



Minutes of the Purton liaison committee meeting held on Microsoft Teams on 17 December 2020

PRESENT

Wiltshire Council

Jacqui Lay (JL)

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Simon Allen (SA)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
Apologies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received 	
Minutes of previous meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved 	
Parkgate Farm landfill operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA reported that the landfill site operated throughout the period of national restrictions, operating hours were reduced during the first period, but the site is back to normal operating hours again SA reported that annual tonnages (circa 31,000 tonnes over past 12 months) into the site are lower than would have been expected in normal circumstances SA advised that engineering works began in November to engineer the next landfill cell which will become operational in Summer 2021. Members confirmed that no complaints had been raised by local residents in relation to the site. JL to remind local residents to take registration number of vehicles suspected of contravening the weight limit through Purton and report these to the site 	
Composting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA advised that the composting operations had remained operational throughout the periods of national restrictions SA advised that the contract with Cotswold District Council (CDC) to receive 10,000 tonnes per year of green waste had started back in May, but due the national restrictions in place at the time, it had been a staggered start. SA reported that circa 37,000 tonnes of green waste had been received at the composting site over the past 12 months. SA advised that CDC has undertaken a costing on routing of vehicles and the decision was to continue to use the road through Cricklade to access the Parkgate Farm site. 	
Planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA advised that the planning permissions for both landfill sites expire in 2024 and it is the company's intention to submit planning applications to extend the date 	
Recycling update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA advised that the recycling operations were affected during the first period of national restrictions as Wiltshire Council took the decision to close household recycling centres for around 8 weeks. SA reported that when the sites opened again, traffic management systems had to be implemented to control queues at sites. Once the online booking system was implemented the control of vehicles and social distancing was easier to manage and feedback has been positive on the system in place SA reported that there had been a noticeable decline in the amount of 	

<p>commercial type waste being received at the HRC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL commented that there has unfortunately been a corresponding increase in the volume of fly tipping, and that Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency were investigating these. 	
Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL expressed her thanks to Hills and all employees for continuing to provide waste collection and recycling services through the periods of national restrictions and stated this was obviously down to all site managers and employees following COVID guidance to ensure everyone stayed safe and well. • JL reported a possible temporary closure of Hayes Knoll which has been proposed by the Area Board to gauge the affect this would have on traffic volumes in the area due to the number of accidents at the Cross Lanes B4553 and Tadpole junction. • JL also reported a possible 18 tonne limit (except for access) to be placed on the B4553. • SA expressed thanks to JL for providing information on road closures in the area • JL to enquire if Hills site manager can be added to the road closure notification list • MH advised that Pickfords was vacating premises at the Mopes Lane Industrial Estate and that new tenants are being sought. 	
Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 June 2021 at 16.00.</p>	