



**MINUTES OF THE PURTON LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
12 FEBRUARY 2009**

Present:

Godfrey Fowler	Chairman, Purton Parish Council	GF
Mari Webster	Planning Officer, Wiltshire County Council	MW
Jacqui Lay	North Wilts District Council	JL
Ron Harris	Purton Parish Council	RH
Tony Price	Purton Parish Council	TP
Ed Dodd	Disposal Team Manager, Hills Waste Solutions Ltd	ED
Brian Fitzpatrick	Site Manager, Hills Waste Solutions Ltd	BF
Cliff Carter	Recycling Promotions Manager, Hills Waste Solutions Ltd	CC
Monique Hayes	Communications Officer, The Hills Group Ltd	MH

Apologies:

Richard Pagett, Purton Ps and Qs
 Tricia Portch, Braydon Parish Meeting
 Tim Fediw, Environment Agency

1	<p>Condolences</p> <p>Tony Price requested that condolences in respect of the death of Victor Hill be recorded.</p>	
2	<p>Items carried over from last minutes</p> <p><u>Planning permission for Purton Depot</u> Details attached – see Schedule A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED confirmed that the Depot is operating within its O Licence Contact number provided for residents to use for reporting Hills' LGV (Large Goods Vehicle) movements through Purton – telephone number is 07789 690735 (<i>information provided subsequent to the meeting</i>) <p><u>Clay exports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BF reported vehicle movements for January to December 2008 totalled 153 loads Volumes were 2,836 tonnes or 1,576 cubic metres ED confirmed that the recession would probably have an impact on these volumes downward <p><u>Tyre Shredding DVD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED reported that no suitable DVD had been sourced Agreed that if and when Hills install equipment relevant media would be obtained to provide to the Committee <p><u>Village Hall Mini Recycling Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed that the repairs to the surface had been resolved with funds from North Wilts District Council and the Purton Parish Council <p><u>Purton Parish Council Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that Hills would make a presentation to the Purton Parish Council at 19h30 on 30 March 2009. GF and CC / ED to liaise with regard to the format of the presentation and information required before the meeting GF to invite Braydon Parish Meeting to attend the meeting as well CC offered to address Braydon Parish Meeting separately if this was required 	<p>ED</p> <p>HILLS</p> <p>HILLS</p>

	<p><u>Open Day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED reported that this will be reconsidered following the Purton Parish Council Meeting on 30th March 	HILLS
3	<p>Parkgate Farm Progress</p> <p>ED reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Cell 2 (both hazardous and non hazardous) now complete Tonnages of hazardous waste disposal had dropped December – February saw lower tonnages of asbestos disposal, but this should pick up again during March – May Asbestos contaminated waste does not appear to be affected by the economic downturn as yet <p>BF reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water collected in cells containing waste is pumped out and tankered away to Avonmouth Repairs to the haul road are complete Possible earthworks to be undertaken at Parkgate Farm in the summer Footpath on the corner near the clay stockpile redone and does not flood as french drain has been installed <p>RH advised that repairs to stiles should take place in the summer. RH to liaise with BF as to which of these are on Hills' land.</p> <p>JL raised the issue of water problems (flooding), ED asked that this be discussed later in the meeting (see point 10).</p>	RH/BF
4	<p>Site Map</p> <p>To be produced for the next meeting showing land ownership boundaries</p>	HILLS
5	<p>Tyre Recycling and Composting</p> <p>Original application still has condition to be discharged with regard to surface water. The details have been submitted to the EA (Statutory Consultee) by WCC Planners, who are now awaiting their response.</p> <p>WCC have met with Hills to measure protection areas at the site. As a result the areas have been plotted on a plan and will be submitted to WCC who in turn will forward on for consultation.</p> <p>ED stated that there is no definite timescale for the start of operations but undertook to get better clarification before the Purton Parish Council meeting on 30 March.</p> <p>JL expressed concern that some residents might not be aware that this is going ahead. MW stated that she was surprised at this as significant consultation had taken place in accordance with statutory process.</p> <p>JL queried what fire protection measures would be in place for the tyre stockpile. ED commented that this issue would be looked at before starting operations and a management practice would be in place.</p>	

