

CORNISH LITHIUM COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP (CLCLG)
Trelavour Project Visitor Centre - 20th January 2026

Welcome, apologies and introductions

Theme of meeting is preparing for statutory consultation, rather than talking about construction of processing plant.

Project updates

Surveys to meet scoping request ongoing – acoustic/noise evaluation, environmental (started last summer so will end late spring to cover whole year). CL currently collating information for the statutory consultations, FAQs being written, venues and dates still to be confirmed – also looking to meet with community groups, attend local events, schools etc 13 events proposed – some afternoons, evenings and Saturdays. Perhaps CLCLG to visit Trelavour pit.

Group members raised concerns

- that as the environmental survey will not be part of the statutory consultation there will be no opportunity to raise issues eg missed areas;
- who will scrutinise the reports before they are consulted on;
- although members of the public can write to the Planning Inspectorate (the government body examining the application) – it feels too late once the application has been submitted
- although public being consulted they are not a statutory consultee so what weight does community opinions have

Trelavour Pit

Upcoming activities is part of ongoing work, extra fencing etc to ensure safety as it is an active worksite. Notices will be put on social media etc

Concerns

1. Calling minutes summaries makes people feel lots is being left out. Perhaps put into a table form to make them easier to read
2. Will the pool behind Whitemoor primary school be part of the water management system? Concerns over flooding and wildlife. CL said they would try to exclude it from their
3. Is the lithium being extracted for domestic use or for export? 50,000 tonnes needed by UK and CL will produce 10,000 tonnes so expected it will be used in the UK. (Will the infrastructure for using lithium (eg battery manufacturers) be in place to use the lithium?)
4. Extent of working area as shown on maps. CL said this would be clarified during the statutory consultation, and asked for feedback on where to plant trees to hide workings

Non-statutory consultation round-up

Letters sent to over 10,000 households. 9 events attended by 414 people, of whom 166 filled in feedback forms (83 opposed, 25 neutral, and 58 for). 88% were residents and

85% were over 45. Main concerns included traffic, noise, loss of biodiversity and air pollution (worries over cumulative impact of CL, CERC, Imerys)

Next meeting

Tuesday 21st April