



**Amesbury RMF Liaison committee**

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Amesbury RMF on 14 March 2018

**PRESENT**

**Amesbury Town Council**

Robert Yuill (RY) – & Wilts Council Amesbury East

**Wiltshire Council**

Cllr John Smale – Bulford, Allington & Figeldean (JS)

Cllr Fred Westmoreland – Amesbury West

**Environment Agency**

No attendee

**Hills Waste Solutions Ltd**

Henry Newbery (HN)

**The Hills Group Limited**

Monique Hayes (MH)

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
John Chapman (JC) Vicki Harris (Wiltshire Council) Kate Rowen (Environment Agency)	
<b>2. Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.	
<b>3. Site / Operation update</b>	
<p>HN confirmed that following the transfer of the contract for the Amesbury household recycling centre to new contactors FCC Environment, this liaison meeting would only deal with Amesbury RMF facility.</p> <p>HN confirmed that the site had not received any odour complaints since the last meeting and that all odour management systems had been checked to ensure they were in good working order for the onset of spring and warmer weather.</p> <p>HN advised that the odour management system passed all internal air through a carbon filter which is classed as the best available technology by the Environment Agency. In addition fast closing doors were also in place to minimise escape of any odours. HN advised that a new weather station had also been installed to assist with understanding prevailing weather on any given day.</p> <p>HN advised that municipal solid waste (MSW) brought to Amesbury RMF continues to be transferred to the Lakeside EfW. The Lakeside EfW plant is currently undergoing planned maintenance, and has temporarily reduced the permitted input tonnage. MSW continues to be sent to Lakeside EfW from Amesbury, any additional tonnage received during this shutdown period will be transferred to the Lower Compton Waste Management Facility.</p> <p>HN advised that in addition to MSW, the site is also a transfer station for</p>	



<p>recyclable materials and can also accept trade waste from the Wiltshire Council Waste contract.</p> <p>In response to a question from the committee, HN confirmed that Hills does not collect commercial and domestic waste in the same RCVs.</p> <p>HN confirmed that new vehicles had been acquired to service the new waste contract from 30 July which are designed to collect dry mixed recycling (DMR).</p> <p>HN advised that some changes to the storage bays within the Amesbury RMF will be made to accommodate the new collection service and Cllr Yuill requested to be shown these when they are complete.</p> <p>HN advised that Hills conform to the MRF Quality Protocol which requires us to take regular samples and inspect materials received to identify the quantities of target and non-target materials. These results are reported to the Environment Agency and also fed back to the customer. This is important as the market for recyclables is increasingly under pressure and buyers are looking for high quality product.</p> <p>Cllr Westmoreland enquired what the current quality of recycled material is and HN advised that contamination is 12-15% where the incorrect material is put into the recycling.</p> <p>HN advised that the site manager, John Chapman, is retiring that in the interim Henry Newbery will be acting as site manager until a new manager is recruited.</p> <p>Cllr Westmoreland asked that good wishes be passed to John Chapman on his retirement and to record thanks from the committee to John and Hills on the way that the site has been run and in particular in relation to the lack of problems or complaints from local residents and businesses about the facility.</p> <p>HN reported that there had not been any recent inspection of the site by the Environment Agency, but an email had been forwarded by the EA officer for the site stating that there were no issues to report. HN advised that when an inspection does take place, the EA officer generates an inspection report and any issues will affect the sites OPRA score which is used to determine the cost of the permit issued by the EA to operate the facility.</p>	
<p><b>4. Any other business</b></p>	
<p>Cllr Yuill reported that from 9 April residents in Wiltshire will be required to provide proof of residence when using the county's household recycling centres and the concern was that this would increase fly tipping. Cllr Yuill enquired if Amesbury RMF was available for used for trade waste / commercial waste operators who may be turned away from the HRC next door.</p> <p>HN advised that the facility does not currently provide this service. The priority for the site is to deal with waste and recycling material deliveries under the Wiltshire Council waste contract and having other vehicles and people on site could cause unnecessary problems.</p>	
<p><b>5. Date of next meeting</b></p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 16.00 at the Amesbury RMF.</p>	<p>ALL</p>