



Minutes of the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre liaison committee meeting held on 6 April 2017.

Present

Wiltshire Council

Jo Riley (JR)
Gary Tomsett (GT)
Cllr Horace Prickett (HP)

Westbury Town Council

No Representative

Heywood Parish Council

Councillor Francis Morland

Environment Agency

Paul Scotford (PSC)
Russell Harwood (RH)

Westbury Dairies

No representative

Hills Waste Solutions

Ed Dodd (ED)
Paul Scriven (PS)
Monique Hayes (MH)

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| 1. Apologies | |
| Councillor David Jenkins; Councillor Horace Prickett, John Carter, Martin Litherland, Dean Thomas | |
| 2. Minutes of the previous meeting | |
| <p>Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with the following notes:</p> <p><u>Highways</u> FM requested JR to enquire with Highways if there is a weight limit on the section of Brook Lane from the roundabout off Storridge Road /B3097 and to advise them that one of the priority signs has been damaged and now presents conflicting information.</p> <p><u>Planning</u> A section 73 planning application to formalise the incoming waste tonnage for treatment at up to 90,000 tonnes per annum has been approved and the Environmental Permit has been updated and issued. ED advised that a contract with a neighbouring local authority for treating 15,000 tonnes of household waste per annum for 2 years had not commenced and the committee would be kept updated on the start date.</p> | <p>JR</p> <p>ED</p> |
| 3. Update on site operations | |
| <p>Site Operations</p> <p>PS confirmed that the plant continues to operate effectively and is slightly below target on volumes through the site.</p> <p>PS reported that a planned five-day maintenance shutdown had been undertaken from 27-31 March. The next planned shutdown will be at the end of October.</p> <p>PS gave details of the small fire which had occurred in the evening of Friday 17 February. PS confirmed that the onsite fire suppression system had successfully extinguished the fire and that no one was injured and there was no damage to the building or equipment. PS praised</p> | |

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| <p>employees on site for their quick reaction along with the Fire Service who had attended site in a support capacity to assist with dampening down the affected area. PS confirmed that the site's emergency procedures had been reviewed and updated following the incident. PSC confirmed that there had been no environmental damage as a result of the fire and that the fire suppression system on site was regarded as very efficient and is in fact used as an example reference for other EA officers. ED expressed frustration at how the local media had reported on the incident despite Hills' providing the correct details at the time. FM enquired what caused the fire and PS confirmed that it was not related to any mechanical issue or operational failure, and had arisen from within the waste and the exact cause would probably never be established.</p> <p>Environmental Compliance</p> <p><u>Complaints</u> PS advised that a total of 31 complaints had been received by Hills, the Environment Agency and Wiltshire Council from local residents regarding an increase in flies in the area over the weekend of 2nd April, however, it was understood that a number of these were multiple complaints from the same complainants. PS confirmed that fly management monitoring systems on site had not recorded a corresponding increase in flies and as warmer weather had been predicted, additional spraying / fogging had been undertaken on site. PSC advised that in response to calls to the Environment Agency, he had visited the site and some local residents' homes on 3 April, as the Agency was concerned that the site may be causing the fly issue in the area. FM enquired if any samples of flies had been collected, and PSC and PS confirmed that this had been done and samples were being analysed by an entomologist to establish the fly type. ED stated that Hills takes all complaints seriously and were in continued dialogue with the Environment Agency on the report produced following the Environment Agency site visit on 3 April. Hills, Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency all confirmed that they would each respond individually to complaints received and PS stated that Hills had already made contact with the 3 people who had complained directly to the company. FM asked to be copied in on any statement to be issued by Hills in this regard.</p> | <p>MH</p> |
| <p>4. Planning applications</p> | |
| <p><u>Northacre RRC</u> PS advised that a variation to the Environmental Permit had been issued allowing for the temporary storage of SRF outside of the warehouse between December and the end of February to accommodate back-haulage delays with the contractor.</p> <p><u>ATT / Northacre Renewable Energy</u> ED advised that there had been a delay to submitting a Section 73 planning application to deal with proposed layout changes of the plant. The committee will be kept informed on progress.</p> | <p>ED</p> |
| <p>5. Any other business</p> | |
| <p><u>Alternative waste trial</u> PSC advised that the Environment Agency had given permission for a trial to process an alternative load of waste similar to that which will be required from the Northacre Renewable Energy plant.</p> | |
| <p>6. Next meeting</p> | |
| <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7 September 2017.</p> | <p>ALL</p> |