



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 18 February 2015 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

No attendees or apologies received

Calne Without Parish Council

Kate Morley (KM)

Charlie Oram (CO)

Calne Town Council

Robert McNaughton (RM)

Wiltshire Council

No attendees

Environment Agency (EA)

Sue Everett

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Steve Burns, Divisional director (SB)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson, Company secretary

	Action
1. Apologies received	
Apologies received from Cllr Crisp and Monique Hayes. In the absence of Cllr Crisp the attendees appointed SB to act as chair.	
2. Previous minutes update/ matters arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved. • SB stated that since the last meeting a new site manager named David Meakin had been appointed following the resignation of Stuart Knight. SB explained that David was an experienced site manager and transferring from Chapel Farm landfill after its closure. • Charlie Oram introduced himself to the meeting. 	
3. Planning applications	
<u>Lower Compton</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that the company had conducted and supplied additional environmental reports requested under regulation 22 by the Council that were subject to further public consultation. SB stated that the application was currently on track to be determined at the April strategic planning committee. • SB explained the methodology used to calculate the “no project” baseline for vehicle movement and highlighted that there was confusion in the public’s mind around this figure as the site had permission and will continue to operate as a depot for the company’s fleet of collection vehicles whatever the outcome of the 	

<p>planning application. SB stated that as a result vehicle movements would effectively not be changing as the vehicles will still leave and return to the site at the current levels and if the application was not granted travelling additional road miles.</p> <p>The matter was discussed.</p>	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using an aerial view of the site on his laptop SB explained the footprint and current operational area of the site for the benefit of Mr Oram and showed the clear demarcation between Hills and Viridor landfill sites. SB confirmed the current area that had been restored and confirmed that no restoration was currently taking place on site. • The operations of other waste management companies in the area and the monitoring of these sites by the Environment Agency was discussed. • SB stated that there had been 3 recent complaints, 1 relating to odour and 2 relating to litter. • SB stated that the odour complaint had been investigated and it had been found at the time of the alleged nuisance that the wind direction had been in the wrong direction for the landfill site to have been the source. • Regards the litter complaints SB stated that both related to clearing litter caught in the perimeter site netting. SB explained that high winds, as recently experienced, caused operational issues resulting in a buildup of litter in the nets. SB stated that the complaints related to the unsightliness of the nets and not the effectiveness of the nets containing litter on the site. • SB stated that Hills continued to litter pick the roadside hedges and verges on the approaches to the site, but that the majority of the waste cleared being tin cans and plastic bottles the most probable source being from the passing driving public and not site operations. • Fly tipping and street cleaning was discussed. SB stated that Hills only undertook litter picking on the roadways in the direct vicinity of the site and that Wiltshire Council street cleaning service was responsible for managing other roadways in the area. The matter was discussed. KM to contact Wiltshire Council about Devizes Road up to the North Wilts golf course. • SB reminded the committee to report problems with litter around the site either directly to Hills or to make contact with the Environment Agency. 	KM
5. Compost and wood chipping update	
<p><u>Woodchipping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that there were no issues to report with wood chipping and that the volumes of stockpiled unchipped and chipped wood was reducing in line with seasonal demand from Europe. • SB confirmed that the source of the wood was from the Council's HRC network and regional commercial and industrial waste. <p><u>Composting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that no composting of green waste collections was currently being undertaken on site. 	
6. Recycling operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB reported that volumes year to date were 5,000 tonnes or 2.7% up on 2013/14 and 5.3% on 2012/13. On the Wiltshire Council contract year to date 	

<p>volumes in to landfill were down to 16,500t and of the total 110,000t diverted from landfill 39,000t had been sent to Northacre RRC and 35,000t to Lakeside EfW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of the Wiltshire Council contract annual service report to be emailed to all committee members including a map showing the destination of all recycle for processing. 	HILLS
7. Aggregates and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB reported that there were no operational or business issues to report. 	
9. Any other business	
<p><u>Homes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DN thanked Hills Homes for agreeing to fund the repair and restoration of the Castlefields wall through s106 payments attached to the Station Meadows development. DN asked when the site works would be complete allowing final funds to be released. AH stated that the final phase of the development was due to be complete in the next 12 months dependent on weather. CO asked about the other Hills Homes developments in Calne. AH explained that the company had outline planning to develop approx. 200 houses on the Oxford Road and that development would commence following the completion of Station Meadows. Hills to provide further details on both developments. <p><u>Northacre Renewable Energy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB gave an update on the Northacre Renewable Energy planning application. 	HILLS
10. Date of next meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of the next meeting to be held either Tuesday, 12 or Wednesday, 13 May at 6.00pm. Hills to confirm. 	HILLS