Noise Monitoring Steering Group

MVV Site Offices – 13th February 2015 14:10 – 14:55

Present:

- Graham Hooper
- Jane Ford
- John Wade
- Daniel Ellis
- David Mudge

Public Protection Service, PCC Community Liaison Manager, MVV (minutes) Construction Director, MVV AECOM Environment Agency

Apologies:

Sarah Taylor Alison Webster Jürgen Folz Gregg Portass

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Introductions, present and apologies	
	As above	
2.	Minutes of last meeting	
	Minutes of last meeting were agreed. Minutes and noise monitoring reports continue to be uploaded onto MVV's website.	
	Matters arising:	
	 Phase II of commissioning has not yet commenced 	
3.	Noise monitoring report	
	 Monitoring since the last meeting was carried out on the following dates: 4th February 2015 11th February 2015 R17, additional monitoring location on Talbot Gardens, is still being included due to work in and around the workshop area. Noise levels varied between 50dB and 61dB. Noise levels were found to be still within agreed limits. 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. 	
	NDT has been ongoing since October 2013 monitoring continues	

	 on a fortnightly basis and noise levels have remained within 5dB of the baseline. MVV have reapplied to continue NDT for a further 3 months (until the end of May) under the same terms as the last period and MVV await approval for this. Fortnightly noise monitoring continues and reports are sent to PPS. MVV will continue to ensure that noise monitoring reports are placed on their website. 	
4.	Site actions and updates	
	Installation of pipework and thermal insulation in the turbine hall, ACC and on the CHP pipework is ongoing. All louvres have been installed.	
	Tarmac laying has commenced; all car parking areas are substantially complete (base course), access road final surface has been completed with road marking still to be completed. The road from the bridge to Bull Point emergency access gate is still to be done; preparation works have commenced.	
	Electrical fit-out is ongoing.	
	Minor excavation works for underground services are continuing on both the east and west side of site.	
	A number of construction activities are now enclosed within the building itself including electrics, duct work etc	
	Groundworks for construction of the swale are ongoing.	
	Fence works on the East and West side are ongoing.	
	Demolition of old culvert bridge is complete.	
	Installation of ribs on main building is complete; ribs on ACC still to be installed.	
	Acoustic screens are still being used strategically around site as needed.	
	Forthcoming activities:	
	Insulation of pipework along the pipe bridge from the turbine hall to the ACC is due to be installed.	
	Soft landscaping is still to be undertaken.	
5.	Commissioning	

	submitted by MVV and approved by the LPA. It was acknowledged that communication with local residents is essential during this phase of the development. MVV's new web page, detailing activities and giving updates, is now live (this should be the first port of call for information about the commissioning process and progress). The first commissioning update letter (same distribution area as the newsletter) has been issued. Enquiries and concerns about commissioning should be addressed to: Jane Ford (MVV) – 01752 393156; 07876 135632 Environment Agency (incident hotline) – 0800 807060 Public Protection Service (PCC) – 01752 304147/668000 Commissioning has commenced; refractory dry-out has been completed and first ignition of burners has taken place. Noise monitoring during commissioning: The Phase I one-off period of 24-hour noise monitoring has been conducted and the second will be within the first few days of Phase II. Liaison between PPS/EA and URS continues to clarify finer details. Monitoring information will be published on MVV's website. In addition, targeted off-site noise monitoring is planned to capture specific commissioning activities. Specific activities identified by the NMSG are – • <i>Start up on oil:</i> this activity has been captured during existing Phase I noise monitoring. • <i>First fire on waste</i> • <i>Commissioning baling plant</i> • <i>First operation of turbine</i> • <i>Emergency shut-down procedures</i> Further activities will continue to be discussed at future NMSG meetings as commissioning progresses. It is the intention that the EA and PPS will be in attendance during steam blowing for monitoring purposes.	JF
6.	Complaints	
	No noise complaints have been received by MVV, EA or PPS.	
7.	AOB	

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th March 2015 @ 2pm