



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 5 October 2016 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Peter Szczesiak (PS)
Peter Barnett (PB)

Calne Without Parish Council

No representatives

Calne Town Council

Robert MacNaughton

Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)

Wiltshire Council

No representatives

Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee

No representatives

Environment Agency (EA)

Sue Everett

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Alex Henderson (AH)

Resident guest attendees

Marie Astley
John Astley

	Action
1. Apologies	
Monique Hayes, David Meakin and Cllr Alan Hill	
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 January 2016	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as correct.SB stated that there had been such a long gap between meetings as there had been no update to give the committee regarding the planning application, and stated that the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate had now been postponed to February 2017. SB stated that as no committee members had requested a meeting to be called, that the company thought it would be sensible to hold a meeting in the interim to keep liaison committee up to date with site operations or raise questions.	
3. Landfill operations and restoration works update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">SB stated that Cell 23 had been capped, land profile restored and gas management systems installed. SB confirmed that Cell 24 had been constructed and tipping commenced. SB reported that due to the closure of a number of regional landfill sites that increased volumes were coming to Lower	

Compton, but that this was substantially below permitted levels and historic high volumes.	
4. Compost and woodchipping update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB confirmed that minimal composting was undertaken on site and that the majority of green waste was taken to the company's facility at Parkgate Farm, Purton. SB stated that the Lower Compton site still retained permanent planning permission to compost on site. • SB stated that the wood stock pile that had built up over the summer would start to decrease as we entered the winter period for use as biomass fuel for power generation. 	
5. Recycling operations update (including Porte Marsh)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB presented recycling and landfill diversion figures for Wiltshire for the financial year 2015/16 and an update year to date. SB stated that in early 2017 the contract would reach the milestone of 2 million tonnes diverted from landfill since the contract start. • SB confirmed that Hills had been announced by Wiltshire Council earlier in the year as the preferred bidder for all 5 of the retendered lots under the waste services procurement exercise conducted by the Council. SB stated that due to delays in the procurement process that the contract start date for the new services was now anticipated to be August 2017. • SB was asked how the new contract would be delivered if the Lower Compton MRF planning appeal was not successful for the company. SB stated that Lower Compton was the preferred site due to its location in the centre of the county and had been identified as a strategic waste site in the Council's waste strategy plan. SB stated that whilst the company owned alternative sites, including land at Westbury, with the potential for waste treatment that these other sites were not practical and did not offer cost effective solutions. The matter was discussed. 	
6. Aggregate and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AH confirmed that following the consultation meeting on the reserve at Freeth Farm in April 2016, that Hills Quarry Products had submitted a Review of Old Minerals Planning Permission (ROMP) application for approval of appropriate conditions and a second planning application for a conveyor. AH confirmed that if the planning application for the conveyor was declined that under the existing ROMP conditions mineral would be removed from Freeth Farm by trucks. • AH stated that there was no further update on existing aggregate or concrete operations and both were running at normal outputs. 	
7. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs and Mr Astley raised concerns about the times that waste vehicles commenced operations at the site. SB confirmed the operating times allowed under the planning permission and provided Mrs and Mr Astley with contact details for raising complaints direct and asked that they report any future concerns immediately. AH stated that the company operated a 'How's My Driving?' scheme to report any problems with Hills vehicles on the approach roads to the site and SB also confirmed that the company would take action against any complaint made against a non-Hills vehicle using the site if reported. • There being no further business the meeting closed. 	
8. Date of next meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless a member wished to call a prior meeting, the date to of next meeting to be confirmed once the outcome of the planning appeal is known. 	HILLS