

Hampton Loade Waterworks - Notes of a virtual meeting with South Staffordshire Water Company 17th December 2020

Present: Representatives of South Staffordshire Water , Clerk to Quatt Malvern Parish Council, two households from Waterworks Cottages.

The meeting was convened by South Staffordshire Water (SS) to explain the planned £30 million which they were investing in new plant and processes over the next 5 years at Hampton Loade. The purpose of the works was to improve water quality and save on the transport of chemicals to the site and reduce the carbon footprint of the company.

Similar works were being carried out at the Lichfield site and these were at a more advanced stage than at Hampton Loade and so it was hoped that the experience gained there could be employed to ensure that the works at Hampton Loade went smoothly.

The proposed works were in two stages:

Stage 1 – Improvement of Sludge Treatment

This stage of the work was already under way and would involve works within the curtilage of the site. It was not expected that these works, which would last for approximately a year, would cause much disturbance to local residents.

Stage 2 Installation of a Rapid Gravity Filter

This stage of the work would start in April 2021 and was scheduled to be completed by 31st March 2024. The filter would most likely be of ceramic nature and would be the biggest filter of its kind in the world.

Like phase 1, the plant would be solid state and would not involve noise from machinery etc. when in operation.

However, there would be some noise and traffic issues whilst construction took place. SS and the contractor NMCN would do all that they could to alleviate the effects. Amongst the measures planned were:

2.1 A traffic management plan to try and minimize and manage traffic movements to the site. SS were in discussion with the National Trust who it was hoped could release some land to form a parking area to keep vehicles off the roads. They were also considering trying to bring workers in by minibus to minimize vehicles using the road.

Signs would be erected to advise delivery vehicles how to access the site and to say no construction traffic beyond the turning to the Water Works.

SS also agreed that subject to Highways Authority approval, they would put permanent signs indicating the water works and the cottages as requested by the Parish Council.

2.2 Working Hours Restrictions

As far as possible, working would not be allowed at anti-social times but if it did prove necessary, residents would be advised in advance.

2.3 Contact with the Local Community

SS indicated that they would produce a newsletter for residents during the duration of the works and would be prepared to hold further meetings if necessary. They also provided the contact details below so that any residents who had an issue with the works could contact SS to discuss the matter.

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