



Lower Compton and Sands Farm Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the Sands Farm facility on 26 February 2020 at 18.00.

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

Cllr Tony Trotman (TT)
Cllr Tom Rounds (TR)

Calne Town Council

Cllr Robert Macnaughton (RM)

Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee

John Lewis (JL)

Environment Agency (EA)

No representative

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)
Alex Henderson (AH)

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	Action
1. Apologies	
Apologies were received from Alister Wintle (Environment Agency)	
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">SB advised that all planning permissions for Lower Compton and Sands Farm are in place and all conditions for commencing use of the Sands Farm facility had been discharged.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Compton MRF change of use – SB stated that following once completion of the Sands Farm works and plant commissioning is operational, refurbishment works on the Lower Compton building will take place to convert it into a transfer station for green waste and MSW 	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works update	
<p>SB gave the following update</p> <p><u>Landfill:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently filling cell 26a and anticipated to be filled and ready for capping by end August 2020, with gas well drilling to happen shortly after. • Cell 26b construction planned to start early May 2020 • Link Road – working well with minimal maintenance being required. • Wheel wash (bath and rumble strip type) installed and operational • Operations have continued as normal through period of protracted wet weather and surface/ground water is being managed on site. SB explained how additional rainfall affects leachate levels in the operational area. <p><u>Complaints/Compliments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September '19 – 2x odour complaints – attributed to gas well drilling in cell 25 • October '19 – 1 x odour – actually from August '19 and had not been passed on by EA • November '19 – 1x compliment – for allowing local farmer to use NAFFI for his maize silage harvest • December '19 – None • January '20 – 1x windblown litter next to cycle track – cleared by site • February '20 – 1x noise from tarmacking the access to the Lower Compton entrance; 1x odour from Compton Bassett village – investigated and none found; 1x fire reported in Infinis gas plant – this was not a fire, and in fact related to a safety flare trigger and SB reported that the cause of the trigger had been resolved. <p><u>Concrete Pad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that skip sorting operations are ongoing and that plasterboard and street sweepings continue to be exported to third party reprocessors. • SB reported that there had been an increase in MSW on site due to downtime at both Efw facilities, but these have since been drastically reduced. • SB advised that with the move of the MRF operations from Lower Compton to Sands Farm, and the move later this year of the MSW and green waste into the Lower Compton building, operations on the concrete pad will be reviewed and vehicle will be parked there. 	
5. Green waste and woodchipping update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood – C-grade wood continues to be exported to reprocessors • Green waste – continues to be bulked up and sent to Parkgate Farm facility for composting 	
6. Recycling operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that the change to a comingled kerbside collection service will commence on 9 March and that Wiltshire Council will be advising residents of these changes. • SB explained the issues being experienced when non-recyclable material is placed into containers for recycling and that this was being addressed with Wiltshire Council. • SB gave a brief breakdown of where material for recycling is sent for processing and confirmed that material received by Hills is bulked up and baled to be processed elsewhere by third parties • SB advised that plastic film is sent to energy from waste facilities as most of it is too contaminated to recycle as it has been in contact with food. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that once Sands Farm was operational the company will look to close the Porte Marsh facility and the plant will be dismantled and removed. The company will then look to dispose of the property. • Porte Marsh facility will process any material remaining tipped there, following which the plant will be dismantled and removed. A new tenant will be sought for the Porte Marsh premises. 	
7. Aggregate and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that Hills is supplying materials to the construction site on Silver Street and the ready-mixed concrete vehicles in that area are therefore not in contravention of the traffic management plan. • SB advised that all responses on the Freeth Farm planning application had been made to the local planning officer and Hills is waiting to be notified of the Strategic Planning committee date when it will be tabled for consideration. • SB advised that sand is being imported from Oxfordshire to satisfy demand in Wiltshire. • 	
8. Transport management plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH gave an update on the transport management plan and reported back on the actions taken in response to complaints received. • TT reported issues that had been raised by residents in Sandpit Road regarding the section of road from the Sandpit Road roundabout towards the Hills site. • AH advised that Hills did not own the road or verges and that it is classified and adopted accordingly by Wiltshire Council as a “brown track” and that issues should therefore be directed to the Council. • AH stated that Sandpit Road is a 30mph speed limit and residents who were concerned about vehicle speed should follow the traffic management plan reporting system so that incidents can be investigated. • Hills to advise drivers to be aware of pedestrians on the sections of road and observe the national speed limits applicable. 	HILLS
9. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TT advised the meeting that Calne Town Council is consulting on a change to the C15 road to a 40 mph speed limit with no stopping for vehicles. SB and AH confirmed that Hills supported a lower speed limit of 30mph. • RM requested that efforts be made to schedule liaison meeting on dates when there are no Calne TC meetings so as to avoid a clash • Reports that the Old Hangar / Gymnasium area of the Lower Compton site are very untidy and requested if Hills would consider tidying the area • Reports that the road drains on the C15 are full – advised that this needs to be raised with Wiltshire Council and not Hills • JL requested if Hills could ‘scrape’ the pathway/pavement between the entrance to the Lower Compton site and the old NAFFI to remove moss • Reports that the tarmac around the roundabout on the C15 at the entrance to Lower Compton site is severely damaged and needs replacing – advised that this need to be reported to Highways / Wiltshire Council and not Hills • MH to send PS a copy of the transport management plan and drawings <p>Meeting closed.</p>	MH HILLS HILLS MH
10. Date of next meeting	
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24 June 2020.	ALL