

Minutes

3 March 2022

Project name	Allied Asphalts	From	Shaun Hamilton (GHD)
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Date / Time	3 March	Project no.	12576135
Attendees	Brian Palmer (Allied) Craig Batchelar (Cogito) Dale Eastham (Allied) Darlene Dinsdale (GHD) Shaun Hamilton (GHD) Anaru Timutimu Ngai Tukairangi Nathan James Ngati Kuku Aroha Kopae Ngai Tukairangi Mokoera Te Amo Te Kapu o Waitaha Awhina Ngatuere Chair of Ngati Kuku Ngawiki Dickson Ngai Tukairangi	Apologies	None received
Objective	Allied Asphalt iwi engagement	Copy to	All attendees

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Karakia – welcome	Karakia Mokoera Te Amo	
Introductions	Done by all.	
Purpose of the meeting	To re-introduce the project, and to facilitate iwi engagement.	
Allied provided an overview of the existing site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plant services Fulton Hogan projects within the BOP area and as far down as Turangi. - Current plant was installed in 1997, and Allied have come to the realisation that the existing plant is no longer fit for purpose and meeting the expectations going forward – including from initial hui with iwi 18 months ago when the original consent was lodged. : - Steady workload going forward, with growth in asphalt required likely to be offset by efficiencies of upgraded plant. 		
Allied provided an overview of what the new plant is, and the advantages over the existing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity for recycling of materials – improves efficiency. - Advantages relating to bag house system being proposed (which is a very fine filter), 		

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<p>and which removes wastage and greatly improves the quality of air discharge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plant also includes a secondary extraction system (Blue smoke system) – further removes odour <p>Limited changes in terms of volumes of asphalt produced anticipated, however increases will match growth. Intention is that with a more efficient plant, then there will be reduction in hours of the plant operating.</p>		
<p>Craig, on behalf of Allied, talked through the consenting requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consenting requirements – air discharge consent in particular (from Bay of Plenty Regional Council) - Land use consent (from Tauranga City Council), for flu height being approx. 10m over the permitted heights. - District and regional consents will be dealt with together (based off discussions with both councils), and will be publically notified. However, notification will be several months away yet – with a lot of technical work to be undertaken as yet. The team is still at an early stage 		
<p>Cultural (Craig). Tauranga Moana Iwi Management Plan – want to hear anything additional iwi documents that need to be considered and taken into account. i.e. more recent ones available? (some of the existing are relatively old).</p>	<p>Action – iwi partners to advise additional documents that should be considered, or timing around any updated iterations.</p>	
<p>Awhina, questions /statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - location is actually on Whareroa Block. - What is it that Allied are really wanting from here? - What is Allied’s understanding of the polluted nature of the airshed. <p>Question – how do you think cumulative impacts of all these operations (including other asphalt plants) in this area.</p>		
<p>Allied (Dale) – a number of sites across the country that are needing upgrading. The mount was identified as one of the more challenging sites.</p> <p>When Allied started looking, spent about 6 months looking at options and technology available globally. The proposed plant is the best plant available worldwide. Acknowledging that there are ongoing issues within the airshed. This reduces, and sets the benchmark for the area, air pollution, dust, noise, ethical producing, carbon reduction etc – so is essentially the best that can be delivered for an asphalt plant.</p>		
<p>Awhina – heavy industry retreat sought by Ngati Kuku.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classify any heavy industry as industry that contributes to the pollution of the airshed. 		

