



Minutes of the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre liaison committee meeting held on 15 October 2015.

Present

Wiltshire Council

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

Westbury Town Council

No representative

Heywood Parish Council

Cllr Francis Morland (FM)

Environment Agency

Paul Wilkinson (PW)
Paul Scotford (PSC)

Westbury Dairies

No representative

Hills Waste Solutions

Paul Scriven (PS)
Ed Dodd (ED)

Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
1. Apologies	
Councillor Horace Prickett	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
3. Update on site progress	
Site operations ED introduced Paul Scriven as the new Northacre RRC plant manager who joined Hills in September 2015. ED gave a site update and confirmed that output rates of SRF were at target levels. ED advised that baled SRF being stored on site was due to the summer shutdown of EfW plant in Europe and that normal export operations were due to commence within days. Temporary storage of the SRF on site had been agreed with the Environment Agency. ED advised that the Northacre RRC operations were temporarily suspended following repairs required to the primary trommel screener. Indications of metal fatigue in the trommel screener had been discovered during routine inspections of the plant. The suspension of operations was not expected to last more than a few days and had not affected the tonnage levels required in terms of the supply contract with Wiltshire Council. ED confirmed that this suspension had not affected the processing of material already received on site, and that SRF was still being produced. All health & safety and environmental conditions were still being complied with.	

<p>Environmental Compliance</p> <p><u>Complaints</u> PW reported that some complaints regarding flies had been received by the Environment Agency in June and these coincided with the week's shutdown of the plant. JC advised that in April and June, complainants were requested by Wiltshire Council Environmental Health Officers to collect samples of flies, but that none of the complainants had taken this up. DJ reported that some residents had reported an increase in fly numbers to him, but that he personally had not experienced this increase. PW advised that Westbury Dairies keep records on fly numbers and they had not reported any spike in fly numbers of the period. PS confirmed that this was a good indicator as Westbury Dairies have records which go back to the time before the Northacre plant was built. ED confirmed that no further preventative maintenance shutdowns of the Northacre RRC would be planned to take place in the summer months. PW reported that odour complaints which had been received were investigated and it was established that the Northacre RRC was not the source.</p> <p><u>Pest control</u> ED confirmed that the fly management plan remained operational.</p> <p><u>PPC Permit</u> PW confirmed that the process to convert the Waste Management Licence to a PPC Permit, was supposed to have been finalised in September, however had been put on hold pending a decision by the Environment Agency as to what requirements will be included for fire prevention methods.</p>	
4. Planning applications	
<p>Outlet for SRF / Northacre Renewable Energy ED confirmed that planning permission to build a renewable energy centre (using advanced thermal treatment called gasification) adjacent to the Northacre RRC had been granted.</p> <p>Discussion was held in regard to the environmental monitoring requirements for the plant, PW advised that these could not be discussed in detail as no Environmental Permit had been applied for at this stage. PW confirmed that based on previous experience of these type of plants, critical monitoring of a number of aspects and emissions would be required and enforced by the Environment Agency.</p> <p>ED explained that Hills was now in a position to put further resources into the financial modelling and engage with project partners and that the application for an Environmental Permit was still some way off.</p> <p>Committee members enquired if there would be a separate liaison committee for the Northacre Renewable Energy project and ED advised that this would depend on the final ownership of the plant as the development would be a private entity, unlike the Northacre RRC which was linked to a contact with Wiltshire Council.</p>	
5. Any other business	
<p>There was no other business.</p>	
6. Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 24 March 2016 at 4pm at the Northacre RRC.</p>	<p>All</p>