



Minutes of the Northacre resource recovery centre liaison committee meeting held on 10 July 2014

Present

Wiltshire Council

Jo Riley (JR)
Dean Thomas (DT)
John Carter (JC)

Heywood Parish Council

Cllr Francis Morland (FM)

Environment Agency

Paul Wilkinson (PW)

Hills Waste Solutions

Simon Thomas (ST)

Hills Group

Monique Hayes

	ACTION
1. Apologies	
Apologies were tabled from Cllr Jenkins, Martin Litherland, Ed Dodd	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
3. Update on site progress	
<p><u>Site operations</u> ST provided an updated on operations at the site and confirmed the plant is running at full capacity. ST advised that a planned shut down of the site is scheduled to take place from 10-17 October when the shredder would be upgraded and an automatic fogging system may be installed.</p> <p><u>Environmental Compliance</u> Pest control ST confirmed that no further issues regarding flies had been experienced. PW reported that protocols had been agreed with Wiltshire Council on communications strategy for any future issues relating to the site. JC advised that the next issue of the Wiltshire Council magazine would include an article on good waste bin management for the county's residents ST confirmed the fly management programme agreed with the Environment Agency had proved effective.</p> <p>Odour monitoring ST reported that one complaint had been received regarding intermittent odours and the complainant had been provided with the relevant site contact details to report any future issue. ST provided an update on the odour monitoring system in place which includes wind direction monitoring. PW confirmed that the Environment Agency was satisfied with the controls in place.</p>	

<p><u>Air monitoring / emissions</u></p> <p>ST confirmed that the results from the readings taken from the bio filter emissions were all compliant and within the permitted levels.</p>	
4. Planning applications	
<p>ST advised that any potential planning application for a further emission point via a stack would only be pursued if all other operational adjustments had been investigated and exhausted. ST confirmed that whilst the biofilter was working effectively, by removing the dust from being sent through efficiencies can be improved further. ST confirmed that emission limits for any future stack would be subject to the same limits as per the existing permit.</p> <p>ST explained the sensitivity of the emission levels at this site as a result of the close proximity of the dairy operations and advised that readings recorded were well within permitted levels.</p> <p>ST confirmed that members would be advised in advance of any proposed planning applications.</p> <p>ST advised that new regulations require the site to have a PPC permit and Hills would make the necessary application by 15 September 2014. ST confirmed that this does not impact on the site processes and procedures.</p>	
5. Any other business	
<p><u>Photovoltaic panels</u> ST confirmed that approximately 350 KVA of solar panels had been installed on the roof of the plant by Wiltshire Council.</p> <p><u>Community support</u> MH advised that Hills is one of the three main sponsors for the this year's Westbury Music and Arts Festival and will also be providing £1,500 sponsorship for the Westbury RFC.</p>	
6. Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 October at 4pm at the Northacre RRC.</p>	<p>All</p>