

Meeting of PDNPA with BIL, GML, MMC – Friday 4 September 2009 at 2.30pm at Aldern House

Attendance

BIL: Robin Harpley.

GML: Gary Goodyear, Clint White.

MMC: Paul Taylor.

NPA: Jim Dixon, John Lomas, Bob Bryan, Chris Drury. Apologies – David Bent.

**AGENDA**

(We'll start the meeting by checking that the agenda is satisfactory to all present.)

1. Jim Dixon - Welcome, and introduction to the Authority's approach to looking for resolution of the planning issues at the Eastern End of Longstone Edge, including update on our discussions with Defra.
2. John Lomas - Explanation of the Authority's identification of options for the future of the 1952 planning permission, including explanation of our preferred options.
3. Companies - Explanation of the current considerations by the companies, including an explanation of current thinking on the ROMP process.  
First reflections by the companies on the approach and options being considered by the Authority.
4. Open discussion.
5. Conclusions. What if any consensus have we reached, and what next steps need to be taken.
6. Future meetings.
7. What is said in the public domain at this stage.

I would expect there to be a lot to say under items 1, 2 and 3 and the follow-on discussion, so we have reserved the rest of the afternoon in case we need it. The companies may want to give a reaction under item 3 to what we have said, or leave that for the beginning of the open discussion. There will inevitably be overlap between items.

I am assuming that the whole meeting is 'Without Prejudice' and we need to agree at the outset what level of confidentiality we attach to it. From the Authority's point of view we would want to share the outcome of discussions with other Officers and relevant Members, and with Defra. I would anticipate that there will be matters raised at the meeting which we and/or the companies need to take away and consider further with others.

We will need to agree at the end of the meeting what is said in the public domain at this stage (if anything, other than the fact we are talking - everyone assumes that is happening). That may well depend on where we get to in the meeting.

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