



Minutes of the Purton liaison committee meeting held at Purton Village Hall on 6 June 2019.

PRESENT

Purton Parish Council

Richard Collins (RC)

Cricklade Town Council

No representative

Wiltshire Council

Jacqui Lay (JL)

Braydon Parish

No representative

The Environment Agency

No attendee (apology received)

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Simon Allen (SA)

Henry Newbery (HN)

David Byatt (DB)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
Apologies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Fitzpatrick, Hills Waste Solutions SA introduced David Byatt, assistant site manager who providing cover at the site in Brian's absence. 	
Minutes of previous meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved JL requested clarification of the term 'unsuitable material' received in the green waste. SA explained that this is plastic and bulky material that is occasionally processed or removed on site or sent on to other processors capable of dealing with this material. SA advised that the Environment Agency had confirmed that no complaints had been received from E Brooks of Braydon Parish since 2015. SA reminded members that complaints should be reported to the site immediately so that they can be investigated immediately. These could also be addressed to the Environment Agency if desired. 	
Parkgate Farm landfill operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA reported that only one of the two landfill sites is currently operating. 14,000 tonnes of material had been received since the last meeting. SA confirmed that clinical waste is not accepted at the site. RC confirmed that no issues with the site had been reported by local residents. 	
Composting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA reported that 8,200 tonnes of green waste had been received on site for Feb / March and this was expected to rise to around 35,000 tonnes for the year as the summer season progresses. SA addressed some inaccuracies that had been raised by local residents in relation to the recent planning permission granted and confirmed that the 	

<p>tonnage limit to 50,000 tonnes had been sought to comply with requirements in the contract with Wiltshire Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA confirmed that Hills did not intend to actively seek additional tonnage for the site from other sources, however some green waste material was received from neighbouring local authorities and other contractors to Wiltshire Council. • JL expressed concern that if additional Swindon Borough Council green waste was brought to the site this would increase vehicle movements and routing for these vehicles would need to be agreed beforehand. • SA advised that traffic volumes would not double at the site due to the permitted increased tonnage as the site had been processing around 35,000 tonnes of green waste using a combination of previously permitted green waste and tyre shredding tonnages. • SA stated that the figure of 1 tanker per day for leachate removal is the averaged out rate. Leachate production is cyclical as it is generated by rainfall and not material volumes. SA advised that the last export of leachate from the site was in April due to the recent drier weather. 	
Planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA advised that the planning permission for the landfill site expires in 2024 and it is the company's intention to submit planning application to extend the date for a further 25 years. This was as a result of low tonnages into the site. • SA confirmed that a detailed briefing note would be prepared for councillors. 	HILLS
Recycling update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HN advised that in the period Feb – April approximately 1,000 tonnes of material was brought to the site of which 17% was not suitable for recycling or energy from waste and had to be landfilled. • HN advised that visitor numbers were 8,000 in February and 11,500 in March and April. • HN advised that an independent third party had undertaken a customer satisfaction survey at the Hills run HRCs results of which will be submitted to Wiltshire Council and any rectifications, if required, will be implemented. • JL enquired why Hills did not advertise their skip hire service at the HRC as this may encourage people to use a skip for their house clearances as opposed to bringing material to the site which could not be recycled. HN advised that this was not permitted under the Wiltshire Council contract. • Following recent media interest in plastics recycling HN explained the process that Hills follows in identifying and verifying plastic recycling reprocessors. • HN advised that both Plastic Recycling Facilities used have UK outlets to wash and flake recycled plastic material. • HN advised that textiles for recycling are sent to a reprocessor in the Midlands with just 0.2% of the material deemed not suitable for recycling and landfilled. Approximately 10% of the material is sold within the UK market the remaining 90% of the material is sent for reuse in Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa. 	
Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC noted a change in the rate charged for commercial waste collection and requested Hills sales team to make contact regarding this and recycling opportunities • JL queried if meeting should be reduced to once per year due to low attendance levels – SA advised that Hills preference is to continue with bi-annual meetings • JL advised that Wiltshire Council has adopted a 'Climate Emergency' and appointed a working task group. 	HILLS
Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5 December 2019 at the Purton Village Hall at 16.00</p>	