



Minutes of the Northacre resource recovery centre liaison committee meeting held on 4 October 2012.

**Present**

**Wiltshire Council**

Cllr Linda Conley  
 Jo Riley  
 Cllr David Jenkins (also representing Westbury Town Council)  
 Cllr Francis Morland (also representing Westbury Town Council & Heywood Parish Council)  
 Dean Thomas, planning enforcement

**Westbury Dairies**

Andy West

**Hills Waste Solutions**

Ed Dodd  
 Simon Thomas

**Hills Group**

Monique Hayes

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. Welcome and apologies</b>	
Ed Dodd welcomed everyone to the meeting. No apologies were tabled.	
<b>2. Introductions</b>	
All present introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their role and interest in the Northacre resource recovery centre.	
<b>3. Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
<u>Westbury Area Board</u> Hills confirmed that information on the development of the Northacre RRC had been provided to the Area Board for circulation. Cllr Conley requested to be copied into any information provided to the Area Board. Wiltshire Council had requested Hills to attend the next Area Board meeting, however this was not possible due to other commitments on that date, but Hills would look to do so in the future. Cllr Jenkins stated that at the previous Area Board meeting members of the public had queried why a household recycling centre (HRC) had not been built on site as detailed in the original planning application. Ed Dodd confirmed that whilst Hills had obtained planning permission for a HRC, the provision of the facility was a matter to be taken up with Wiltshire Council. Cllr Conley stated that the provision of HRC facilities would need to be viewed in the context of the whole of Wiltshire and that all HRC and recycling facilities were being reviewed by the Council at the moment.	Hills  Hills
<u>Invitation to other liaison committee members</u> Ed Dodd confirmed that no other parties had been put forward to attend	

<p>these liaison meetings.</p> <p>There were no outstanding matters from the previous minutes.</p>	
<b>4. Update on site progress</b>	
<p><u>Construction</u> Ed Dodd gave a brief update on the build progress and confirmed that construction is due to be completed in December 2012 followed by a 6-9 month commissioning phase which will start in Jan 2013. . It is anticipated that the site will be fully operational by September 2013</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Jenkins Ed explained that commissioning is necessary to ensure that the plant processes the volumes of waste it is contracted to receive and produces the correct output material. During this period small amounts of waste will be delivered to the site and processed through the plant. If required, adjustments will be made to the equipment to the gain the required results. This period also allows for independent certification of the entire plant.</p> <p><u>Vehicles</u> In response to a question from Cllr Morland, Jo Riley confirmed that refuse vehicles would deliver waste to the site and then return to their respective depots. Jo further advised that a review of vehicle rounds would take place once the site was fully operational.</p> <p><u>Environment Agency permit</u> Cllr Jenkins asked if the Environment Agency (EA) would be inspecting the site and Ed Dodd advised that the EA require a Construction Quality Assurance report on the site which Hills will start processing in the next few weeks. Once the EA are satisfied with the report they will issue an Environmental Permit and it is to the standards set out in this permit that Hills will have to operate the site under.</p> <p><u>Site visits</u> Cllr Conley advised that Council members would be interested in visiting the site and it was confirmed that this would be arranged as soon as practically possible.</p> <p><u>Use of potential extra capacity</u> Cllr Morland asked if the plant would only be used to process waste from Wiltshire and Jo Riley confirmed that the contract between Wiltshire Council and Hills was for 60,000 tonnes of Wiltshire's waste . Ed Dodd advised that any requirement to optimise the capacity of the site would be discussed with Wiltshire in advance. Cllrs Morland and Jenkins stated that this was a sensitive issue as there were potential traffic impacts on the town. Cllr Conley stated that the Northacre liaison meeting was not the forum to discuss the Council's Waste Sites Allocation Plan.</p>	Hills
<b>5. Planning applications</b>	
<p><u>Minor material amendment</u> Ed Dodd confirmed that information had been circulated to committee members regarding the planning application for a minor material amendment to the existing planning permission.</p>	

<p><u>Fabric filter</u> Ed Dodd advised that this application was still with the planning authority awaiting determination.</p> <p><u>Photovoltaic (PV) project</u> Ed Dodd advised that Hills and Wiltshire Council are in discussions with regard to placing PV cells onto the roof of the building. Whilst these do not require planning permission, there are some design considerations that need to be taken into account.</p>	
<p>Any other business</p>	
<p><u>Future use for output from Northacre</u> Ed Dodd advised that the solid recovered fuel (SRF) output from the site will initially be transported to Germany where there is an established market for SRF. Ed confirmed that Hills continues to investigate alternate local outlets for SRF and that preliminary discussions had been held with interested parties. Cllr Conley confirmed that Wiltshire Council was in favour of finding local markets for the SRF output from Northacre.</p>	<p>Hills</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 March at 4.00pm at the Northacre resource recovery centre.</p>	<p>All</p>