



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 4 September at 6pm.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Peter Szczesiak (PS)

Peter Barnett (PB)

Calne Without Parish Council

Charlie Oram

Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)

David Evans (DE)

Wiltshire Council and Calne Town Council

No representative

Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee

John Lewis (JL)

Environment Agency (EA)

No representatives

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

	Action
1. Apologies	
Apologies were received from Cllr A Hill, R McNaughton, S Everett, David Meakin.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 March 2019	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct	
3. Update on planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sands Farm MRF - SB gave an update on the work being undertaken to renovate and upgrade the building and facilities including timetable for the installation of the sorting equipment and baler. SB confirmed that the site has planning permission for 44,000 tonnes of materialInternal Link Road - SB advised that technology infrastructure to support the relief road traffic management plan, as detailed in the unilateral undertaking, still had to be installed and communicated to all stakeholders before the road could officially open. In the meantime, however, vehicles based at Lower Compton would make use of the road. MH confirmed that the relief road would only be used by HGV vehicles visiting either the Sands Farm Facility or Lower Compton Site and HGVs passing through the town originating their travel from different depots would still be permitted to pass through the town.Entrance to Lower Compton – SB explained that road widening works and the entrance to the site at Lower Compton had been delayed whilst waiting for energy supplier SSE to relocate an electrical cable. The footpath work is unaffected and is progressing.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Compton MRF change of use – SB stated that this would happen once the new MRF operation at Sands Farm. Following the refurbishment of the LC MRF building and offices, its use for transfer of green waste and municipal waste would commence and SB gave details on the system that will be used to mitigate odours from the building. 	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works update	
<p>SB gave the following update and advised that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cell 25 is now fully capped and the gas management system is being installed. Tipping in cell 26A Low Lane has commenced Construction of cell 26B should commence in spring 2020 A wheel wash facility will be installed for vehicles coming off the landfill at Lower Compton SB gave details on the landfill fire which occurred in the north east corner of Cell 26 on 1 September and confirmed that detailed information was sent to all liaison committee members on 2 September via email. SB explained that the cause of the fire was difficult to establish as the priority at the time was to put the fire out. This was done with soils and clay on site which resulted in any evidence being covered up. SB advised that a fire could be caused by incorrect disposal of lithium batteries or even smouldering material brought in with a waste load. 	
5. Compost and woodchipping update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB stated that green waste is transferred to the Parkgate Farm facility for composting SB confirmed that no woodchipping takes place at Lower Compton and that volumes had reduced since Hills no longer operated 9 HRCs. SB advised that skip sorting operations are ongoing and on average one load a plasterboard is being sent for reprocessing each week 	
6. Recycling operations update (including Porte Marsh)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB advised that the change to a comingled kerbside collection service was expected to commence early February 2020 when the existing black box kerbside collection service will cease and a combined dry mixed recycling service will commence. SB advised that Porte Marsh continues to run 3 shifts to cope with the increase in material volumes. SB confirmed that Porte Marsh would cease operation once the new Sands Farm MRF was operational. 	
7. Aggregate and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB advised that concrete operations were running at normal outputs SB stated that no aggregate extraction was taking place at the site currently. SB stated that the planning application for the Freeth extension was still to be resolved with the planners. SB advised that Wiltshire was running out of soft sand reserves in the County which is counter to national mineral policy. SB advised that an application to extend the life of the concrete plant at Lower Compton would be submitted. 	
8. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB advised that the following complaints had been received since April 2019 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Odour (x5): attributed to the lagoon alongside the green waste transfer area, aeration was turned off temporarily, increased transfer to Parkgate Farm, and odour unit set to run for longer periods -HGV in Compton Bassett village : customer has been written to -Contractors: shouting out of vehicle at passers-by and site manager reminded contractors this is not acceptable 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -HGV parked outside the site: site manager investigated but no vehicle found -Litter on trunk road (x2): cleared by site -Vegetation on cycle track: cleared by site -Noise (x2): found to be related to pest control measures on site, ceased until operations moved back to Cell 26 -Fencing: part of fence had been stolen, has been replaced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB gave details of the Government's consultations on food waste recycling and DRS schemes which are part of the new Resources and Waste Strategy – the matters were discussed. • Committee members enquired about the proposed Westbury depot – SB advised that Hills had secured planning permission as now await a decision from Wiltshire Council as to whether they wish to proceed. • There being no further business the meeting closed. 	
8. Date of next meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 February 2020. 	HILLS