



**Minutes of the Purton liaison committee meeting held on 7 June 2012 at the Purton Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Purton Parish Council**

Mike Bell, chairman (MB)  
Tony Price (TP)  
Ron Harris (RH)  
Geoff Greenaway (GG)

**Wiltshire Council**

Jacqui Lay (JL)

**Hills Waste Solutions Limited**

Ed Dodd, waste operations manager (ED)  
Simon Allen, landfill operations manager (SA)  
Cliff Carter, recycling team manager (CC)  
Andrea Pellegram, technical services manager (AP)

**The Hills Group Limited**

Monique Hayes, group communications officer (MH)

**Apologies:**

Richard Pagett, Purton Ps and Qs  
Dean Thomas, Wiltshire Council  
Brian Fitzpatrick, site manager, Hills Waste Solutions

		ACTION
1.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>  Minutes were agreed.	
2.	<b>Parkgate Farm progress report</b>  SA reported that whilst there had been an increase in hazardous waste tonnages into the site in the past six months, overall tonnages were below permitted allowances.  JL queried what route is being used by lorries and SA advised that this will probably be via A419 and through Cricklade.  MB stated that the proposed Ridgeway Farm development uses a 'shared space' design and advised that the Parish Council had raised concerns with regard to traffic and the affect that lorry movements would have on this.  SA advised that whilst no further cells would be engineered this year, capping would take place on Cell 2.	

<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Composting operations</b></p> <p>SA advised that operations on the new compost site commenced on 2 April and that an open day was held on 11 May. Those who were not able to attend were advised to make contact with SA to arrange a visit.</p> <p>TP asked if the recent heavy rains had caused a problem with run-off and SA confirmed that any liquid from the concrete pad is collected in an underground tank and taken off site. SA advised that the site is designed to cope with adverse weather via a back-up collection lagoon.</p> <p>SA advised that the majority of green waste is now being received at Parkgate Farm apart from that from the Salisbury area. In response to a question from JL, ED confirmed that green waste collections in Wiltshire would be processed at Parkgate Farm but that Hills would continue to consider outlets in the south of the County.</p> <p>MB asked if all green waste would continue to come to Parkgate Farm and ED stated that a certain tonnage might remain at Lower Compton but that this portion would not be produced to PAS100 standard and will be for internal use only. ED stated that recent tax changes may influence these decisions.</p> <p>JL queried what route the vehicles would use from Lower Compton to Parkgate Farm and ED advised that the transport was subcontracted and it was up to the haulage company to decide on routes.</p> <p>SA advised that around 7,500 tonnes of green waste had been received on site in the first 2 months over what had been a busy period with both bank holidays and warmer weather. Finished product would only be ready on site towards the end of July.</p> <p>Committee members questioned how odours would be managed if they ever occurred. ED confirmed that an odour management plan forms part of the permit for the site and is regulated and inspected by the Environment Agency. SA confirmed that an odour suppression system would be utilised if necessary. ED confirmed that Hills undertakes environmental health monitoring to ensure the safety of its employees.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Planning applications</b></p> <p>AP advised that Hills is in the early stages of investigating what can be achieved on the site. Various meetings will be taking place with landowners and various authorities to understand what may be possible.</p> <p>MB stated that the visual impact of any proposal was the biggest issue for local residents and AP confirmed that any proposal of this nature would require a landscape visual impact</p>	

	<p>assessment to be undertaken.</p> <p>AP advised that it was not possible to discuss any specific proposals for the site at this stage, but ED assured the committee that adequate consultation will take place to ensure that members had an opportunity to feed into the proposal.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Recycling update</b></p> <p>CC reported that in the past contract year, Hills had achieved the recycling target set for the county and exceeded it by 5,000 tonnes.</p> <p>CC reported that household recycling centres were still experiencing a drop in tonnages.</p> <p>CC reported that the new plastic bottle and cardboard collection service has resulted in bin changes at household recycling centres dropping from once per week to once every six weeks.</p> <p>In response to a complaint from JL regarding non-delivery of wheelie bins and bags for recycling, CC advised that this matter needs to be referred to Wiltshire Council.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p><u>Transport</u> MH tabled an email received from Richard Pagett regarding Hills vehicles parked in Purton village during their rest breaks.</p> <p>ED confirmed that this will be taken up with the transport division and drivers will be reminded to only parking in designated parking areas. ED requested that in order for this type of complaint to be dealt with efficiently, committee members should note the vehicle registration number, date and time and report these to Hills.</p> <p><u>Rigid plastic recycling</u> CC confirmed that recycling facility for rigid plastic was being reintroduced to household recycling centres from 1 July.</p>	Hills
7.	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held at the Purton Village Hall on Thursday 6 December at 4pm.</p>	All