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<p>Dale – yes we are aware of this work.</p> <p>Awhina – the best tech is all well and good, but if it contributes to ongoing pollution then they are not going to be supportive if it is contributing to ongoing degradation of the airshed.</p> <p>Whareroa marae get a lot of calls from residents and schools in the area about pollutants such as these in the area.</p>		
<p>What are you seeking from iwi from this hui?</p> <p>Craig – it's really about introduce ourselves and (reintroducing) the project, share the information to date, process in mind for the applications. Still in the process of doing the environmental assessments, and there are opportunities to share more information as further comes available.</p> <p>From what hearing – air qual is the main issue, with visual being second. Other issues (traffic, noise etc are more conventional.</p> <p>Are there other things that iwi would like to be involved in is another key aspect – the project team would certainly like to know this early on, and work with iwi to address issues.</p>		
<p>Awhina – another issue is also the cumulative effects.</p> <p>Their experience is that companies only look at themselves as that's what they can control. – i.e. not concerned about cumulative effects of all these uses.</p>	<p>Action: Project team need to adequately consider how the air discharge in particular has cumulative effects for the airshed.</p>	
<p>Anaru – proposal is really about another long-term asset being built on the peninsula that adds pollution within the polluted airshed, even though proposed plant would have a better.</p> <p>What's the community benefit? Risk and negative impact for their community / members / whanau at Whareroa. Ngati Kuku have been pushing ahead with managed retreat proposal and they (Whareroa) are supportive of that managed retreat of heavy industry.</p>		
<p>Mokoera</p> <p>What is the timeframe for lodgement? Brain – earliest for commencement would be about a year – dependent on when consent would be obtained</p> <p>What would the % reduction be? Allied (Dale) – wet scrubber v bag house will be able to achieve approximately 10 fold better (20 v 200) than the wet scrubber system. Odour potential is around 80% reduction.</p> <p>Any pollution can still have a negative impact on the environment. What do Allied have to give back?</p> <p>Dale – FH are family owned and have a long term vision, and want to do the best that they can.</p>	<p>Action: need to have a document (eg tech memo) detailing what the reduction / improvement will be in comparison between the old (current) and the proposed system, but also how the proposed system would benchmark/compare to other discharges nearby.</p>	

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<p>Everything that the plant will have in that regard will be best practice.</p> <p>Community benefits in that roads are needed, and asphalt will be needed.</p>		
<p>What's the difference between the bitumen FH plant located nearby and this asphalt plant?</p> <p>Allied (Brian) – different processes. Location of the bitumen plant is due to all bitumen all coming in from abroad. Storage only at the FH bitumen plants.</p> <p>Location of the asphalt plant is so as to reduce trucking movement and distance.</p>		
<p>Awhina –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interpretation is the Allied are informing iwi - Ngati Kuku , don't support any heavy industry that has a history of discharging in the area. <p>What they will need to see is a genuine relationship drive with mana whenua. Appreciate that it is early on in the process and good to have a meeting at this stage.</p> <p>Oppose the current proposal, in its current form on location grounds. Would hope that Allied are also looking into alternative locations, away from communities, especially maaori communities.</p> <p>Also seek that discharge consents are not long term. Usually only seek a maximum of 10 years, if a discharge consent is to be granted.</p> <p>Anaru – supportive of what Awhina has outlined. Appreciate the early meeting</p> <p>Aroha. Knowing that allied is one of the worst polluters in the airshed</p> <p>Are there any other sites located outside of the mt that allied are looking at? Brian – always been happy to look elsewhere, and have done – this site works out to be the best, as it is a central location with much of the asphalt being used in the TGA area. Approach is to have the best possible technology</p>	<p>Action: project team to keep meaningful engagement with iwi ongoing in a collaborative way toward solutions.</p> <p>Craig – interpretation of what is being said is that alternative sites need to be robustly considered to justify proposal at this location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is a site visit something attendees are still wanting to do? Awhina – yes a site visit is def – but after further information has been supplied regarding comparative improvement and benchmarking against other discharges (likely to be in 6-8 weeks time COVID situation considered). 	
<p>Awhina – substance is important to provide the context – i.e.80% of something that is really bad, could still be very bad.</p>	<p>Action – having tech experts present / talk through their assessments once complete – in particular for air quality.</p> <p>Action – wanting to share the transparency of information.</p>	
<p>Awhina – previous experience is that this sort of engagement has been a tick the box</p>	<p>Action: Process needs to be collaborative and opportunities for honest feedback that can be appropriately taken on board.</p> <p>Darlene to lead this forward.</p>	
<p>Craig - Cultural impact assessment?</p>	<p>Action – Darlene to take forward discussions with iwi partners. Korero to be undertaken offline about how best this aspect is to be taken forward. Darlene to meet with Iwi. iwi need to confirm how they would like this</p>	

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	<p>to be undertaken (i.e. if they would prefer to do it themselves). A cost analysis of time to write CIA.</p> <p>Who will be responsible and engaged to write the CIA or CVA.</p> <p>Agreement and contracts for CIA or CVA reports for inclusion into AEE</p> <p>S</p>	
<p>Darlene – noting that many of the actions that were taken 18 months ago have now been actioned and included, but it is still in the same location.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	
<p>Karakia.</p>	<p>Mokoera Te Amo closed meeting at 11.10am</p>	