 consultation at that time, the consultation ending on 8th January 2024.