

CORNISH LITHIUM COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP (CLCLG)
Trelavour Project Visitor Centre - 16^h December 2025

Project updates

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) laying out how the consultation will be carried out has now been published – hard copies of the booklet have been distributed. Preparations underway for consultation events in March/April. Need ideas on how to engage with under 45s.

The consultation process is a required part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate the lithium processing plant. The completed DCO will be submitted by end of August – the decision will be known in 15 months at end of 2027 (3 months to accept application and a year to make decision)

Surveys still being undertaken eg archeology, nature, air quality

Responses to questions from CLCLG members (on behalf of members of the public)

Q1) Concerns over use of sulphuric acid and what will happen to it at end of process
A) Sulphuric acid will be made on site (no manufacturer in UK) which will eliminate risks during transport. The acid is added to the crushed rock to dissolve the lithium out. The acid is then neutralised with lime to produce calcium sulphate (also known as gypsum – a saleable by-product which used in plasterboard) and water.

Q2) Concerns over the compulsory purchase of Imerys-owned pits and impact on clay extraction

A) CL and Imerys in ongoing talks (commercially sensitive so no details given) regarding use of pits at Treviscoe and Goonvean for waste disposal. Compulsory purchase would be a last resort, but CL would still need to pay full value of the land to the owner.

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The CLCLG raised concerns that minutes of CLCLG meetings are not a true record of discussions at the meeting and it looks like members are not challenging CL. The minutes need to be more transparent about what happens at the meetings to show that members are representing the community, to counteract disinformation etc

Meeting theme – Traffic and Transport

Crushed granite will be transported from Trelavour pit to the processing plant by conveyor (route still to be confirmed).

Deliveries of materials and reagents to site and transport of the end product (10,000 tonnes per year of lithium hydroxide) and by-products (eg gypsum) will be by road but looking into using railway line. Local haulage contractors to handle aggregates.

Waste – to be transported as slurry through pipelines or by off-road haulage to designated waste disposal sites at Treviscoe and Goonvean

Water management – excess water through pipelines to the River Fal or Gwindra Stream.

Plans to be drawn up to manage construction traffic once DCO given and for CL staff (expected to have 300 full time staff, some working shifts) once processing plant is up and running.