



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 20 September 2017 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Peter Szczesiak
Peter Barnett

Calne Without Parish Council

Charlie Oram

Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton
David Evans

Wiltshire Council and Calne Town Council

Cllr Tom Rounds
Cllr Tony Trotman

Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee

John Lewis (JL)

Environment Agency (EA)

No representatives

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Alex Henderson (AH)

	Action
1. Apologies	
Apologies were received from Cllr Christine Crisp, Sue Everett (EA), Anne Henshaw, Monique Hayes, David Meakin and Cllr Alan Hill The members of the committee were invited to introduce themselves for the benefit of Cllr T Rounds.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 5 October 2016	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as correct.SB stated that there had been a long gap between meetings as there had been no update to give the committee regarding the planning application status. SB reminded the committee that the planning inspector enquiry decision had been delayed due to the snap general election and that once announced the inspector had found in favour of Hills. SB stated that the Wiltshire Waste Alliance (WWA) had challenged this and submitted an application to the High Court for a S288 statutory review of the planning inspector decision. SB stated that this was due to be determined in late November.SB stated that no committee members had requested a meeting in the interim	

<p>period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that the company had called this meeting to present to the committee new proposals for future waste treatment and mineral extraction at the site and an alternative to the MRF extension development subject to the s288 statutory review. 	
<p>3. Update on planning applications</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that at the end of 2016 the company had acquired neighbouring land and buildings at Sands Farm. SB explained that this provided the company with an option that it did not have prior to submitting the original planning application to extend the Lower Compton MRF or appeal of the original planning decision. SB stated Hills would like to present new proposals for the site and a development strategy that provided transparency on the company's future intentions to local residents and surrounding communities. • SB stated that the proposal involved in excess of 11 planning applications, including developments in other areas of the region. SB distributed a consultation document to the meeting detailing the key applications within the development strategy. • SB outlined the main planning applications in turn referring the committee to the map and site plan within the consultation document. • SB stated that under the new proposals: the Lower Compton MRF building would be retained, but not extended; co-mingled recycling would take place at the Sands Farm building; the bulking of waste transfer and green waste would take place in the existing MRF building; and both properties would become permanent. • SB stated that under the proposal the company would construct an internal link road between the two buildings, creating site access to both the east and west of Calne. SB explained that this would result in both waste and aggregate/concrete HGV site traffic no longer having to travel along the A4 through Calne Town, with the exception of those vehicles servicing the local area. <p>In response to questions from the committee SB confirmed that the internal link road would not be open to the public or other road users and that its construction would not be to everyday highway standard. SB also explained that bunding would be used to reduce the internal link road's visual appearance and reduce noise impact.</p> <p>SB explained that the planning applications for Sands Farm and Lower Compton under the new proposals had to refer to existing vehicle movements as presented in the current Lower Compton MRF extension application. SB stated that actual vehicle movements should reduce further if transfer station at Westbury, included within the proposal, was also approved.</p> <p>SB outlined the details of the proposed transfer station and depot at Westbury and detailed in the consultation document. SB explained that this would provide for waste to be bulked for delivery removing the requirement for individual collection vehicles to travel from the West of the county to the Lower Compton site and significantly reducing vehicle movements.</p> <p>SB stated that he would confirm to the committee a firmer indication on the reduction of vehicles movements that may result from establishing a transfer station at Westbury. SB confirmed that the routing of any vehicles travelling from Westbury to Lower Compton would avoid the centre of Calne.</p> <p>SB stated that the award of Lot 2 to FCC would also reduce the number of vehicle movements associated with the contract operation – see agenda item 5 and 6 below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that the proposal included applications to extend the operational 	<p>SB</p>

