



## Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 10 June 2014.

### PRESENT

#### Compton Bassett Parish Council

Peter Szczesiak (PS)

Peter Barnett (PB)

#### Calne Without Parish Council

Kate Morley (KM)

#### Calne Town Council

Robert McNaughton (RM)

#### Wiltshire Council

Christine Crisp (CC)

#### Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)

#### Environment Agency (EA)

Sue Everett

#### Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Steve Burns, Divisional director (SB)

Stuart Knight, Site manager (SK)

#### The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes, Group communications officer (MH)

	Action
<b>1. Apologies received</b>	
Apologies received from Alan Hill, Anne Henshaw, Dean Thomas, David Evans	
<b>2. Previous minutes update/ matters arising</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved.</li><li>Members each introduced themselves and the chair welcomed new members</li></ul>	
<b>3. Planning applications</b>	
<u>Lower Compton</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SB gave an update on the planning application submitted in 2011 which remained undetermined and the s73 planning applications submitted in 2014 which were currently with the Secretary of State awaiting determination as to whether they are the subject of an EIA.</li><li>SB advised that Hills had listened to and considered local opinion in relation to the previous planning applications, and has reconsidered its proposal for the Lower Compton site.</li><li>SB explained that Hills is proposing an application for a much smaller development and has removed the construction of a C&amp;I waste treatment facility. A copy of a briefing note containing the details was distributed.</li><li>SB advised that the new application proposes to retain and extend the current MRF and enclose the transfer operations within the building and retain the existing screening bund.</li></ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB confirmed that a 5 week period of pre-planning consultation is being held (from 10 June to 11 July) and that a public exhibition will be held on Tuesday 1 July at the Compton Bassett Village Hall from 10am to 8pm. Feedback received will be used to shape the planning application which Hills intends to submit to the Wiltshire Waste Planning Authority at the end of July 2014.</li> <li>• RM asked what happens to the 2011 and s73 application and SB confirmed that Hills intends to withdraw these on validation of this new planning application.</li> <li>• KM queried if this new planning application would make the MRF permanent and SB confirmed that this would be the case.</li> <li>• RM queried where the C&amp;I facility that was proposed for Lower Compton would be located and SB advised that Hills is looking at alternate locations as identified in the Waste Local Plan. SB advised that this alternate site would be the subject of a separate planning application.</li> <li>• RM asked why the proposed MRF extension could not be located in the same place as the C&amp;I facility and SB explained that the current MRF was located close to where the materials arise and that any C&amp;I facility would probably be located closer to bigger road networks / motorway.</li> <li>• RM stated that the new proposal to extend the MRF would mean that trucks would still go through Calne and SB explained that fewer trucks would pass through Calne as Porte Marsh would close and those trucks would then come to the MRF instead. In addition the driver in the waste industry is to divert waste from landfill and as a result fewer trucks would be coming to Lower Compton.</li> <li>• RM enquired as to whether the landfill site is still required and SB advised that the landfill has a valid permit until 2022 and that there remains a market, albeit limited, for landfill disposal.</li> <li>• KM enquired if this new planning application would attract a transport survey and SB confirmed that a full EIA is being undertaken</li> <li>• KM offered the opinion that local residents had counted on the MRF no longer being there but instead had been presented with planning applications to make the facility bigger and now permanent. SB explained that this application is for a significantly smaller development than previously proposed and that Hills has adapted it plans to meet the needs of Wiltshire.</li> <li>• SB explained the breakdown of tonnages in the briefing document and explained that Hills had allowed for additional tonnage to allow for growth which would avoid having to seek planning permission for additional tonnages in the future.</li> <li>• SB offered to attend meetings at Calne Town Council and other parishes if required to discuss the new proposed application.</li> <li>• MH was requested to ensure that clerks for Compton Bassett, Cherhill, Calne Without and Calne Town Council received an electronic copy of the briefing note.</li> </ul> <p><u>Wiltshire Council waste procurement contract</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In response to a query from DG on the end date for Hills waste management contract with Wiltshire Council, SB explained that Wiltshire Council had delayed the procurement process. Tender documents are now expected in September / October with submission in December and a Wiltshire Cabinet decision in April 2015.</li> <li>• SB also advised that Wiltshire Council has approached Hills to extend the existing contract for a further year (to 2017) and this had been agreed.</li> <li>• SB advised that the council will go out to consultation on the current green waste collection service and look to ensure that the collection process for dry recyclate was technically, environmentally and economically practicable (TEEP) as set out in the revised Waste Framework Directive.</li> </ul> <p><u>Porte Marsh</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB advised that Hills had been successful in its appeal to gain planning permission to allow loading of baled cardboard and plastics onto vehicles parked in the loading area outside the building.</li> <li>• RM complimented Hills on the cleanliness of the area around the Porte Marsh facility following his recent visit to the area.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p> <p>MH</p>
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<b>4. Landfill operations and restoration works</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SK gave details of works that had been undertaken on the site over the past few months in response to complaints of landfill gas following the period of extreme wet weather over winter.</li> <li>• SK confirmed that Hills had consulted with the Environment Agency to agree the works to be undertaken and confirmed that complaints had ceased.</li> <li>• SK stated that Cell 22 is being developed and works will be completed by the end of June and Hills anticipate tipping there in August. This means that the cell which was producing odours will be capped off completely and permanent gas extraction wells will be installed.</li> <li>• PS enquired why Hills had taken time to resolve the odour issue and SB advised that the gas production within the active cell had occurred much earlier than normal due to wet weather, and had resulted in a number of containment and extraction methods being implemented before tipping has been completed.</li> <li>• PB commented that the number of complaints being received was not a true reflection of the nuisance being experienced by local people and SE stated that the Environment Agency was only able to respond when complaints are logged.</li> <li>• SK stated that once Cell 22 is filled (mid 2015) then landfilling operations would move much further away from the current location which is close to local houses.</li> <li>• PB noted that landfilling operations had commenced in the section of the cell closest to his residence and were moving away, for which he expressed thanks to SK for working in this way</li> <li>• RM enquired if Hills had experienced problems with seagulls and SK replied that Hills did not. SE confirmed that no complaints had been received in relation to seagulls at Hills site</li> <li>• SK stated that overburden stripping was being undertaken on the west side of Low Lane</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Compost and wood chipping update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SK advised that a small amount of compost is produced on site and was being mixed with soil to create restoration soils for the landfill, but that rotation of the compost was only carried out when wind conditions allowed so as to avoid odour issues</li> <li>• SB reported that demand for woodchip was slow but that a recent order for the product would see the stockpile reduce.</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Recycling operations update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2013/14 figures showed a 4,8% increase in total municipal waste arising compared to last year</li> <li>• A total of 130,276 tonnes had been diverted from landfill</li> <li>• With the Northacre resource recovery centre operating for a full year, only 17,000 tonnes of Wiltshire waste will be sent to landfill (compared to 210,000 tonnes a few years ago).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>7. Aggregates and concrete operations update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB reported that this side of the business was experiencing a high demand for product which was in line with the general upturn in the economy. No other business to report.</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Any other business</b>	
<u>Litter</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM raised the issue of roadside litter and the perception that it was attributable</li> </ul>	

