

Minutes of the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre liaison committee meeting held on 7 April 2016.

Present

Wiltshire Council

Jo Riley (JR) John Carter (JC) Councillor David Jenkins (DJ)

Westbury Town Council

No representative

Heywood Parish Council

Councillor Francis Morland (FM)

Environment Agency

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 J Wickham; Paul Wilkinson, Environment Agency	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
PS confirmed that the trommel had been repaired and was back in service.	
3. Update on site progress	
Site operations	
PS gave a site update and confirmed that there were no operational issues to report. SRF / RDF output rates were at target level. PS confirmed that the scheduled 5 day shutdown had taken place in March which allowed routine maintenance and cleaning to be undertaken. There were no issues to report. PS advised that the next shutdown was scheduled for October 2016.	
ED advised that material from BANES had been accepted at site from before Christmas 2015 until the end of January 2016. During this 3 – 4 week period, Hills exported SRF to New Earth Solutions facility at Avonmouth and used this as a trial to assess the suitability of the SRF for that type of plant.	

Environmental Compliance

Complaints

PS advised that since the last meeting one odour complaint from The Ham had been received however this was not able to be verified as having come from Northacre RRC at the time. ED explained that there are sometimes odours that have been traced back to the adjacent Arla plant water treatment facility and confirmation had been received that this issue is being dealt with by Arla.

Pest control

ED confirmed that the fly management plan remained operational.

PS advised that an audit of the fly management plan is being undertaken in the lead up to the warmer weather period.

PSC advised that the EA had been looking into fly management procedures for plants such as Northacre and will be using the Hills fly management plan as good practice guidance for other similar facilities.

PPC Permit

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.

4. Planning applications

Northacre RRC

ED advised that there are no planning applications for NRRC in the near future.

Outlet for SRF / Northacre Renewable Energy

ED advised that Hills is going back into the market regarding the technology provider as a substantial amount of time had passed since the planning permission was granted. ED also advised that Hills is looking to bring in a development partner on the project and this could have an influence over the final technology selected, although this will still be a gasification technology.

ED explained that there is the likelihood that the footprint of the plant will reduce and elevations of the plant building will increase and such changes are part of the design development of any large project. If this is the case, the planning permission will require modifying to incorporate the design changes. Further, if the footprint of the plant reduces, the stack will probably move closer to the building and this will also require modifications to the planning permission.

ED advised that we should have secured partners for the project within the next 3-4 months and that construction of the plant would be completed towards the end of 2018.

5. Any other business

There was no other business.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 August 2016 at 4pm at the Northacre RRC.

ΑII