

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

Held on Wednesday 15th January 2003 10.00 – 13.00

Liskerret Centre, Liskeard

Present: Nicholas Johnson (County Archaeologist, CCC)
Jeanette Ratcliffe (Project Co-ordinator)
Adam Sharpe (Project Manager)
Susan Denyer (ICOMOS UK)
Nicholas Molyneux (Inspector of Historic Buildings, English Heritage)
David Andrew (Devon CC)
Andrew Wetherelt (Mining Lecturer, CSM)
Jan Clarke, Nee Wallwork-Wright (General Manager, Trevithick Trust)
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)
David Andrew (Devon CC)
Carol Wilson (South West RDA)
Steve Edwards (Conservation Officer Penwith DC)
Allan Collings (Caradon DC)
Martin Eddy (Countryside Officer, Caradon DC)

Apologies

Antonia Carr Locke (DCMS)
Ian Morrison (Inspector of Ancient Monuments, English Heritage)
Mike Hawkey (Head of Countryside & Historic Environment Unit, CCC)
Christopher Young (Head of World Heritage and International Policy, English Heritage)
Jeremy Clitheroe (English Nature)
Sarah Cawrse (Conservation Officer, North Cornwall DC)

Item

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Apologies

See above

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**Matters arising from notes of last meeting (& Partnership meeting 05.12.02)
OWG meeting notes**

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

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Overview of project progress since last meeting

Nomination Document (see Item 4 below)

- Emerging first draft circulated to partnership for general endorsement
- Comments received;
- Amendment of text & creation of map illustrations in progress

Management Plan (see Item 5 below)

- Outline structure circulated to Partnership
- Much useful discussion at last Partnership meeting (see meeting notes)
- Limited number of written responses received

Changing project staff responsibilities

- Nick Johnson editing Nomination Document
- Jeanette Ratcliffe writing Management Plan
- Adam Sharpe focusing on site visits/boundary revisions

Bid Areas

- Site visits in progress
- Aerial photography of Bid Areas and key sites within them about to commence
- Further revisions being made to boundaries (in the light of comments from DCMS, ICOMOS UK & English Heritage)
- Uncertainty still exists re the inclusion or exclusion of land within a few Bid Areas; Port of Hayle (modern housing development on outskirts of town); Camborne and Redruth Mining District (modern industrial estates at Pool); Tamar Valley Mining District with Tavistock and Mary Tavy (Mary Tavy landscape); Gwennap Mining District with Kennall Vale (area of the United Mines rubbish dump)
- Susan Denyer stressed that it was now crucial that agreement is reached on the boundaries, and suggested that Chris Young and herself conduct site visits with the project team in order to assist in this process.
- It was also agreed that there was a need to re-consult the WHS Bid Area Panels since the boundaries had changed since they last met.

Action agreed

- **Susan Denyer (ICOMOS UK) & Chris Young (English Heritage) to make site visits during February in order to advise on problematic boundaries**
- **Area Panels to be consulted on revised boundary proposals following Susan and Chris' visits – meetings to be arranged for panels of areas with problematic boundaries (elsewhere panel members would be consulted on the mapped boundaries via the post)**
- **Officer working group meeting to endorse boundaries at next meeting (18th March)**

Recent DCMS input to the Bid

- Visit by Paul McCormack (Acting Head of Historic Environment Protection Branch) and Barry Cornish (DCMS officer in GOSW) in November 2002 – viewed project data and visited St Agnes and Central Mining Bid Areas. Expressed concern at the inclusion of the Pool area in the WHS boundary owing to the degree and scale of existing and proposed modern development.
- Follow up letter from Paul McCormack contained the following important & useful information & advice.
- UK Gov makes a formal decision as to which sites it will be nominating for 2004/2005/2006 after WHS Committee meeting in June 2003 (relevant site management teams will be notified mid-late July).
- We were strongly advised to postpone the start of the final preparation, design & printing of the nomination documentation from July 2003 to October 2003 – DCMS will not want to submit draft nomination documents to the Minister until early Sept 2003 (it will then take 3 weeks to obtain approval).
- It was stressed that proposed boundaries must stem from the Statement of Significance and be sufficiently robust to bear close scrutiny when the ICOMOS assessor inspects the proposed site.
- Annex 6 of the new draft operational guidelines for implantation of the WHS

convention was attached to the letter. These have yet to be ratified and should not be followed but are very useful on matters such as mapping standards, definition of co-ordinates & the decision making process for WHS nominations.

- In December we received notification of WHS-related staff change within DCMS - Antonia Carr Locke is the temporary replacement for Paul McCormack and our current contact.

