



Minutes of the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre liaison committee meeting held on 16 October 2014

**Present**

**Wiltshire Council**

Jo Riley (JR)  
 Dean Thomas (DT)  
 John Carter (JC)  
 Cllr J Wickham (JW)  
 Cllr D Jenkins (DJ)

**Arla Foods Westbury Dairies**

George Nicholls (GN)

**Heywood Parish Council**

Cllr Francis Morland (FM)

**Environment Agency**

Paul Wilkinson (PW)

**Hills Waste Solutions**

Simon Thomas (ST)  
 Ed Dodd (ED)

**Hills Group**

Monique Hayes

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
No apologies were received	
<b>2. Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
<b>3. Update on site progress</b>	
<p><u>Site operations</u>            ST advised that the plant was operating efficiently and was undergoing its annual shutdown, with normal operations set to resume on Monday 20 October.</p> <p><u>Environmental Compliance</u></p> <p><b>Pest control</b>            ST confirmed that no further issues regarding flies had been experienced, and this was down to an effective fly management programme which had been agreed with the Environment Agency            ST advised that two complaints about flies had been received in the past two months, however further investigation confirmed the fly type was not one associated with waste activities and could not be attributed to the Northacre RRC.</p> <p><b>Odour monitoring</b>            ST reported that further investigation into two odour complaints received had both proven to be unsubstantiated.</p> <p><b>PPC Permit</b>            ST confirmed that an application had been submitted to the Environment Agency to convert the</p>	

Waste Management Licence to a PPC Permit as required by new regulations. ST confirmed that this does not impact on the site processes and procedures.

Route planning

JW enquired how the change to transport routes to and from the site were working and ST confirmed that there were no issues to report.

**4. Planning applications**

**Fabric filter**

ED advised that the proposed planning application for a fabric filter was not being progressed.

**Outlet for SRF / Northacre Renewable Energy**

ED advised that Hills had entered a period of public consultation in regard to proposals to construct a renewable energy plant (Northacre Renewable Energy) on the land between the Northacre RRC and Arla Foods Westbury Dairies plant.

ED explained that the technology being proposed at the Northacre RE is an advanced thermal treatment (ATT) process known as gasification, and was different to and significantly better than conventional technology. ED advised that up to 22 megawatts of power would be produced by the facility.

PW confirmed that the proposed site would have an Environment Agency permit setting out emission levels and controls. PW added that facilities of this nature have much higher emission level controls than other sites with stacks.

DJ advised that local residents were concerned about emissions from the stack, its height and the high temperatures that the plant was going to operate at.

ED confirmed that consultants were preparing all the necessary environmental and transport reports to support the application and that detailed information would be made available at the public exhibition being held on 4 November at Northacre RRC from 2-8pm where the public were invited to attend and be able to ask questions.

ED explained that discussions were being held with local businesses who may be interested in benefitting from the electricity, with any electricity not used being sent to the National Grid. ED confirmed that neither electricity nor heat would be available for local homes.

FM queried if the adjacent Dairy would be taking electricity. GN advised that the Dairy is interested in the proposals as a potential energy user, but also from an environmental perspective and that they would seek independent environmental advice and air quality monitoring. GN stated that the Dairy is interested in the sustainability of what is on offer as that is an important factor in their business model.

FM questioned why both an MBT plant and the proposed new plant were required and ED explained that this gasification process required a mixed blend of fuel (both SRF made at the Northacre RRC and C&I waste destined for landfill). ED confirmed that 25% of the total feedstock would come from the Northacre RRC with the remainder sourced from C&I waste in the area destined for landfill.

FM expressed concern regarding potential increase in traffic movements through Heywood area. JW stated that there are agreed routes for lorries accessing and leaving the industrial estate and this was confirmed by ED.

General discussion was held with regard to the various waste management contracts that Hills has in place with Wiltshire Council in particular regarding tonnages to the Lakeside EfW plant and the existing Northacre RRC.

FM queried if tyres would be in the feedstock of C&I waste and ED confirmed that it was not Hills intention to take this type of specific material into the new facility. JR confirmed that tyres

<p>collected at Wiltshire's household recycling centres are sent elsewhere for recovery.</p> <p>FM questioned why the proposed new plant could not be built on the Lafarge site, ED explained the reasons why this would not be viable.</p> <p>JW asked where other similar facilities of this nature were located and ED gave details.</p> <p>JW confirmed that Wiltshire Council is not a partner in this venture.</p> <p>ED invited all committee members to submit any queries they have in relation to this proposal either direct to himself or via the website.</p>	
<p><b>5. Any other business</b></p>	
<p>There was no other business.</p>	
<p><b>6. Next meeting</b></p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15 January at 4pm at the Northacre RRC.</p>	<p>All</p>