<p>to Hills. In response, both CC and DG stated that this was not the case and SK confirmed that Hills litter-picked the section of C15 between the site and the A4 and the section towards Compton Bassett village regularly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB advised that Hills' drivers are responsible for ensuring that their vehicles were correctly sheeted and asked members to report the vehicle (registration number, time and place) if they observed litter escaping.</li> <li>• SE echoed this and advised that Hills has a Duty of Care to ensure that litter did not escape from vehicles.</li> <li>• PB complimented Hills on the speed at which litter picking was undertaken following period of high winds and enquired if anything further could be done to prevent some light weight waste from blowing off the active cell of the landfill. SK advised that in addition to the mesh netting used on the cell, where possible during periods of high wind light weight waste is not tipped, but if it is then cover is placed on it immediately to prevent it blowing away.</li> </ul> <p><u>Noise</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SK offered apologies following 2 complaints received regarding noise from the site – one was in relation to a water pump which had inadvertently been left on overnight and the other was in relation to bins being moved early in the morning.</li> </ul> <p><u>Storage of bins</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB advised that some wheelie bins were being stored temporarily at the old gym and NAAFI following Wiltshire Council's decision to remove the majority of mini recycling sites across Wiltshire and that these would gradually reduce as they are assessed and either refurbished and redeployed, or scrapped.</li> </ul> <p><u>HGVs travelling through Compton Bassett Village</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PS reported that HGVs had been coming through the village.</li> <li>• SB confirmed that these are not Hills' vehicles and visitors to the site are given the correct directions via the A4.</li> <li>• SB requested that any HGV seen travelling through Compton Bassett village should be reported to the weighbridge immediately and if the vehicle does come to the Lower Compton site the driver can be spoken to.</li> <li>• SB confirmed that Hills would support a request to the Highways Authority for more prominent signage on the A3102 in the vicinity of Hilmarton and on the junction to Compton Bassett</li> </ul> <p><u>Environment Agency contact</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SE reminded members that contact number for the Environment Agency is 0800 807060 and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year</li> </ul>	
<b>10. Date of next meeting</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that the time of future meetings is changed to 6.00pm</li> <li>• PS requested that he be sent hard rather than electronic copies of minutes and meeting agendas.</li> <li>• Date of the next meeting is 6.00pm on Wednesday 24 September.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>