Economic Impact Assessment

- Interim report received (copy attached to these meeting notes)
 - Full draft report being presented 28th January Steering Group meeting
 - Circulation of draft for comment February – May 2003 (initially to Steering Group and then wider)
 - Final report June 2003
- (See revised Bid project timetable attached to these meeting notes)

Action agreed

- **Consultants be asked to give summary presentation of draft report results to next OWG meeting**

WHS Bid Marketing & Interpretation Panel

- Established November – chaired by Jan Clarke (Nee Wallwork-Wright) of the Trevithick Trust
- Two meetings already held; next meeting 28th January
- Significant degree of consensus already reached (see attached M & I meeting notes, and summary provided in notes of last Partnership meeting)

Project promotion

- HRH Highgrove presentation 28th October 2003: Peter Stethridge (CCC Chief Executive), Nick Johnson & Jeanette Ratcliffe gave a 15 minute Powerpoint presentation to Prince Charles, followed by 15 minutes discussion of the benefits of WHS status and the role of the Duchy of Cornwall in relation to the proposed site. Bertie Ross (Duchy Secretary) and Roger Halliday (local Land Agent) were also present, and the occasion was very constructive.
- Economic Impact Assessment press coverage
- Local Authority member presentations: 6 given - North Cornwall, CCC, DCC & WDBC still to be arranged – DCC are keen for a presentation to be given to the relevant committee meeting in March 2003

Action agreed

- **David Andrew to contact WHS team re scheduling of presentation to DCC in March 2003**

4 Nomination Document – comments received & production of revised draft

Brief summary of content of written comments received so far from Partnership

Poldice Valley Trust – David Lanyon

Objects to the area of United Downs being excluded from the Gwennap Area.

Cornwall County Council - Neil Plummer CC

Supportive

Cornwall County Council – Richard Cooper CC

Supportive; will provide detailed comments

Cornwall County Council - Ann Pattison (Spatial Planning)

Mining – need to mention the possible revival of mining
Planning legislation. New regulations need mentioning

ICOMOS UK - Susan Denyer

Statement of Significance - need to say why it is necessary to have so many Areas.
Need to amplify the significance section to explain the universal significance of the Site and this could involve using the detail in section 'Criteria'

Visual characteristics – to be expanded

Boundaries – Need to explain what components each area contains. Particularly explain more the variety of urban housing.

Character – Explain more the changes to the Cornish landscape wrought by the industrial revolution.

CERES - John Fleet

Mineral Tramways - are provisionally accepted by the Council of Europe as Cultural Routes of European significance

Treffry tramway – query regarding its length and construction

MINET project – possible new project

Heritage of mining communities.- importance in contemporary life

British Geological Survey (formerly of) – Dr Clive Barton

Section 2(a) – less waffle and more pith.

Geology and Mineralisation – v useful comments on how to improve this section.

Mine infrastructure – more detail needed

Descriptions – still needs clearer detail

Databases – useful bibliographic refs

Dr Tom Greeves (Consultant, West Devon mining)

Detailed comments on the text provided.

The Duchy of Cornwall – Roger Halliday

No comments. Support

The Cornish Stannary Parliament

Criteria – why exclude the other criteria iii and v ?

Historical detail – lots provided

Duke of Cornwall – mention him and lots of legal detail provided

Devon CC – Frances Griffith

Physical remains – the amazing survival of the mining landscape needs emphasising.

Devon – details need greatly strengthening.

Inspirational – more needed.

Camborne School of Mines – Andy Wetherelt

Will provide details of the role of CSM, other mining schools and miners institutes.

English Heritage – Dave Hooley

International – More emphasis on the international significance of Cornish Mining
Many detailed suggestions on style and English Heritage related initiatives.

DEFRA – Peter Bowden

Boundaries – concerned about the western part of Camborne Redruth Area.

The National Trust – Andrew Davey

2a too lengthy, more use of Appendices to reduce bulk.
Defined more closely NT's involvement at Levant

Additional comments offered at meeting

- Seek quotes re the importance of Cornish Mining from acknowledged national and international experts for inclusion in the document
- Also obtain quote (eg from Neil Cossons, Chairman of English Heritage) re the remarkable landscape survival
- and on the importance of the contribution to mining education (Andy Wetherelt to advise on this)
- Need to include a more extensive bibliography, including reference to more general works on the industrial revolution in Britain
- Document currently lacking comprehensive description of the physical/ archaeological remains that comprise the proposed WHS

Production & circulation of revised first draft

The meeting agreed the following timetable

- Completion of first draft by end February 2003
- Re-circulation to Partnership in March 2003 (consultation period March–May)
- Public consultation April/May 2003
- Preparation of second draft June 2003

(See agreed revised Bid project timetable attached to these meeting notes)

5 Management Plan – timetable for completion & circulation of first draft

The meeting agreed the following timetable

- Preparation of first draft February & March 2003 (with assistance from LA and other OWG members)
- Circulation of working draft to OWG early March (before meeting 18th March)
- Themed seminars on thorny management issues to be convened mid March
- Circulation of first draft to Partnership beginning April (consultation period April – May)
- Preparation of second draft June 2003

(See agreed revised Bid project timetable attached to these meeting notes)

*Suggested themes included: Rural land management; Urban development/regeneration; Resumption of mining/re-working of dumps; Tourism & marketing; Knowledge & education (last two could be dealt with by Marketing & Interpretation Panel). It was agreed that LA and other relevant key organisations should be asked to convene these seminars

6 Mechanism for consulting Partnership & public on each document

The meeting discussed the nature of the documentation to be circulated at the first and second draft stage, and the means by which it is to be done – bearing in mind the cost of reproducing multiple copies of the documents and the need to keep within the project budget.

