



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 23 January 2014.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

No attendees

Calne Without Parish Council

Kate Morley (KM)

Calne Town Council

No attendees

Wiltshire Council

Dean Thomas (DT)

Cherhill Parish Council

David Evans (DE)

Environment Agency (EA)

No attendees

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Steve Burns, Divisional director (SB)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson, Company secretary (AH)

	Action
1. Apologies received	
Apologies received from Alan Hill, Christine Crisp, David Grafton, Anne Henshaw, Stuart Knight (SK) and Monique Hayes (MH).	
2. Previous minutes update/ matters arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved.DE requested that in future he be sent hard rather than electronic copies of minutes and meeting agendas.	MH
3. Planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">SB gave details of the s73 planning applications submitted to retain the MRF, screening bund and ancillary activities and explained that these had been submitted in order to ensure that recycling service could be provided to Wiltshire Council post 2016. It was noted that the planning application for the WRF had not been heard at Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning and no date had yet been set. Both KM and DE raised issues with the s73 applications and the fact that it looked to make the MRF permanent. SB reminded the meeting that the Lower Compton site was identified in the Council's adopted Waste Development Plan as site for a MRF and that the site was strategic due to its central location in Wiltshire minimising the total number of road miles required to provide waste services to the residents of Wiltshire. The matter was discussed. DT stated that all representations on the applications should be sent to Jason Day at Wiltshire Council.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB gave details of two further s73 applications at Parkgate Farm and Porte Marsh. SB explained that the extension at Porte Marsh was due to the delays in the decision on the Lower Compton WRF planning application. 	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB stated that cells 19 and 20 were now capped and restored and that cell 21 was being filled and that sand was being extracted from the area to become cell 22. SB stated that there had been no complaints since August and that odour complaints had been attributed to other waste operators in the Calne area. 	
5. Compost and wood chipping update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB stated that wood stocks at the site were decreasing due to the seasonal demand from the biomass market. SB stated that compost operations no longer took place at the site, but that the site was used as a transfer station and green waste was bulked and transported to Parkgate Farm, Purton. 	
6. Recycling operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB reported on the volumes of waste being diverted from landfill and recycled and stated for the 9 months to date municipal waste was up 2% with only 29,000 tonnes landfilled at the site down from 141,000 tonnes for the same period last year. SB explained that this was mainly due to the MBT plant at the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre opening and higher recycling rates since the introduction of separate cardboard and plastic collections. SB gave details of a bulky waste project that the company was looking to support by providing recovered items from HRCs. 	
7. Aggregates and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB stated that under delegated authority the s73 application to extend Hills Quarry Products sand operations at the site to 31 December 2018 had been granted. No other issues to report. 	
9. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DE asked if public access could be given to ponds and reed beds on restored areas of the site. SB explained that these were not safe for public access and that they were areas offering protected areas to wild life and encouraged high bio-diversity in the area. DE asked if the company had any plans for the old Naafi building. AH gave an update on the building and Naafi community group. 	
10. Date of next meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of the next meeting to be confirmed when a clearer idea on the date of the hearing of the various planning applications were known. At the request of KM, Hills to look to schedule meeting at an earlier time of the day. 	HILLS