

**Cornish Lithium Community Liaison Group  
Trelith Visitor Centre - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Update on NSIP (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project) designation

- CL working with consultants to fully understand process
- Pre-engagement – how do people want to be engaged with?
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) background work underway and there will be consultations (although not required to be done). Process can take a year to cover all the seasons
- Also Environmental Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) to look at potential harmful social and environmental impacts and to develop suitable measures to mitigate these.
- Some delays in getting information, access to sites, machinery and parts etc – CL will be able to provide definitive update in June 2025. Don't want to say something will happen and then it doesn't.

Discussion re engagement process

Attendees unclear what “pre-engagement” meant, and what people would be consulted on. Seems like the production plant **will be** at Trelith, there **will be** a crushing plant on Trelavour Downs etc What can residents actually affect?

Suggestions offered to CL were:

- Can't keep residents in the dark until June – there needs to be regular updates
- If there is a level of uncertainty – this needs to be managed
- Residents need to be able to visit the demo plant, sites etc to see what is happening and understand the potential impact on St Dennis.

Community engagement

- Working with Wheal Martyn to set up an educational programme – workshops for children (CL will provide minibuses to get to Wheal Martyn)
- Working with Truro & Penwith College to set up an apprenticeship scheme
- CL received 25 applications for the new position working alongside Chloe Bayliss. New person will be in post in January.
- There will be more open days in 2025 and a new website
- Local skills improvement plan – working with Cornwall Council to update this to fit in with future CL needs
- Spring and late summer ‘windows’ for grant scheme. Budget is £17,000 per window. Looking to widen area of benefit once CL is making a profit. CL talking to British Lithium regarding a joint fund that could cover the whole China Clay Area.

Construction of production plant

- Looking at what contractors will be needed and if there are local contractors that can be used.
- Trelith site needs to be totally reorganised to become a fully operational site
- Demo plant will become a learning area for apprentices

Next meeting will be in February 2025

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