



Sparkwell Parish Council

Tuesday 16th June 2026

Dear all,

Some of you may already have seen the recent letter from the Environment Agency (EA).

The Parish Council understands that the EA has agreed a Local Enforcement Position (LEP) with Tungsten West. This appears to be a temporary arrangement, lasting for up to 12 months, to allow the front end of the mineral processing facility to operate using mobile equipment and outside the conditions of the previously agreed environmental permit, on which the public and the Parish Council were consulted and submitted comments.

Under this temporary arrangement, jaw crushers and other potentially noisy equipment may be used without the noise modelling or the mitigation measures required under the original permit being in place. The impact of low-frequency noise is also currently unknown.

The EA are intending to monitor noise levels during this period. However, there is currently no certainty as to what the level of noise impact will be, or whether any enforcement action would be possible should issues arise.

The Parish Council will continue to attend the Local Liaison Group (LLG) meetings to ensure that agreed procedures are followed and to represent and safeguard the interests and wellbeing of the parish wherever possible.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding these arrangements, please email them to cler@sparkwellparishcouncil.gov.uk or attend the next scheduled Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 5th August at 7.00pm in Hemerdon Village Hall, where you will have the opportunity to make representations to the Council.

Yours Sincerely

Sparkwell Parish Council