



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 10 September 2009.

PRESENT

Wiltshire Council

Andy Conn, Waste Management
Mari Webster, Mineral & Waste Planning
Councillor Christine Crisp, Member Calne Rural

Cherhill Parish Council

Councillor Shauna Bodman, Cherhill & Yatesbury
Councillor David Grafton

Friends of Compton and Surrounds (FOCAS)

Michael Ransom

CPRE

Anne Henshaw

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Steve Burns, Waste Operations Manager

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson, Company Secretary

	Action
1. Apologies received	
Cllr David Evans; Cllr Serena Henly; Cllr Alan Hill; Andrew Liddle.	
2. Election of new chairperson	
Cllr Christine Crisp was elected new chair.	
3. Previous minutes update	
No comments.	
4. Compost odours / Dust from woodchip	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Steve Burns stated that there had been 2 complaints since the last meeting and that additional de-odourisers were to be installed along the southern boundary over the next two weeks.Steve Burns stated that there were no issues to report on woodchipping. Steve Burns confirmed test results on dust levels remained below safe working limits and Occupational Health monitored the health of employees.	Hills

5. Restoration Works	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Burns reported that construction of cell 18 would shortly be completed. The construction of the cell bund around the Low Lane extension was discussed. Steve Burns confirmed that a section of the bund had been constructed on a small vein of limestone, causing the bund to slump and that Hills were looking at how best to resolve the issue. Steve Burns confirmed that the gap in the bund was due to the location of the main sewer, and either the sewer would be relocated or the line of the bund would be altered. Mari Webster stressed that the planners would need to be involved if the line of the bund was to change. 	Hills
6. Landfill operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Burns confirmed that the development of Low Lane continued. Delays in the commencement of Lakeside contract has resulted in higher volumes into the site, but latest provisional start date was mid/late October. Low Lane Footpath –Steve Burns stated that Hills had met with Sustrans and confirmed Sustrans were looking to obtain finance from Viridor’s Landfill fund, although problems existed incorporating the cycle path with the bridleway and footpath. Steve Burns stated that Hills could not contribute direct via its landfill fund and instead would consider contributing labour and at cost aggregate to the project. Mari Webster confirmed that Hills had discharged its requirements under planning obligations. <p>The general condition of the path was discussed and it was agreed that in areas it was very overgrown. Cllr Grafton volunteered to establish the parish with responsibility for maintaining the footpath.</p> <p>Members of the Committee raised general concern over signage and fencing along areas of the footpath. Steve Burns to arrange for Garry Johnson from Hills to contact Mari Webster regards improving fencing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Hours Extension – Mari Webster confirmed that the consultation on the planning application submitted by Hills ended 17 September. <p>Andy Conn explained that Wiltshire Council supported the planning application and that if approved would formalise arrangements allowed within the current planning consent for extended opening on bank holidays and following “catch up” Saturdays. Andy Conn stated that the extended opening was required to accommodate collection patterns. Steve Burns</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>SB</p>

<p>confirmed that the application only applied to Lower Compton and not Low Lane.</p> <p>During questions from the Committee Andy Conn confirmed that vehicle movements would be split between the bank holiday and “catch up” Saturdays but in total be no higher than a normal collection day.</p> <p>Steve Burns stated that artics would not be visiting the site on these days unless the Lakeside complex was closed and that once the contract commenced landfill tonnage would reduce by 50,000 tonnes pa and in turn reduce overall vehicle movements.</p> <p>Following questioning by Michael Ransom on the original planning application Mari Webster confirmed that under the new application extended opening hours had been withdrawn.</p> <p>Anne Henshaw stated that she would like to see undertakings from Hills that reductions in landfill volumes arising from the Lakeside contract would not be replaced by volumes from alternative sources and questioned whether planning could be subject to volumes.</p> <p>In reply Andy Conn outlined the future waste strategy of the Council, the need to reduce volumes and the restriction on material allowable into landfill. Andy Conn outlined the MBT project and other potential projects involving technologies to divert waste from landfill.</p> <p>Steve Burns confirmed that the application included extension to process glass and recycle. Cllr Bodman raised concern over potential noise issues caused by this extension. Cllr Bodman also commented that she was concerned over vehicle movements through Calne resulting from the extended opening and the impact this may have on the staging of events in the town on bank holidays.</p> <p>Mari Webster detailed the planning procedure for the application and that the decision would be made by council members based on civic amenity to the County.</p>	
<p>7. Composting update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Burns stated that volumes of composting had increased in line with seasonal variations and helped by relatively good gardening weather and that compost sales remained stable. 	
<p>8. Concrete and Aggregates update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Burns reported that as Hills Quarry Products were no longer extracting from the area any issues should be directed to Aggregate Industries. Steve Burns confirmed that concrete operations remained and as Andrew Liddle would no longer be 	

attending the meeting he (Andrew) would keep the committee updated on any developments or issues through Steve Burns.	
9. Recycling	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Burns detailed the current market for recyclates and 1st quarter volumes. Steve Burns stated that overall volumes into landfill and collections for recycling were on a similar downward trend, due to economic conditions. Steve Burns stated that the HRC was looking to improve the current recycling throughput rate of 50.8% (excluding wood and compost) and the total diversion target rate for Wiltshire in 2009/10 was 117,000 tonnes. It was noted that within the next 24 months the 1 million tonne mark of waste diverted from landfill under the Wiltshire contract would be achieved. 	
10. Other community issues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Bodman raised the issue of road signage on the A4 and unsuitable HGV using Marsh Lane as access to the site. Details of a haulier persistently using Marsh Lane were passed to Hills for the company to write to and advise of correct access route. Hills also to confirm postcodes for the site for satnav directions. 	Hills
11. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recent press coverage of rigid plastic mixed with contaminated waste exported to Brazil was discussed. Steve Burns confirmed that Hills had only supplied plastic for recycling to the contractor named as being investigated by the EA. 	
12. Date of next meeting	
Thursday, 3 rd December 2009 at 7 pm	