

Hills Community Liaison Committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Hills Waste Solutions MRF on 6th November 2008.

PRESENT

Wiltshire County Council

Mari Webster (Planning)
Councillor Nancy Bryant

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Councillor Serena Henly
Councillor Peter Barnett

Calne Town Council & Without Parish Council

Councillor Carol Robinson

Cherhill Parish Council

Councillor David Grafton

FOCAS

Michael Ransom

CPRE

Anne Henshaw

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Steve Burns Contracts Manager
Cliff Carter Recycling Promotions Manager
Andrew Liddle Aggregates

Apologies received

Cllr Shauna Bodman, Cllr John Reis, and Colin Viner

PREVIOUS MINUTES UPDATE – 27 Sept 07

None

LANDFILL UPDATE

Steve presented a copy of the restoration plan to the members and explained the stages of the restoration on cells 15, 16. Compost is being screened to assist with cover. In the next two weeks there may be odour emitted from the side wall (facing Compton Bassett Rd) while profiling the face and laying liner.

Earthworks underway with cell 17, EA still to approve some of the works.

Anne raised a question on restoration levels and are they fixed and tree planting. Mari confirmed that it depended on what the area will be used for once restoration was complete and the County had no plans for woodland planting on this site only clay sealing.

COMPOSTING UPDATE

Steve reported that little material was going out at present due to the weather; however we are using material for restoration work on the landfill.

Steve updated the members with recent improvements to the odour control management process. The height of the lances around the site has been increased to ensure the emitted spray mixes with any odours present. The Compost Manager carries out a daily check of the perimeter of the site and records any odours present. Cllr Bryant praised the company in that the recent improvements has reduced the complaints raised to almost nil, (Cllr Henly continues to smell odours from the compost and on one occasion landfill gas at the roundabout junction adjacent to the entrance to the site) Steve requested Cllr Henly to report at the earliest opportunity any further incidents she witnesses to enable the Compost Manager to investigate.

AGGREGATES AND CONCRETE UPDATE

Concrete continues to do well considering the market conditions.

Footpath division and electrical work to commence mid Nov, earthworks delayed until after Christmas, David raised issue with recent flooding/drainage on the footpath. Andrew will speak with Aggregates to sort out run off via Viridor.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Steve Burns reported on the progress regarding waste arising and made available the Hills Annual Report on Wiltshire Waste Management.

Waste arisings are still below national average (0.5% down) in the first two quarters of this financial year, all four district areas are up on their recycling target but WWDC/KDC continues to lead the field due to AWC (Alternate Waste Collections) service.

Steve gave a short progress report on the Marlborough HRC facility, planning has been submitted for consultation. All other HRC's are performing well in the first six months recycling 75% of all waste input.

Cliff updated members on the impending NWDC plastic and cardboard collections from six supermarkets in the district. Roadshows are underway to publicise the service which will commence on the 10th November, collections will be daily.

Steve reassured members with regard to concerns over the recent report through the media on recycling material and the lack of storage due to the market. Hills have sufficient permitted storage here at the MRF and our contracted reprocessors are managing at present.

PLANNING ISSUES

None

OTHER ISSUES

Carol raised issue with red lorries (not sure if Hills) using anchor Rd Calne as a short cut. Steve to investigate.

Michael provided Steve with reg number WX07AXM travelled through Compton Bassett on the 4/11 at 9.15hrs in excess of the vehicle weight permitted. Steve mentioned the fact that the signage for drivers was not clear at the junction off the Hilmartin Road and possibly too far off the main road to prevent drivers using the route illegally. Cllr Bryant will raise with Highway department to see if the sign can be relocated onto the Hilmartin Road giving clear information to drivers above 7.5 tonne limit.

Steve pursuing the 30mph signage for the route off A4 to entrance of the Hills site.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 5th March 2009 in the MRF meeting room.