

Bebside Surface Mine and Restoration Scheme, Blyth



Community Newsletter, March 2014

Getting you involved

UK Coal Surface Mines Ltd has identified coal reserves in land to the west of the A189 near Bebside in Northumberland.

UK Coal has a proud history of developing, operating and restoring surface mines, especially in the north-east. We have strong community links in Northumberland. Our Potland Burn and Butterwell sites currently employ around 170 people and invest heavily in the local economy.

Further information on these sites can be found on our website www.ukcoal.com/surface-mines

We'd like you to look at our initial options. Come and discuss your thoughts and help us develop the proposals. By getting involved you could help influence the design of the site.

You are invited to join us at a public exhibition to view the potential options and share your views before any planning application is submitted.

BENEFITS:

80
local jobs

Apprenticeships
and NVQ training

Community
Fund

Clean up
contaminated
land

Creation of
wildlife
habitats

Public Information Exhibition

**Tuesday 18th March and Wednesday 19th March
Between 4pm and 8pm
The Dales School
Cowpen Road, Blyth NE24 4RE**

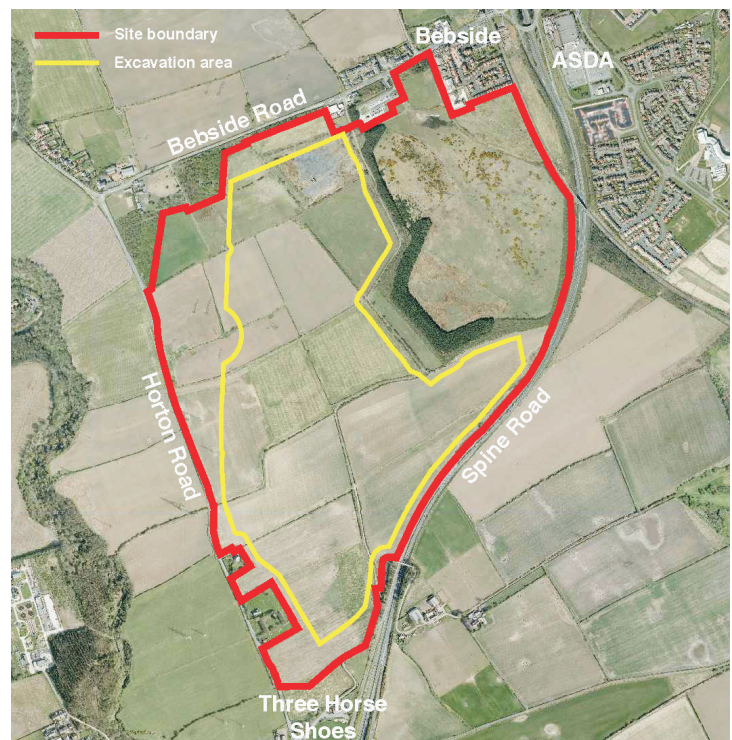
Members of the project team will be on hand at the Public Information Exhibition to discuss your ideas, answer questions and hear your views.

The site has the potential to provide 860,000 tonnes of coal, which will be used to generate electricity to help power homes and businesses.

Electricity generated domestically reduces our reliance on foreign imports and provides security of supply. Coal is still vitally important in generating electricity and over 90% of our annual output is used by the country's network of power stations.

Last year, 40% of the UK's electricity was generated from coal, most of which is imported from overseas.

The site plan opposite shows the excavation area. We would recover coal from this site for three years employing around 80 local people.



Award winning restoration schemes undertaken by UK Coal Surface Mines

UK Coal develops and operates surface mines and restores land across the country. We also operate two deep mines in Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire.



Community Fund

UK Coal makes a significant contribution to the local community at each of our surface mines. A group made up of representatives of the local community is established to administer the community fund.

The community funds are available to support projects that benefit the local community or environment within the vicinity of our sites.

There have been 120 successful applications to the Community Funds relating to the Butterwell and Potland Burn surface mine schemes.

Below are some recent examples of funds donated to local projects from the Community Fund at Butterwell, Northumberland.

Project	Value
Ellington Allotment Association - towards the cost of palisade fencing to enclose 40 allotments	£10,000
Widdrington Station Community Park - Renewal of lighting at The Peoples Park	£3,000
Ulgham Village Association - Bus shelter/village seating	£300



Palisade fencing at Ellington Allotments



Village seating at Ulgham