



Minutes of the Northacre resource recovery centre liaison committee meeting held on 24 October 2013

Present

Wiltshire Council

Jo Riley (JR)
Dean Thomas (DT)
Graham Steady (GS)

Heywood Parish Council

Cllr Francis Morland (FM)

Environment Agency

Paul Wilkinson (PW)

Westbury Dairies

Andy West (AW)

Hills Waste Solutions

Ed Dodd (ED)

Hills Group

Monique Hayes

	ACTION
1. Apologies	
Apologies were tabled from Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Ezra, Simon Thomas	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
3. Update on site progress	
<p><u>Pest control</u></p> <p>ED updated the meeting and advised that 3 complaints had been received over the past month, however no corresponding increase in fly numbers had been recorded at the NRRC.</p> <p>PW reported 2 complaints had been received in October, however investigations revealed that flies numbers reported by the complainants were not at a volume to be considered a problem.</p> <p>ED confirmed that fly spraying continues to be undertaken twice a week. PW confirmed that the fly management plan for the plant had been approved.</p> <p><u>Commissioning of plant</u></p> <p>ED advised that the performance test phase of commission had ended on 8 October with final results expected in the next week. Results were being analysed by an independent certifier and further planned commissioning testing will take place once the analysis has been made available.</p> <p>ED advised that around 500 tonnes of solid recovered fuel (SRF) had been sent to Germany during the performance test and that the logistics for this had worked well.</p> <p>ED advised that since 8 October volumes of waste into the site had reduced to</p>	

<p>the minimum required to keep the processes in the plant running and would remain so until performance test results were analysed and the plant was put into full operation.</p> <p>ED confirmed that waste is being sent to landfill at Lower Compton, and that the same would be done during any period when the NRRC was not able to accept waste such as during the scheduled annual two week shutdown period.</p> <p>FM queried if Wiltshire had sufficient waste to fulfil the 60,000 tonne contract requirement and ED explained how Hills was working with Wiltshire Council to ensure the requirement could be met.</p> <p><u>Air monitoring / emissions</u></p> <p>AW queried if the results of the air monitoring tests were available to be shared. ED agreed to forward the results of pre-operational tests to AW together with results of more recent tests once queries on collection methods used had been resolved with the technical suppliers who had these under review. ED confirmed that testing will be undertaken every six months.</p> <p>PW advised that the Environment Agency had historical data on the limits agreed for testing and could make these available if required.</p>	<p>HILLS</p>
<p>4. Planning applications</p>	
<p>ED advised that the method of passing air from the refinement section of the plant through the fabric filter and then back into the biohall and finally through the biofilter was not delivering the efficiencies expected. As a result it was Hills' intention to submit a planning application to change air filter emissions from being internal to being external. Analysis of the results of air tests will determine the methodology to be employed and inform the preparation of the planning application.</p> <p>FM queried why changes to the design of the plant were needed as, at the time of submission of the original planning application, it was given as an example of best design and technology. FM stated that people now needed to be reassured that the original standards laid down were not being impaired. ED explained that operational efficiencies will be achieved by making these changes.</p> <p>ED further advised that is not unusual to have changes of this nature applied to newly built facilities such as the NRRC and that the requirement for these changes had come about as a result of the commissioning tests.</p>	
<p>5. Any other business</p>	
<p>There was no other business.</p>	
<p>6. Next meeting</p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27 March at 4pm at the Northacre RRC.</p>	<p>All</p>