



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 24 September 2014 at 6pm.

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)

Environment Agency (EA)

Sue Everett

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Steve Burns, Divisional director (SB)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson, Company secretary

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| 1. Apologies received | |
| Apologies received from Alan Hill, Monique Hayes and David Grafton | |
| 2. Previous minutes update/ matters arising | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved. | |
| 3. Planning applications | |
| <u>Lower Compton</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB gave an update on the planning application to be submitted following the public consultation held between 10 June – 15 July, including a public exhibition held at Compton Bassett village hall 1 July. SB stated that as a result it was proposed to further reduce the volumes to be treated at the MRF that in turn would reduce the site vehicle movements. SB gave details of the methodology used for calculating vehicle movements. The matter was discussed. SB confirmed that the new planning application with supporting documentation would be submitted within the next 2- 3 weeks and that the original 2011 application would be withdrawn following validation of the new application by the council. SB stated that the s73 planning applications submitted in 2014 were still with the Secretary of State awaiting determination as to whether they are the subject of an environmental impact assessment and would not be withdrawn. | |
| 4. Landfill operations and restoration works | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB confirmed that Stuart Knight had left the employment of the company. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that tipping had now commenced in Cell 22. • SB confirmed that Cell 21 had now been capped and was operating with active gas extraction and explained that inspection wells had been bentonite sealed and were due to be installed with “top hat” caps. SB stated that permanent gas wells were due to be drilled to connect to the site’s gas electricity generator. • SB explained due to the excessive wet weather experienced earlier in the year that this was causing an increase in the rate at which waste was generating landfill gas. SB stated that similar to other landfill operators, Hills had altered normal landfill cell working patterns and was carrying out additional gas management works to mitigate against gas loss and related odour issues. SB stated that whilst the work on cell 21 was ongoing there would be the need for temporary shutdown of the gas extraction system, but that these works should shortly be completed. • SB stated that due to the proximity of cell 21 and 22 to the boundary of the site there had been a small increase in odour complaints to the site and that he was aware of 1 current complaint. • PS stated that he had been asked by a local resident to raise the issue of odour in Compton Bassett village. The matter was discussed. • SE from the Environment Agency stated that at present she had 2 active odour complaints related to the site and over the previous months she was aware of the Environment Agency receiving complaints about the site as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 complaints in June 3 complaints in July 2 complaints in August 1 complaint in September. <p>SE stated that the Environment Agency had no concerns about the management of the site and no grounds for enforcement action</p> • PB asked about the height at which the cell 21 capping had been set. SB explained that the cell height would reduce over time as gas generated was extracted and that the pre-settlement height was agreed with the planners and land engineers to ensure maximum containment of land fill gas. | |
| <p>5. Compost and wood chipping update</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that volumes of green waste being composted on site, as permitted, had increased due to the problems with obtaining an alteration to the planning use to transfer the composting operations to Parkgate Farm. SB gave background to the original planning application that had been referred to the Planning Inspectorate and stated that following an award of costs to the company that the Parkgate Farm application would be resubmitted. SB gave details of the composting control and mitigation measures operated on site. • SB reported that there was low seasonal demand for woodchip and that having received permission from the Environment Agency that stockpiling of material had extended to a second area of the site. SB stated that with the onset of winter stockpiles should reduce. | |
| <p>6. Recycling operations update</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB reported on the current performance of the recycling operations and stated that volumes were up in the county by 2.1% in the current period compared to last year with 57% recycled, 30% diverted from landfill and 13% landfilled. • SB stated that the Porte Marsh facility was processing on average 1000 tonnes of plastic and cardboard per month. | |

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| 7. Aggregates and concrete operations update | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB reported that there were no operational issues at the site and that demand remained high for both sand and concrete and highlighted the company's involvement in the supply of concrete for the redevelopment of Lyneham. No other business to report. | |
| 9. Any other business | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KM asked SB to explain the methodology used for setting the baseline and calculating future vehicle movements under the proposed planning application for the MRF. The matter was discussed. KM asked for an update on the NAAFI building. AH gave background to the community lead project set up to regenerate the facility, but stated that at present the project was not sustainable due to problems with funding the redevelopment and ongoing maintenance. The matter was discussed. | |
| 10. Date of next meeting | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of the next meeting is 6.00pm on Wednesday 14 January 2015. SB stated that Hills would be happy to convene a special meeting if requested by any member of the liaison committee following submission of the new planning application. | <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> |