Noise Monitoring Steering Group

Site – 8th October 2013 14:40 – 16:00

Present:

- John Wade
- Gregg Portass
- Graham Hooper
- Jane Ford
- Jürgen Folz
- Daniel Ellis
- David Mudge

Apologies:

- Nicola Horne
- Alf Maneylaws
- Sarah Taylor

Construction Director, MVV Public Protection Service, PCC Public Protection Service, PCC Community Liaison Manager, MVV (minutes) Site Manager, Envi-Con URS Environment Agency

Public Protection Service, PCC URS Environment Agency

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Introductions, present and apologies	
	As above	
2.	Minutes of last meeting	
	Minutes of last meeting were discussed. Previous minutes have now been added to MVV's website	
	Matters arising:	
	MVV are continuing with bi-weekly monitoring due to the fact that there have been no changes in on-site activities and no exceedances of noise limits.	
	PPS would strongly recommend that MVV resume weekly monitoring to demonstrate continued compliance with prescribed noise limits.	
	This ongoing situation was discussed and where a stalemate continues it was agreed a method of resolution needs to be found. PPS to consult with the LPA and MVV to consult with their senior management.	PPS/ MVV
3.	Noise monitoring report	
	Monitoring since the last meeting was carried out on the following dates: - 5 th September 2013 - 20 th /23 rd September 2013 - 8 th October 2013 Noise levels varied between 48dB and 64dB Noise levels were found to be still within agreed limits. No	

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	significant change in noise levels has been seen with the ongoing works.	
	Noise monitoring sessions have been staggered throughout the day and the order of monitoring receptors has been changed to ensure that a representative range of site activities is captured.	
	Non Destructive Testing Two sessions have been carried out on the 2 nd and 3 rd October and noise monitoring was carried out simultaneously at all three locations for the duration of the activities. Noise monitoring reports have been sent to PPS. Another two sessions will take place on the 9 th and 10 th October and noise monitoring will be carried out as for last week. MVV will ensure that noise monitoring reports are placed on their website.	JF
4.	Site actions and updates	
	Construction of the new bridge is ongoing.	
	Erection of steel work for filters and silos is complete; installation and erection of components and steel work for the boiler are ongoing; boiler pressure parts are being erected.	
	Some minor cladding works will start this week, with main cladding works due to commence in November. MVV will submit a mitigation procedure for the main cladding phase to the LPA.	
	Excavation works around piles and foundations are substantially complete.	
	Construction works for floor slabs and walls are ongoing.	
	The chimney has been erected.	
	Some internal steel and concrete works are ongoing in the turbine hall.	
	The workshop foundations will commence at the end of October and additional noise monitoring will be carried out at R17 (Talbot Gardens).	
	Acoustic screens are still being used strategically around site as needed.	
	The building concrete structures are now providing some additional mitigation.	
6.	Complaints	
	MVV have received one direct noise complaint and two additional noise complaints via PPS.	

	MVV's site management team have implemented a number of actions, including briefing site security to record all instances of noise disturbance (whether the noise appears to emanate from the construction site or not); provision of an out-of hours contact number for the public, 07805 684516; improved end of day routines and monitoring.	
7.	AOB	
	PPS would appreciate receiving the Commissioning Management Plan. Environment Agency permit pre-operational conditions dictate the need for a commissioning plan. MVV are aware of the need to produce this and intend that it will be available well in advance of the start of commissioning.	MVV
	Elected members have renewed their request to attend the NMSG. The group will reconsider this request.	NMSG
	Date of next meeting: 19 th November 2013 @ 14:30	