

**Notes of the  
CORNISH MINING WHS BID OFFICER WORKING GROUP**

**Held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2002 10.00 – 13.00**

**West Devon Borough Council, Tavistock**

Present: Nicholas Johnson (County Archaeologist, CCC)  
Jeanette Ratcliffe (Project Co-ordinator)  
Adam Sharpe (Project Manager)  
Mike Hawkey (Head of Countryside & Historic Environment Unit, CCC)  
Christopher Young (Head of World Heritage and International Policy, English Heritage)  
Susan Denyer (ICOMOS UK)  
Nicholas Molyneux (Inspector of Historic Buildings, English Heritage)  
David Andrew (Devon CC)  
Andrew Wetherelt (Mining Lecturer, CSM)  
Jan Wallwork-Wright (General Manager, Trevithick Trust)  
David Edmonson (Senior Planning Officer, Caradon DC)  
Barrie Collins (Chief Planning Officer, Kerrier DC)  
Malcolm Pinch (Planning Policy Officer, Restormel BC)  
Mark Goodman (Tamar Valley AONB)  
Frances Griffith (County Archaeologist, Devon CC)  
Alyson Cooper (Conservation Officer, Carrick DC)  
Andrew Davey (Area Manager, National Trust)  
Sarah Cawrse (Conservation Officer, North Cornwall DC)  
Stephen Gill (Chief Planning Officer, West Devon BC)  
Nils White (Conservation Officer, West Devon BC)  
David Andrew (Devon CC)  
Carol Wilson (South West RDA)  
Philip Payton (Institute of Cornish Studies, Univ of Exeter)

Apologies

Shelagh Evans (DCMS)  
Ian Morrison (English Heritage – Nick Molyneux attending in his place)  
Stuart Smith (Consultant)

**Agenda  
Item**

**1 Matters arising from notes of last OWG (20.06.02) & WHS Bid Partnership (05.07.02) meetings**

- The contracts of the three Bid team staff involved in the data collection phase of the project have come to an end (as of end of July 2002).
- Hosting of an international Cultural Landscapes seminar in conjunction with ICOMOS UK – owing to limitations of time & other staff commitments it was not going to be possible to arrange this for Spring 2003.
- List of vulnerable sites within Bid Areas – this had yet to be drawn up.
- Councillor Greta Madigan is representing Devon CCC (not West Devon BC) on the Partnership.

**Actions agreed**

- Management Plan to identify major developments/threats to existing structures within Bid Areas – Adam Sharpe to consult local plan re potential developments on key sites within WHS and send out a draft list of vulnerable sites for discussion with local authorities.
- In future Partnership meeting notes to be circulated for comment before being posted on the web site.

## **2 WHS Bid areas – update on boundaries**

Adam Sharpe used the GIS mapping to show the current boundaries of the (now 13) Bid Areas. There was now a need to define buffer zones. Chris Young & Susan Denyer provided guidance on the current thinking re these.

- There was now a presumption in favour of having buffer zones.
- They add an additional layer of protection, though their use varies considerably from site to site.
- UK ones have been largely visual buffer zones so far.
- In the case of Hadrian's Wall buffer zones have also been used to encompass areas of buried archaeological potential.
- Different policies will be required for managing each buffer zone, which will eventually need to be incorporated into Local Plans.
- Need to include in the Management Plan what we can get agreement for at this time.
- The 1996 draft Hadrian's Wall Management Plan has buffer zone policies that may be of relevance to our Bid (see attached).

## **3 Emerging draft Nomination Document**

This document was sent to OWG members on CD in advance of the meeting. Comments had already been received from Nick Molyneux. The following general comments were offered at the meeting.

- Cut down by a vast amount 1(f) Area of Nominated Site, there is lots of repetition with section 3 Description.
- Beef up Cultural Landscape element.
- Explain why and how each area relates to each other.
- Write Significance statement next and then remodel rest.
- Contact English Heritage Advisory Panel (Marilyn Palmer & Chris Charlton) for assistance with the national & international context of Cornish Mining.
- Uniqueness of Cornish Mining does not currently jump out at you.
- Use appendices (eg for detail of 1(e) Boundary of Nominated Site) in order to make main text flow better.
- Reduce detail in 4 Management – this section should be a synthesis of what goes in the Management Plan, put the detail in the latter instead.
- Chris Young & Susan Denyer confirmed it would OK to bind detailed maps as separate volume.

**A deadline of the end of October was set for comments from OWG members.**

## **4 Management Plan – proposed structure**

This document was sent to OWG members on CD in advance of the meeting. OWG members were happy with the proposed structure, with the exception of the following suggestion.

- Resumption of Mining should be inserted as a separated sub-section under Section 5 (Factors affecting the Site).

As a related issue, Nick Johnson drew members attention to his discussion paper on 'World Heritage Site and Aggregates Tax' (see attached document), highlighting the fact that exploitation of secondary minerals (such as mine waste dumps) is exempt from (and therefore encouraged by) the Aggregates Tax.

## 5 **Mechanism & timetable for consulting Partnership & public**

The meeting agreed the following.

