

# Notes of Meeting at QinetiQ Pendine, 3rd December 2013

## **Present**

### **QinetiQ/MoD**

Cerith Llewellyn, Capability Manager of the Site  
Katie Martin, Environmental & Community Officer  
Clayton Lewis, MoD Representative

### **St Ishmaels Community Council**

Les Jones, Delme Bowen.

## **Notes**

1. The MOD Pendine Range is operated by QinetiQ on behalf of the MOD under what is known as the Long Term Partnering Agreement (LTPA). It provides Defence Test and Evaluation (T&E), training support services, helping to ensure that the equipment used by our Armed Forces is safe and fit for purpose. All work undertaken at MOD Pendine is approved by our MOD customer.
2. The types of test that caused the increase in complaints in 2011 have been removed from the site. The increase in noise in 2011 was driven by the need for military personnel to undertake Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) training, using realistic net quantities of explosives, in support of operations in theatre. This level of training at MOD Pendine peaked in 2012 and it is now carried out elsewhere. Unless there are scheduling issues or urgent operational requirements for further training, it is not envisaged that EOD training will return to MOD Pendine. *Post meeting note from QinetiQ: Mrs Iris Williams, Clerk to St Ishmael's Community Council was advised of the change in circumstances in a letter dated 19 June 2012, after she wrote to the then Minister for Defence Personnel Welfare and Veterans, the Rt Hon Andrew Robathan MP (letter dated 21st May 2012 and copied to Jonathan Edwards MP and Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM).*
3. A company has been selected to carry out the Noise and Vibration Study on behalf of the MoD. QinetiQ hopes to be on contract with the provider in early 2014. If all goes ahead as planned, the start date at Pendine will be summer 2014. The plan is for the Study to run over a six month period, providing a representative picture of the work undertaken, with a range of weather conditions.
5. There will be a number of sets of monitors used during the study, monitoring different aspects including noise levels and ground borne vibration. .
6. QinetiQ will be seeking 12 sites in and around Ferryside and Llansaint for the location of their measuring equipment. The contractor is best placed to use its expertise to identify a number of suitable sites to locate the monitors, and will be writing to the property owners seeking permission to attach monitors to their premises.
7. The sites, probably individual houses, will require access to mains power and broadband connections. The monitors will work over the internet and so QinetiQ are hoping to be able to take advantage of broadband connections at various locations. This will be done on a goodwill basis, with the possibility of some remuneration for the use of power and broadband access.
8. The Community Council will be kept informed of progress and approached for assistance if required.
9. The Noise Mitigation Study, an internal QinetiQ project, has been deferred until the completion of Noise and Vibration Study. Depending on the results of the study, it may be deemed unnecessary.
10. The Noise Mitigation Study has been put on hold for the foreseeable future.

Les Jones.