	<p>MW confirmed that the planning consent allowed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stockpile limit of 3 metres high • Operating hours of 07h30 – 18h00 Monday to Friday and 07h30 – 12h00 on Saturday. • No working on Sundays or bank holidays 	
<p>6</p>	<p>Household Recycling Centre (HRC)</p> <p>CC reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purton is still one of the top performing sites in Wiltshire. • The new Wiltshire Council will be looking to consolidate and have a consistent service provision across the county in waste collection, disposal and recycling operations and that Hills will be involved in this process • Hills had not suffered as much as certain re-processors with regard to the drop in prices of recycled materials as it had contracts in place for sale of some recycled materials • Income from sale of recycled materials has fallen but there are signs that prices are slowly recovering • It is anticipated that the County will reach a 40% recycling rate this year • North Wiltshire's recycling rate is as of January 2009 41% <p>JL questioned why North Wilts rate is below that of the rest of the districts. CC stated that North Wilts still operated weekly rubbish collection which did not encourage recycling. Kennet District Council and West Wilts District Council have both adopted alternate week rubbish collections (together with alternate week kerbside recycling collections) and now achieve a recycling rate of 50%.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>General Waste Disposal</p> <p>Government targets are :</p> <p>2010 – 40% 2015 – 45% 2020 – 50%</p> <p>However the Landfill Waste Directive requires a diversion of 70% of bio-degradable waste from landfill by 2020.</p> <p>ED advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From July this year waste from the south of the County will be transported to an EfW (energy from waste) plant at Colnbrook (near Slough) which will in turn generate electricity. • Hills are in discussion with Wiltshire County Council with regard to alternative waste disposal methods such as in-vessel composting; mechanical biological treatment plants (MBT) and Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) • A planning application by Hills for an MBT plant in Westbury will go before the planning committee in March and its outcome will not be affected by the mothballing of the Lafarge cement works in Westbury <p>MW reported that her department was experiencing an increase in enquiries for sites to locate these alternative waste processing plants on.</p>	

<p>9</p>	<p>Fly Tipping</p> <p>ED agreed that a skip be provided to local farmer who had experienced problems with fly tipped waste on his land. ED stressed that this will be a 'one-off' concession. Farmer to contact BF to make necessary arrangements.</p> <p>CC reported that the new unitary Council will have a dedicated team in place to investigate these instances of illegal waste disposal and fly-tipping</p> <p>Recommended that concerned / affected residents contact either their District Council (01249 706352) or the Environment Agency (EA) to report fly-tipping incidents (phone number 0800 80 70 60)</p>	<p>BF</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Flooding Issues</p> <p>ED stated that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this issue goes beyond the realm of the Liaison Committee meetings and is being investigated by the EA • he would be happy to deal with JL on this issue outside of the meeting <p>JL stated that the issue will probably have to be referred back to the Purton Parish Council as she could not guarantee being re-elected when the new unitary Council comes into effect on 1 April.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p><u>Repairs to the Millenium Hall</u></p> <p>RH and TP confirmed that repairs to the flooring were complete and that they were awaiting pricing on further projects to send to Community First.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Agreed that meetings would now be held once every 6 months to allow sufficient time for Hills to gather any requested information and report back to the Committee.</p> <p>Agreed that the next meeting will take place at 16h00 on Thursday 16 July.</p>	

See Schedule A – attached on next page.



SCHEDULE A

NOTE: This information applies to the Hills Purton Depot and does not include the Purton Household Recycling Centre or the other tenants in the Mopes Lane Industrial Estate (e.g. Handygas, Booth & Sons)

Operating Licence

The Operating Licence for the Purton Depot allows for 30 Large Goods Vehicles (LGVs) and 5 trailers.

There are no restricted operating hours.

Hills' Operations

Hills currently operate 18 LGVs and 3 trailers.

From Monday to Friday there is one vehicle which leaves the depot at 04h30. This is a trade waste vehicle and needs to leave at this time to ensure that its collection round which covers industrial estates and commercial premises in the Swindon and surrounding areas is complete before car parks and narrow roads become blocked with traffic / parked vehicles.

The remainder of the fleet leaves the depot from 06h00 onwards at a rate of approximately 6 vehicles per hour.

All vehicles in the depot are parked facing forward so as to avoid the noise of reversing beepers in the morning.

The workshop operating hours are from 06h00 to 22h00 (Monday to Friday) and Saturday mornings. The workshop usually closes at 17h00 during the week, however if there is an emergency then it could stay open until 22h00. The workshop and depot do not open on a Sunday.