

Permanent Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI)

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Permanent BFI Site—February 2013

Work continues on the permanent Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI) in upper Ruperts. There are three platforms which will hold eight fuel tanks. There will be two tanks for aviation fuel, two tanks for petrol and four tanks for diesel. Each tank will have a capacity of 975,000 litres (for comparison our current BFI tank storage capacity for petrol is 592,000 litres and 988,000 litres for diesel). Pictured above are four concrete plinths (elevated stands), the tanks will go on top of the plinths.

Basil Read has subcontracted the construction of the BFI tanks to a company known as Trotech. On the last call of the RMS from Capetown 17 coded welders from Thailand arrived to carry out this work.



Concrete plinths for aviation fuel tanks—February 2013

The highest platform will hold the aviation fuel, the middle platform will hold the petrol and the lowest platform will hold the four diesel tanks. There will also be an administration & operations block, including fire protection, which will be located between the Quarantine Station and the lowest platform.

Upcoming Works

In March 2013, the Airport Project will focus on:

- fill and compaction in Dry Gut
- upgrading the haul road to its final alignment
- work on the permanent BFI in Ruperts

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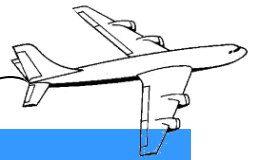
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Visit by DFID Deputy Airport Project Manager

This week we would like to introduce you to David Finan, St Helena Airport Deputy Project Manager in DFID. David is the newest member of the DFID Airport Project Team, having joined Nigel Kirby and Amanda Parry in November 2012.

David arrived on island on 12 February 2013 and will depart St Helena today, 20th February 2013. The purpose of his visit was to gain a greater understanding of the St Helena Airport Project. Whilst David had read all of the project documents, this was his first opportunity to see how the project is being delivered on the ground. David met with colleagues from Basil Read, the Project Management Unit, St Helena Government and Enterprise St Helena. He was able to discuss project progress to date and next steps, as well as how the island is benefiting from the Airport Project.



David said *"this is my first visit to the island and after just a couple of days on St Helena I felt completely at home. The people are so friendly and the island is beautiful. The Access Office set up a really interesting programme for me – the people I've met are really committed to making the Airport Project a success. Being able to meet colleagues face to face and to see the work Basil Read and Halcrow are doing is making all the papers and plans for the airport come to life – it will really help inform my thinking for when I return to Glasgow."*



Deon de Jager explaining works on PBP to Councillors and Officials

David's visit coincided with a tour of the Airport Project that took place on 15th February. Councillors, the DAPM team and senior officials were invited to view works in Ruperts, Bradleys, Prosperous Bay Plain and Dry Gut. Deon de Jager, Basil Read Island Director, led the tour and gave all present an overview of the works taking place and next steps. For more photos of the visit, particularly progress in Dry Gut, check out our website www.sainthelenaaccess.com

The visit ended at the Horse Point Landfill site where Ian Rummery, Environmental Risk Manager explained the mitigation measures that SHG will be taking to minimise the risk of bird strike. St Helena is fortunate in that the risk of bird strike to the airport is already very low—the types of birds we have on St Helena do not generally flock in a way that poses a risk to aircraft. We estimate that there are 120-150 pigeons at the Horse Point Landfill and, whilst this is a very small number, we are nevertheless seeking ways to reduce any risk they might pose. As part of the Solid Waste Management Strategy, the Environmental Management Directorate is looking at ways of eradicating the pigeons at the site and better managing the green waste that attracts them.

The risk of birdstrike is just one of the issues we need to consider in order to obtain airport certification. Whilst a lot of our attention is focussed on the construction works taking place at Prosperous Bay Plain and Dry Gut, considerable work is also taking place to prepare for the airport certification process. More will follow on this in future Airport Updates.



Ian Rummery at the Horse Point Landfill

A Reminder

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