<p>lives of mineral extraction and restoration by landfill at Lower Compton/Old Camp Farm and Low Lane in accordance with the county's local mineral and waste plans, SB stated that the site's life expectancy had been extended due to the economic downturn and restricted waste landfill tonnage inputs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB confirmed that the Freeth Farm sand extension was a review of an old mineral permission (ROMP) and that Hills Quarry Product had submitted plans to determine conditions and an application to extend the existing conveyor at Low Lane shown on the site plan. • SB stated that the proposals had been discussed and present to the WWA, Calne Town area board and council planning committee and the majority of local parish councils in the Calne area and had generally been well received and broadly supported. • Cllr T Rounds stated that Wiltshire Council waste officers welcomed the new proposals and that they also had local and regional political support. • The proposals were discussed. 	
<p>4. Landfill operations and restoration works update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that cell 24 was currently being tipped and had been partially capped. SB confirmed that cell void space would provide tipping until February 2018 and then move on to cell 33/34. • SB confirmed that inert tipping had commenced at lagoon 6, the area behind the back of the HRC. • SB stated that since the last meeting there had been a small number of individual complaints about odour. SB advised that working with the EA additional pin wells had been installed to improve gas management on the site. <p>Mr J Lewis stated that there had been occasions when he had experienced odour issues from the site. SB urged JL to report all odour issues as soon as possible in order for action to be taken. SB stated that residents could also report issues to the EA, but stated that these were not passed on directly by the agency meaning action could not be taken as quickly if the problem was associated with site operations.</p> <p>Mr C Oram requested that he be sent the site phone number to report complaints about the site. AH advised that it could be found on the Lower Compton liaison page of the website and would also email details to OC.</p> <p>The procedure for monitoring and investigating odour was discussed and comments were received from the committee on the method used to respond to complaints. SB stated that he would review the procedure and consider the comments from the committee.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>SB</p>
<p>5. Compost and woodchipping update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that minimal composting was now undertaken at the site and that the majority of green waste was taken to the company's facility at Parkgate Farm, Purton. SB stated that the Lower Compton site still retained permanent planning permission to compost on site. • SB stated that wood recycling at the site would reduce following the award of Lot 2 to FCC – see agenda item 6 below. 	
<p>6. Recycling operations update (including Porte Marsh)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that the current recycling and landfill diversion rates in the first 	

<p>contract extension year were in line with previous years, although the overall waste arising tonnage was down.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that whilst Hills had been announced as preferred bidder for all 5 lots under the new Wiltshire Council waste treatment contract that a legal challenge of the procurement process had resulted in FCC being awarded the contract for Lot 2 to operate the 9 household recycling centres owned by the council. SB stated that the service would transfer to FCC with effect from 2 October and that a rolling programme of site refurbishment would be undertaken and result in the temporary closure of all 9 sites to be staggered over the next few months. SB confirmed Hills remained operators of the two sites on Hills owned land at Honeyball and Purton and that neither site would be closing for refurbishment. • SB confirmed that under the proposals detailed in agenda item 3 above that an application to extend the MRF planning permission at Porte Marsh to December 2018 would be submitted to provide time to develop the Sands Farm site. SB stated that the equipment at Porte Marsh did not have the capacity to process the new co-mingled kerbside collection service where all recyclate would be collected together apart from glass with the comingled waste being separated at point of treatment. 	
6. Aggregate and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AH stated that aggregate and concrete operations were both running at normal outputs. 	
7. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr J Lewis raised concern about the condition of the road at the entrance of the site and the issue of the road speed limit from the road to the junction with the A4. <p>SB stated that Hills agreed that the speed limit should be reduced and advised its drivers to observe a reduced speed when driving along the road. SB stated that it had indicated to the council that it would be happy to fund roadside signage, but the matter was with Highways.</p> <p>Cllr T Rounds recommend that JL contact both the Highways department and the Calne Area Board Highways Working Group (CATG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr J Lewis also raised concern that lorries were on occasion arriving prior to the site opening and queuing on the road. SB stated that if residents recorded the registration numbers of the vehicles that the company would write to them to advise them that this is not acceptable and remind them of safe areas to wait. • Mr J Lewis questioned the installation of private rights notices on the wooded area (known as the Honeyball plantation). AH confirmed that the land was owned by the company and had been acquired with the Naafi building. AH stated that the land was private with not public right of way and the signs were to act as a deterrent to the public accessing the land. • There being no further business the meeting closed. 	
8. Date of next meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless a member wished to call a prior meeting, the date to of next meeting in the New Year to be confirmed. 	HILLS