

## Hope Valley Parishes Breedon Meeting - November 20th 2023

### Introduction

The CPC were invited to send representatives to the informal meeting of HV Parish Councils to discuss both the **Peak Cluster Carbon Capture Project**, and the **Breedon Futures Consultation**. The meeting was organised by Hope with Aston PC, and attended by Bamford with Thornhill, CPC, and Hathersage. Apologies received from other PCs in the Valley. On arrival we were given an agenda with a summary of the projects to help us understand the key issues and how we can best work together with Breedon for the benefit of present and future residents. Minutes were taken by the Clerk from Bamford with Thornhill, and will be shared with each HV Parish Councils.

### **Peak Cluster Carbon Capture Project** ( see <https://www.peakcluster.co.uk/about/> )

Initiated by five cement and lime plants in the Peak District and Staffordshire Moorlands. The project is owned by Tarmac, Breedon, Lhoist and Aggregate Industries, together with the Lostock Sustainable Energy Plant in Cheshire. Only Breedon is in the National Park. Its process is the largest emitter of carbon in the Peak District.

The plan is to capture emission at each site, build a pipeline to Ellesmere Port and to store CO2 in depleted hydrogen reservoirs under the Morecambe Bay. We heard there are tight timescales and it appears Breedon are seeking permission to commence construction by 2030. Central government will determine whether this goes ahead as a major infrastructure project. A public enquiry may be part of the consultation process. The project would be funded through private investment via offsetting carbon tax.

The project claims to be the only feasible way of decarbonising cement manufacture. It is claimed that there will be economic benefits in terms of long term jobs, and that environmental impact will be minimized.

### **Key questions when the plans and proposals are made available**

- On site construction and impacts. Potentially very large building and chimney. Significant new electricity needed for the process.
- Pipeline route and impact.
- Compatibility with the National Park.
- Claims of 90% efficiency and this is the target to be achieved. Has this been demonstrated. One site in Brevik, Denmark is not up and running yet and we heard will capture 50% carbon emissions.
- Long term issues and whether intensive use of site will recoup investment.
- Is economic benefit valid in terms of future jobs and the green economy.
- A variable impact on different parishes. Are we able to achieve a common platform to work together.

### **Breedon Futures Consultation**

Permission for works on site expire in 2042 and Breedon has started the process for future planning with a very brief out sourced online consultation over the summer, including a display of potential projects for future use of the site which some residents attended. Results are expected soon.

Hope with Aston Parish Council are concerned that the views of local people are likely to be underplayed in the process. We were asked to consider what do parishes want for the site when the results of the consultation are published.

Finally we looked at whether we should build a case representing community views. Ideas such as public meetings and bulletins were discussed so the local community are more fully informed. It was also felt that parish councils should try and attend the Breedon community meetings. We have received an invitation to the last meeting but were unable to send a representative. **The next meeting is- December 12<sup>th</sup> 18.45.**

Another useful outcome of this meeting was to find out more about other parish councils, share experiences, and talk informally about what issues we are all facing

**Action**

Does the CPC support working with other parish councils to build a joint case representing community views?

Does the CPC agree to attend meetings with other parish councils on an informal basis that also includes sharing experiences.