- Two weeks before next Partnership meeting (ie week beginning 18.11.02) send out (to Partnership & OWG members) full draft of Nomination Document (with Bid Area boundaries mapping) & emerging Management Plan.
- Covering letter should make clear that what is being requested at this stage is an endorsement of the scope and overall content of the documents, not detailed comment.
- Request comments back by 10.01.03.
- At the Partnership meeting 05.12.02 present & invite discussion/feedback on the Statement of Significance and Key Management Issues.
- At OWG meeting 15.01.03 discuss with members comments on draft documents received back from Partnership.
- Week beginning 20.01.03: send amended documents out to Partnership (and OWG) members.
- At Partnership meeting 31.01.03: request endorsement of scope and overall content of documents and agree mechanism(s) for detailed consultation of partnership & public.
- Summary leaflet to be considered for public consultation, together with possibility of testing out the significance – ie engage the public by asking what they think (this is what they are doing in the Lake District as part of the public consultation there)

## 6 **ICOMOS UK Management Plan Committee meeting (17.08.02)**

Adam Sharpe attended this. The key point of relevance to arise was the fact that large-scale inappropriate development within WHS areas or buffer zones can jeopardise WHS status – Venice has recently been threatened with having its WHS status removed as a result of such development taking place.

## 7 **Local Authority WH Forum meeting at Ironbridge (24.08.02)**

Nick Johnson attended this meeting. Key relevant points arising were as follows.

- The need to pay attention to the quality of the nomination documents – they must be attractive documents.
- The review of PPG 15 & 16 – the draft paper prepared by the Dept of the Deputy Prime Minister recognises the importance of World Heritage Sites & their buffer zones, & sites on the Governments Tentative List.

## 9 **Update on other project progress**

- **Review of statutory protection within WHS Bid Areas.** EH Additional Scheduling Project has just commenced (1<sup>st</sup> October). Ainsley Cocks is currently being trained by English Heritage and will be reviewing scheduling within the draft Bid areas, initially on a 2.5 day a week basis (full time from April 2002). Discussions have been opened with EH re review of listing within Bid areas.
- **WHS Economic Impact Assessment.** Additional funding (RDA/CCC/Objective One) secured & consultants appointed (Atlantic Consultants). Work commences this month, starting with the collation of data on the existing economic contribution of mining heritage (including initial visitor surveys). Brief for EIA attached
- **Interpretation & Marketing Technical Panel.** Debbie Smith (Cornwall Tourist Board) and Jan Wallwork-Wright (Trevithick Trust) are assisting the setting up of this crucial panel, which will be convened during October in order that its recommendations can feed into the draft Management Plan. A list of potential panel members is currently being drawn up.

- **Website update.** Mapped data and minutes of last two Partnership meetings posted, together with individual membership of Partnership, and membership and remit of Area and Technical Panels
- **Presentation to Cornish local authority chief executives.** This was followed up with a formal request to chief execs re opportunity to give presentation to their elected members. NB: Presentations still required for Devon CC & WDBC chief execs (and other key officers?).
- **Other Presentations** given to Cornwall Heritage Trust, Tamar Valley AONB Forum & small group of WDBC members (September). Presentation tonight to Friends of Morwellham Quay.
- **BBC South West Inside Out magazine programme.** The WHS Bid, including Adam had a ten minute slot on this programme on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- **HRH presentation at Highgrove 28<sup>th</sup> October.** Peter Stethridge (CCC Chief Executive), Nick Johnson & Jeanette Ratcliffe to give a 30 minute Powerpoint presentation to Prince Charles. Briefing note sent to Duchy Secretary, Bertie Ross this week.
- **Local authority elected members presentations.** Dates between now and Xmas arranged for Penwith, Carrick, Caradon, Restormel & Kerrier. Dates still required for North Cornwall, West Devon, Devon CC & Cornwall CC
- **Elected members trip to Blaenavon WHS** – Intend to delay this until the new year to allow enough time for CCC chief execs office to make arrangements - John Rodger (Director, Blaenavon Project) has confirmed his authority's willingness to host the visit.

#### **Action agreed**

- OWG organisations to link to the WHS Bid web site in order to promote the Bid amongst their officers and elected members

- 10 CCC Heritage Policies single issue panel (WHS related meeting 15.10.02)**  
 Nick Johnson reported that the panel had been set up in order to help CCC to define its future role in relation to heritage. The next panel meeting was focusing on its role in relation to the WHS. A key area for discussion will be the number and range of staff required to oversee the WHS and the implementation of the Management Plan. David Andrew reported that the team of four involved with the Dorset and East Devon WHS were already stretched - their work has grown exponentially since the site was inscribed less than a year ago.
- 11 Timing & venue of next OWG meeting**  
 10.00-13.00 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at Caradon District Council, Liskeard. Lunch provided.
- 12 Timing & venue of next Partnership meetings**
- 10.00 – 13.00 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2002, Council Chamber, County Hall, Truro
  - 10.00 – 13.00 31<sup>st</sup> January 2003, Council Chamber, County Hall, Truro