



Hills Community Liaison Committee – Barton Court

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Kintbury Coronation Village Hall on Thursday 5 November 2009

PRESENT

West Berkshire Council

Councillor Andrew Rowles
Matthew Meldrum, Principal Minerals and Waste Planning Officer

Kintbury Parish Council

Stephen Cook

Benchmark Furniture

Kathryn Webb

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Brian Waymont, Depot Manager

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes, Communications Officer

Apologies

Councillor A Stansfeld

	ACTION
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
<u>Wall on Station Road</u> A survey of the wall has confirmed that it is beyond repair. It will be removed and replaced with stock-proof fencing and hedgerow which will be maintained by Hills. Contractors will erect traffic lights on Station Road to operate between 09h30 and 15h30 to avoid traffic congestion. Cllr Rowles expressed disappointment that the wall was not going to be repaired and suggested Hills contact Jonathan Russell at Suttons office, Benham Estate to enquire as to how funding may be obtained for repairs to the wall. Monique Hayes agreed to pass this information on to the Facilities Manager.	
<u>Health & Safety – signage</u> Brian Waymont confirmed that signage has been ordered for the haul road. Drivers will be required to use yellow flashing beacons whilst on site.	Hills
SITE ACTIVITIES	
Operations remain largely unchanged on the site. <u>Concrete road</u> Brian Waymont reported that repairs will be made the concrete road in the	Hills



<p>spring. Hills to advise Benchmark prior to work commencing.</p> <p><u>Recycling</u> 1,700 tonnes of material was processed at the site during October and almost 60% was recycled. Brian Waymont reported that Hills are to meet with the Environment Agency to establish protocols on the standard of material which is sold as recycled aggregate.</p> <p><u>Restoration</u> Brian Waymont reported that restoration is ongoing. Stephen Cook commented that the hedge between the site entrance and the A4 needs to be tidied. Brian Waymont to action.</p> <p><u>Signage on Hills fence</u> Noted that a sign had been attached to the fence facing the junction of Station Road and the A4. Agreed that in future permission for signage needs to be obtained from Hills head office in Marlborough (contact Sue Wyatt or the Company Secretary).</p>	Hills
PLANNING ISSUES	
<p><u>Waste Local Plan</u> Matthew Meldrum provided the following details on the <i>Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Berkshire minerals and waste core strategy was withdrawn for further work at the public examination earlier this year, following the publication of new evidence at a very late stage in the proceedings. • Two issues arose at the public examination that raised concerns in the inspectors mind. First, one of the objectors raised doubts about some of the information about individual waste sites that had gone into the evidence base, in terms of the capacity of those sites and the range of activities carried out on them. The Inspector's second and more major concern related to landfill. In May 2009, after the submission of the core strategy for public examination, the Regional Assembly published a new run of its regional waste model. Among its conclusions was that Berkshire would have a shortfall of some 12 million tonnes of Non Hazardous landfill capacity by 2026. • Since the closure of the public examination an extensive programme of work, designed to get Berkshire's minerals and waste planning back on track, has been put in motion to address the concerns raised by the inspector at the public examination. • It is anticipated that there will need to be at least one further round of public consultation before re-entering the public examination process. This would suggest a timetable along the following lines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public consultation on revised draft strategy: September – November 2010. ○ Consideration of consultation results and consequential proposed changes to core strategy – January 2011. ○ Pre-submission publication – July 2011 leading to a public examination in the autumn of 2011. <p>However if more than one additional round of consultation were needed, that could lead to further delay.</p>	

ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
<p><u>Landfill gas</u> Cllr Rowles queried what procedures are in the place to monitor gas on the site. Brian Waymont explained that Hills take readings twice per week and submit these results to the Environment Agency. Hills has also placed new covers and monitoring pipework on all the ventilation shafts.</p> <p><u>Water readings / testing</u> Brian Waymont advised that the water is tested regularly and results are submitted to the Environment Agency.</p> <p><u>Maintenance – right of way</u> Stephen Cook to investigate the exact nature of the complaint received via the Parish Council and report back to Hills. Matthew Meldrum referred Monique Hayes to Elaine Cox at West Berkshire Council in relation to ‘right of way’ queries.</p> <p><u>Signage from A4 to Hills site</u> Brian Waymont reported that Hills are looking into place direction signs to the site from the A4. Matthew Meldrum offered to provide Hills with a copy of guidance notes on signage and advertising boards.</p>	<p>SCook / Hills</p> <p>MMeldrum / Hills</p>
NEXT MEETING	
Thursday 13 th May 2010 at 15h00 in the village hall, Kintbury	Hills