



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 7 November 2018 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Calne Town Council

Jon Fisher (JF)

Robert Macnaughton (RMcN)

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Peter Szczesiak (PS)

Peter Barnett (PB)

Calne Without Parish Council

Charlie Oram (CO)

Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)

Wiltshire Council and Calne Town Council

Cllr Alan Hill (Cllr Hill)

Cllr Tom Rounds (Cllr Rounds)

Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee

John Lewis (JL)

CPRE

Anne Henshaw

Environment Agency (EA)

No representatives

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Alex Henderson (AH)

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| 1. Apologies | |
| Apologies were received from Monique Hayes and David Meakin. | |
| 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 May 2018 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as correct. | |
| 3. Update on planning applications | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">SB confirmed that all 5 planning applications had been approved and permissions granted on 6 August 2018 following signing of the s106 agreement on the traffic management plan for the site.Cllr Hill enquired when the link road would be completed and vehicles could be expected to start using the link road.SB stated that work had recently commenced on the construction of the link road, having obtained the required consents from statutory environmental bodies. SB advised that the timing on completing its construction was weather dependent, but would be in Spring 2019 at the earliest.AH confirmed that the link road was a private road and once opened would be | |

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| <p>used by heavy goods vehicles entering and exiting the site, including landfill customers, concrete and aggregate vehicles, to avoid passing through the centre of the town unless servicing or delivering to the area. AH stated that the company was obliged to open the link road prior to commencing recycling operations at Sands Farm building and on implementation of all 5 planning permissions. AH and SB both stated that it was the company's desire to open the link road as soon as practical and there was no benefit to the company in unnecessarily delaying this date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that he would confirm this in writing to Cllr Hill and Calne Town Council. | SB |
| 4. Landfill operations and restoration works update | |
| <p>SB gave the following update and advised that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The filling of cell 25 at the southern end of the site continues and is anticipated to be completed around March/April 2019, at which point the landfilling operations will move back to the Low Lane area of the site into cell 26 which was constructed earlier this year. • The tipping of inert soils into Lagoon 6 continues and the tipping volume rate is dependent upon requirements in the local market. • Road sweeping of the immediate approach road and roundabout to the site entrance is being employed daily as we progress into winter. This will be monitored and the frequency increased if conditions dictate and is coordinated with the aggregates operations. • Vandalism – during May 2018 following a spate of vandalism on site, installed CCTV captured images of 3 youths on site. This was passed on to the Police who dealt with the offenders. CCTV remains in place on site, along with security patrols. • Complaints – SB outlined the complaints that the company had received since the last meeting and actions taken by the company to address these matters. During this period to date there had been a total of 11 vehicle, 2 pest and 3 odour complaints. • JL stated that there was continued resident concern about the high volume of vehicles that sometimes resulted in queuing or parking on the approach road at certain times of the year. SB reiterated actions taken including asking hauliers to stagger deliveries at busy time and the new highway signage advising drivers of correct rest areas. | |
| 5. Compost and woodchipping update | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that minimal compost and woodchipping operations now took place at the site, but other permitted activities continued in the area including: green waste and municipal waste transfer; stockpiling of wood for biomass fuel and plasterboard/street sweepings for recycling; and the sorting of C&D waste. SB confirmed that stockpiled materials were being kept to a minimum. • SB advised that once recycling operations had been relocated to the Sands Farm building the permission to change the use of the existing building would be implemented. SB stated that this would bring green waste and municipal waste transfer into the current building, further improving site odour management. • JL raised a query on the handling of odour complaints. SB outlined the steps taken to investigate complaints and stated that all complaints were taken seriously, but needed to be reported as soon as possible to confirm if the cause was from the site or from another source. | |
| 6. Recycling operations update (including Porte Marsh) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that reporting on volumes and recycling rates for the whole county was no longer possible since operation of 9 household recycling sites had been awarded to a new contractor. • SB advised that overall waste arising was falling and volumes of materials collected for recycling subsequently reduced although the recycling rate was | |

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| <p>being maintained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that that the new kerbside collection service had increased the types of plastic that could recycled, but that this was still being operated on the old collection system due to the delays in obtaining planning permission for the new dry material recycling facility (MRF). SB advised that volumes may increase when the new comingled service is introduced making it easier for residents to recycle. • RMcN asked if the destination of collected plastics for recycling was known by the company. SB replied that the majority of plastic was currently sent to UK processors for onward recycling. SB advised that the company audited all processors to ensure that they were operating in accordance with UK environmental standards. • CO enquired where waste collected for recycling at the 9 HRCs no longer operated by Hills was transported. SB stated that the new contractor no longer transported waste to the site other than green waste and non-recyclable waste deposited at the HRCs. SB stated that vehicles for transport of waste from all 9 HRCs had been included in the traffic projection for the site planning applications detailed above and therefore were vehicles already taken off the Calne road network. • JF raised concern about the reported increase in pests on the Porte Marsh estate and asked whether these were attributable to the company operations on the estate. SB stated that he did not believe this was the case and outlined the investigations undertaken by pest control contractors that supported this understanding. AH also confirmed that, as detailed in a letter sent to Calne Town Council, the site had been visited by Environment Agency Officers 12 times since it had commenced operations and pest control had never been identified as a problem. Other members of the committee stated that there were potentially other types of operations on the estate that may be attracting pests. | |
| 6. Aggregate and concrete operations update | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that concrete operations were running at normal outputs and extraction of aggregate material had commenced in the Old Camp Farm site area. • AH stated that the confirmation of the conditions to be attached to the extraction of sand at Freeth Farm and planning permission for the installation of a conveyor to transport the sand to the processing plant rather than using lorries was expected to be tabled at the December strategic planning committee. | |
| 7. Any other business | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG enquired about the commercial kerbside waste and recycling collection service provided to Cherhill village hall. SB advised that the Council had ceased the provision of this as a free service and that it was now a chargeable commercial collection. • CO enquired about the construction of the Westbury transfer station and reduction of vehicles using the Calne site this would deliver. SB confirmed that the depot for vehicles was still proposed to be constructed, but the financial model for the transfer station was being reappraised due to changes to the collection round planning. • 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 27 March 2019 at 18.00. | HILLS |