



Minutes of the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre liaison committee meeting held on 18 August 2016.

Present

Wiltshire Council

Jo Riley (JR)
Dean Thomas (Planning) (DT)
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

Ed Dodd (ED)
Paul Scriven (PS)

	ACTION
1. Apologies	
No apologies received.	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
3. Update on site progress	
Site Operations PS gave a site update and confirmed there were no current issues to report. Acceptance of waste deliveries was stopped for one day in May due to cable fault on an overhead crane. A planned shutdown is scheduled for the week commencing 31 October for five days when planned maintenance work is to be carried out. During June, Stephenson Road was closed from the end of Brook Lane for a short time by the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service due to an incident at Waste Matters. As no vehicles could access site, waste was diverted until the situation was resolved. The plant continued to run as normal during this time. ED confirmed Hills would be happy to start a dialogue with Waste Matters – PSC confirmed EA encouraged businesses to be in contact with neighbouring businesses.	

<p>Environmental Compliance</p> <p><u>Complaints</u> Complaints were received by Hills, Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency during May bank holiday weekend regarding flies in the local area. This was during the first spell of warm weather of the summer season. There was no evidence to suggest that the plant was the source of the flies. No issues had been identified with regards to fly numbers on site, and all usual control measures were in place.</p> <p>An invitation was extended to all complainants to attend a site for a tour of the facility, to learn about the process and control methods implemented to control flies. 26 complainants were invited to this, of which 5 attended.</p> <p>Since this meeting, weekly monitoring of fly boards has been conducted at the attendees' residences, along with the homes of Hills employees in the area and further afield for reference. Small sheds containing fly monitoring boards have also been placed on the land surrounding the site. Hills has engaged the services of an entomologist to analyse all the fly monitoring boards and report findings in order to build up a data set of activity.</p> <p>PSC confirmed that the Environment Agency has visited the site on several occasions and continual improvements and adjustments were being made, including the procurement of a vacuum to gather dust and debris in the refinement area.</p>	
<p>4. Planning applications</p>	
<p><u>Northacre RRC</u> A Section 73 application has been submitted to Wiltshire Council to formalise the incoming waste tonnage at 90,000 tonnes per annum. If successful, increased plant revenue could benefit Wiltshire Council by offsetting costs. PS/ED to clarify exactly which condition is being varied as no limit on tonnage was specified in the original planning application. FM indicated that residents of Westbury and Westbury Town Council will be concerned about material from outside of Wiltshire coming to the plant with the suggestion that an exhibition should be held to explain the details to interested parties. ED undertook to consider the options on how Hills will engage with Westbury Town Council.</p> <p><u>Northacre Renewable Energy</u> Budgets and tender prices are being reviewed at present. There is a likelihood that there will be a change in technology provide due to economic circumstances. Section 73 application is likely to be submitted when plans are remodelled, however no significant changes will be made and the layout will remain similar. Timetable for this is not defined but Hills anticipate having the section 73 application prepared towards the end of 2016 for submission in 2017. ED confirmed that Hills would remain as developer, shareholder and main point of contact on the project.</p>	<p>ED/PS</p> <p>ED</p>
<p>5. Any other business</p>	
<p>FM enquired whether signage was present off Stephenson Road regarding weight limit on bridge. JR to enquire with Highways Agency if traffic order is in place and correct signage to enforce. PS confirmed Hills has an agreed route plan for traffic to site which is distributed to hauliers.</p>	<p>JR</p>
<p>6. Next meeting</p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8 December 2016.</p>	<p>ALL</p>