The table below summarises what was agreed.

	Nomination Document	Management Plan	How?	How many
1st drafts				
Partnership	Full text & limited (B & W) mapping (ie Bid Area boundaries/buffer zones and location of key sites)	Full text & limited (B & W) mapping	Hard copies (fully illustrated versions to be viewable & downloadable via website & project office)	One copy per member
Public	Full text, plus colour mapping	Full text, plus colour mapping	Hard copies in local libraries & LA offices; plus fully illustrated electronic versions on web site & option to purchase hard copy or CD version	One copy per location
2nd drafts				
Local Authorities & Stat Agencies	Full text plus full colour mapping	Full text plus full colour mapping	Hard copies & CD versions	Two hard copies each
DCMS	Fully illustrated colour document (but with photos & maps not yet integrated into text)	Fully illustrated colour document (but with photos & maps not yet integrated into text)	Hard copies & CD versions	As many as required (10?)

In addition it was agreed that an executive summary should be produced for the public consultation & 2nd draft stage which covered the contents of both documents.

7 Endorsement of revised project timetable (see attached)

In the light of the need for more time to complete the first draft documents and the need to further consult on the Bid Area boundaries, the meeting discussed and endorsed a revised timetable for the remainder of the Bid (and used it to review and agree the timing and focus of future OWG and Partnership meetings - see Item 10 below)

8 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 meeting on the 15th October was focused on the CCC's role in relation to the proposed WHS. David Andrew (DCC, Jurassic Coast WHS), John Roger (Blaenavon WHS) and Chris Young (English Heritage) kindly gave evidence, and the meeting was very fruitful. The Heritage Policies paper is currently being finalised.

9 Feedback from ICOMOS UK

Susan Denyer summarised some of the key issues highlighted at two recent WHS-related events.

UNESCO 30-year WHS celebratory conference (Venice)

- Heritage's role in economic regeneration
- Cultural & social benefits for WHS communities
- Educational benefits – engagement of children in the WHS
- Partnership with commercial companies in the implementation of conservation projects

ICOMOS three-yearly General Assembly & conference (Madrid)

Similar themes as those above, plus people's feelings about their heritage & culture, their interaction with the landscapes they value, possible conference on intangible heritage discussed.

10 Timing & focus of future OWG & Partnership meetings

The meeting agreed to the cancelling of the Partnership meeting on 31st January 2003 in the light of the revision of the project timetable (see attached & Item 7 above) and the fact that the finalised first draft of the Nomination document will not be circulated to the Partnership for detailed discussion until March.

The following was agreed in terms of the timing and focus of future OWG and Partnership meetings.

- **OWG meeting 18th March 2003:** completed first draft Nomination Document /Man Plan progress report
- **Partnership meeting 2nd April 2003:** Nomination Doc endorsement for public consultation / introduction to Management Plan

- **OWG meeting 10th June 2003:** results of Partnership & public consultation
- **Partnership meeting 19th June 2003:** results of Partnership & public consultation

- **OWG meeting mid October 2003 :** DCMS response
- **Possible Partnership meeting early November 2003:** DCMS response

- **Partnership meeting Jan 2004:** to mark submission of Nomination to UNESCO

11 Date, time and venue of next OWG meeting

Tuesday 18th March 2003, 10.00-13.00 @ Lanhydrock House, Bodmin (lunch will be provided after the meeting).

12 Any Other Business

None

Revised WHS Bid Project timetable (from Jan 2003 to Jan 2004)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Nomination Document													
Completion of first draft	■												
Re-consultation on boundaries		■											
Amendment of first draft		■											
Re – Circulation to Partnership			■										
Partnership detailed comments				■	■								
Public consultation				■	■								
Preparation of second draft						■							
Management Plan													
Preparation of first draft		■	■										
Themed management issue seminars			■										
Circulate working draft to OWG			■										
Circulate first draft to Partnership				■	■								
Public consultation				■	■								
Preparation of second draft						■							
Economic Impact Assessment													
Completion of draft report	■												
Consultation period		■	■	■	■								
Final report						■							
Endorsement by LAs & Statutory Agencies							■	■	■				
Submission of second drafts to DCMS/Minister								■					
Preparation, design & printing of final documents										■	■	■	
Nomination to UNESCO via DCMS													