Saxon Pit Phase 2 (Southern) Buttress Liaison Group

Minutes of Inaugural Meeting – 10am, 14 September 2026

Whittlesey Town Council Offices, Whittlesey

1. Apologies

Cllr Chris Boden
Sam Holder-Mark EA
Laura Harwood

2. Welcome and Introductions

Those present introduced themselves:

Cllr Peter Bibb (PB)
Alan Bessant (ABes)
Lynette Ellingford (LE)
Deborah Jeakins (DJ)
Stephen Rice (SBR)

3. Cllr Peter Bibb was elected as Chair with Cllr Nawaz in this absence elected as Vice Chair (to be confirmed).

4. Agreed that the terms of reference as set out in the approved planning condition would apply with the inclusion of the following:

Point 8. If the appointed representatives are not able to attend a scheduled Liaison Group meeting, they will be able to appoint a substitute and will notify the Chair and the Operator prior to the meeting.

5. Operator's Update

SBR confirmed the entrance work improvements required under planning condition have been completed. The works differ slightly to those approved by the Council and an application has been submitted to re-discharge the condition. Changes to the works were discussed with residents prior to works proceeding. (Footnote. Following the meeting DJ completed a site visit and questions whether all residents were spoken to)

SBR confirmed there is no barrier installed at the entrance as this is not within the Operator's control.

DJ confirmed that all planning conditions had been discharged. (Footnote. Condition 10 has not been discharged, see above)

SBR confirmed that works have not yet commenced on the Phase 2 buttress and that the EA permit application was progressing well and it was anticipated that the permit would be issued imminently.

6. Regulator's Update

SBR provided an update from the Environment Agency who had contacted him prior to the meeting. Their update confirmed that the permit application was progressing with additional information recently submitted by the Operator's consultants which was now being reviewed by the EA. DJ had no update on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council but was going to site after the meeting to check on the works that had been completed under planning conditions.

7. Community Representatives' Update

AB reported that in general the works to improve the entrance had been an improvement with a reduction in dust but there had been some concerns regarding noise although it is now noted the chicane was in place. Out of hours movements were still a problem. There had been reports of a general increase in noise in the last two weeks although noted that the Phase 2 buttress works hadn't commenced.

8. Matters Arising

None as there had been no previous meetings.

9. Any Other Business

Agreed that the Community Representatives to sit on the Phase 2 Liaison Group would remain the same as the Metals Liaison Group.

Agreed that in future a hybrid meeting would be held with the Whittlesey Town Council Offices room booked for those that wished to attend in person, all others can attend virtually. Also agreed that if there are issues of major concern to be discussed an in person meeting will be held. DJ would prefer evening meetings if they were held in person.

10. Date of Next Meeting

11 January 2027 at 10am. SBR will book the room for those that wish to attend in person and set up a Teams meeting for those that wish to attend virtually.