



Hills Community Liaison Committee – Barton Court

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Blue Ball pub, Kintbury on Thursday 16 May 2013

PRESENT

West Berkshire Council

Cllr Andrew Rowles (AR)
Matthew Meldrum (MM)

Benchmark

Kathryn Webb (KW)

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Henry Newbery (HN)
Gary MacKinnon (GM)
Andrea Pellegram (AP)
Daryl Taylor (DT)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
Apologies	
Stephen Cook, Sean Sutcliffe	
1. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Minutes of last meeting were approved.	
2. Update on replacement wall on Station Road	
HN reported that the new hedging is being maintained and there are no issues to report. MH to investigate progress on what is being done to repair the damage believed to have been caused by a vehicle to the boundary wall south of East Lodge.	HILLS
3. Site Activities	
3.1 Site permit AP briefed the meeting on delays to site restoration due to low site volumes and confirmed that Hills had met with West Berkshire Council (WBC) to discuss the impact of the speed of restoration and the implication on the sites planning permission (discussed further in item 4 below). GM introduced himself as the new commercial manager for Hills Waste Solutions and explained that part of his role was to investigate a way forward for the site and present proposals to WBC. GM explained that transport supervisor was responsible for the day to day management of the site and that a new Environment Agency officer, Neil Martin, had been assigned to the site. Daryl Taylor and Henry Newbery remain responsible for environmental and health & safety issues.	

<p><u>3.2 Concrete road</u> HN reported that repairs to the ruts on the verges have been undertaken. No other issues to report.</p> <p><u>3.3 Recycling</u> HN referred to the review of operations being undertaken at the site and stated that 50% of the material received is treated on site with the remainder sent for further treatment at Chapel Farm. HN confirmed that any crushing of material would be done in drier months with particular attention paid to dust suppression.</p> <p><u>3.4 Restoration</u> HN confirmed that most of the material used for restoration is sourced from the sites crushing and screening operations. Sufficient material needed to be present on site to justify bringing in a crusher machine.</p> <p><u>3.5 Landfill gas / Water reading and testing</u> DT reported that daily monitoring of the gas levels by Lark Rise and Laundry Cottage was being undertaken in response to some elevated carbon dioxide readings between mid-March and early April. No methane was detected. The levels have now decreased.</p>	
<p>4. Planning issues</p>	
<p><u>Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework</u> MM advised that progress on the single development framework was progressing well following the appointment of additional staff. He further advised that WBC had met with neighbouring counties to gather information on their Mineral and Waste local plans and that consultation would be held with West Berkshire parish councils in due course.</p> <p>AP confirmed that planning permission for both Barton Court 1 and the transfer station expires on 31 Dec 2013 and that Hills are still considering options on how to deal with this issue. MM would be kept informed once the planning approach had been clarified.</p>	<p>HILLS</p>
<p>5. Any other business</p>	
<p><u>Site security</u> HN reported that a breach of security had been reported to the local police.</p> <p><u>Barton Court Estate</u> Following a separate meeting between Hills and Benchmark on estate matters, MH confirmed that Christopher Rhodes had been instructed to make contact with Benchmark.</p> <p><u>Kintbury Skate Park</u> MH advised that The Hills Group had made a £30,000 grant through the Landfill Communities Fund for the Kintbury Skate Park project which was officially opened on Sunday 19 May.</p>	<p>SS/KW/ HILLS</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>	
<p>Thursday, 7 November at 3pm at the Blue Ball in Kintbury</p>	<p>ALL</p>