

**West Midlands HAUC Materials and Technology Group  
Materials Group Meeting - - Minutes  
19 February 2016 – 10 am to 1 pm**

Venue: Worcestershire CC, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester WR5 2NP -- Redditch Room

Present		
Bob Lloyd	Chair	Worcestershire County Council
Alex Wright		Instarmac Group plc
Andy Ward		Amey
Darrell Williams		National Grid
Dave Hardy		Tarmac
Emma Loach		Staffordshire CC
Gez Romano		Warwickshire County Council
Graham Scutt		Morgan Sindall
Ian Bamforth		Worcestershire County Council
Ian Humphries		Morrisons
John English		Balfour Beatty
John Vaughan		LMS
Justin Holt		P N Daly
Mandy Jordan		Severn Trent
Paul Pointon		Amey
Pete Ashcroft		Worcestershire County Council
Phil Baker		Nuphalt
Steve Waldron		Stenic Services Limited
Lucy Lloyd (Minutes)		Worcestershire County Council

Agenda Item	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies</b> John Crowther, Telford &amp; Wrekin Services Hannah Haeffner, Tarmac Nick Russell, Kier Dave Regan, Electricity North West Ivan Povey, Larsen Karl Stopps, Balfour Beatty</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of last meeting, closure of actions and matters arising</b></p> <p>2.6 Severn Trent Innovation Project – Anti Skid – Ian Humphries to report back at next meeting. <b>Action:</b> Agreed to carry forward to next Agenda</p> <p>2.8 Dave Regan - WM HAUC Materials Group meeting <b>Action:</b> Agreed to invite Dave to next meeting</p>	<p><b>BL/LL</b></p> <p><b>BL/LL</b></p>
<p>7. Recycled Type 1 Backfill, Richard Frizzell, Sandwell – lot of non-compliant backfill. One of the Authorities had raised the issue of non-compliant materials being used.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Andy Ward and Emma Loach to look into this and group to discuss at next meeting.</p>	<p><b>EL/Awa &amp; LL</b></p>

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### **Reinstatement of Surface Dressing**

Ian Bamforth, WCC Highways & PROW Manager, attended for this item together with Pete Ashcroft, WCC Senior Highways Maintenance Engineer. Ian outlined WCC's position and their aim to maximise and extend the life of the County's roads by good asset management. WCC as an Authority were very positive on this matter. WCC have a large programme of surface dressing for the next 3 – 5 years in addition to normal programme. Keen to progress good partnership working. Key period for surface dressing programme April to September. WCC have a Viasealer surface dressing machine on long-term hire. Very cost effective. In first year WCC shall be looking to deal with any previous incursions into the surface dressing within the three year guarantee period. These sites will be logged by the Streetworks Inspectors

- All surface dressing defects issued so far will be rescinded
- Start from 1 April 2016 (This year will be a learning year.)
- Look at sharing information on NSG of surface dressing sites

**IB/PA/BL**

**Action:** Pete Ashcroft and Ian Bamforth will produce a list of surface dressing for the last three years.

**IB/PA**

Ian was asked what would be the process after the 1 April if approached by any of the Utilities.

**Action:** Ian Bamforth will do a flowchart and send round. Will welcome feedback. Sample process which will be reviewed if required.

**IB**

Ian, Mandy Jordan and Martin Pell to discuss Paco Patch issues. Bob Lloyd will speak to his Inspectors.

**IB/MJ/MB  
BL**

4.

### **WM HAUC Website**

Agreed to put list of surface dressing sites on the website.

**BL**

Mission Statement and Minutes are on website. Agreed a standard coring spreadsheet will be put on the website.

**BL**

**WRAP and Testing** – nothing to report.

### **WM HAUC Materials Awareness Day**

Would like to use County Hall again as good venue. Defra & HMRC staff have moved into County Hall so parking will be an issue. Consider using Park & Ride and hire of a shuttle bus. High standard of presentations required.

Group to consider and bring ideas to next meeting. Speak to Alison at AlderCross regarding more exhibitors.

**BL**

### **WM HAUC Roadshow 2016**

Agreed one day only. About 700 attendees last year. Two caterers will be used for 2016 to overcome problems experienced previously. Afternoon attendance not good so this year seminars during morning only. £525 for exhibitor's stand. Group need to encourage new exhibitors. Emma Loach's WM HAUC Materials stand was excellent and group would like her to do something similar this time. Would need volunteers to assist on stand.

**ALL**

### **Severn Trent Innovation Project – Anti Skid**

Ian Humphries going to find out more about this. Hopefully will be able to report to next meeting.

5. **SROH Revision Update**  
Emma updated the group. Had hoped to begin electronic version which could be updated more quickly. Legislation will let not us do that. Working on final edition which will take another two years. In the interim will issue Advice Notes. These will match format of the book so can slot straight into the document. Passing to Materials Innovation Group on 4 March. HAUC will be consulted on Advice Notes.
6. **Feedback from Other Groups via members**
- **Ironwork Group** – RSPA Group trying to get Code of Practice. Draft out this week. Working party 15 April.
- Please send any feedback to Alex Wright at [alexw@instarmac.co.uk](mailto:alexw@instarmac.co.uk)  
PTS could get HAPAS approval.
- **ADEPT Soils and Materials Group** – covered under Agenda Item 2.
  - **NW Materials Group** – Dave Regan could not make our meeting. Has invited a representative from WM HAUC Materials Group to NW's next meeting. Gez agreed to act as our representative. Will need backup. Paul Pinton or John English agreed to cover if Gez unable to go.
  - **Worcestershire HAUC/WM HAUC/ WM JAG** – nothing to report.
  - **Manhole Covers and Frames Working Party** – nothing to report.
7. **Hand Lay Spread of Chippings in Hot rolled Asphalt**  
Group had discussion about this issue. John English (Gary Maxwell) will send Gez some guidance notes. Group suggested Gez obtain a Local Level Agreement/Guidelines. JE
8. **YHAUC Approval for Recycled type Sub Base**  
Andy Ward will send guidelines document to Lucy for circulation to the group. Lucy to put on Agenda for next meeting. AW/LL
9. **Connection Trailers – Bulk mix SMR**  
SMR or equivalent not available in West Midlands. Discussion around how long would it take to set up a provider? Do we need to go through A9 trials? Need trial information to come to the group.  
Agreed to:
1. Take back to WM HAUC as a group if there is A9 approval through another area agreed in the West Midlands.
  2. Get Utilities views of us having an approved suppliers' list for recycled materials. Will have to pass to WM HAUC Group.
10. **Nu-Phalt Solution to Tar Bound Roads**  
Carry forward to next meeting. LL
11. **Draft Code of Practice for Ironwork**  
Covered under Feedback from other Groups, Agenda Item 6 above.
12. **Core Test Reporting**  
John Vaughan shared some examples of core testing analysis certificates.  
Bob expressed a wish to have some consistency across core result reporting.

13.	Agreed it would be helpful to see the certificates supporting the spreadsheet.	
	<p><b>A.O.B.</b>  The increasing size of the group was discussed. Agreed if someone wanted to join it would be discussed by the group at the next meeting and considered on merit. John Crowther to be invited to next meeting.</p>	LL
	Andy Ward agreed to report back on trials of three SRLA demonstrations.	AWa
14.	<b>Date and Venue of Next Meeting</b>	
	Agreed to look for a date in May, preferably not half-term. Difficulties with obtaining a room of sufficient size so date may be dependent on availability.	LL