



**Minutes of an additional Northacre RRC liaison committee meeting held on 16 November 2017 at the Northacre RRC, Westbury, to provide committee members with details in connection with:**

- Northacre Renewable Energy Limited's plans to submit a Section 73 application to vary Planning Permission 14/12003/WCM for an Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility at Stephenson Road, Northacre Trading Estate, Westbury
- Hills Waste Solutions' plans to activate existing planning permission for vehicle parking on land adjacent to Northacre RRC
- Hills Waste Solutions' proposal to submit a planning application to erect a building to include offices, workshop, welfare facilities and a transfer station on land adjacent to Northacre RRC.

**Present**

<p><b>Wiltshire Council</b>          Martin Litherland (ML)          John Carter (JC)          Cllr Horace Prickett (HP) (&amp; North Bradley PC)          Cllr D Jenkins (DJ)          Jo Riley (JR)          Cllr Russell Hawker (RH)</p> <p><b>Westbury Town Council</b>          Cllr David Tout (DT)          Cllr Gordon King (GK)          Cllr Nick Pyne (NP)</p> <p><b>Heywood Parish Council</b>          Councillor Francis Morland (FM)</p>	<p><b>Environment Agency</b>          Jim Wilkinson (JW)</p> <p><b>Land and Mineral Management</b>          Lesley Loane (LL)</p> <p><b>Bioenergy Infrastructure Group</b>          Alex Young (AY)</p> <p><b>Hills Waste Solutions</b>          Ed Dodd (ED)          Paul Scriven (PS)          Monique Hayes (MH)          Steve Burns (SB)</p>
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	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
Mike Wilmot, Head of Development Management, Wiltshire Council Dean Thomas, Planning Enforcement Officer, Wiltshire Council	
<b>2. Northacre Renewable Energy Limited's plans to submit a Section 73 application to vary Planning Permission 14/12003/WCM for an Advanced Thermal Treatment (ATT) Facility</b>	
<p>ED welcomed everyone to the meeting and updated members on Northacre Renewable Energy's (NRE) intention to submit a section 73 planning application in relation to the ATT facility. ED explained that this was as a result of negotiations with the Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contractor together with assessments of emerging guidance from the Environment Agency on Best Available Technique (BAT). The section 73 application covers adjustments to the original approved plans and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase height of buildings to incorporate more efficient boiler system and to facilitate safe access around the boiler plant</li> <li>• Increase in Stack height</li> <li>• Enclosing the thermal plant to assist in year round operations and maintenance</li> <li>• Separating the waste reception building and the thermal building to comply with standard for fire control.</li> <li>• One less turbine and bank of Air Cooled Condensers.</li> </ul>	

<p>ED explained that Section 73 applications for variations to a project on this scale are part of the process and there are likely to be others.</p> <p>ED advised that BIG are development partners on the project and are owners and operators of various bio-mass and similar waste to energy facilities in the UK.</p> <p>ED advised that for commercial reasons NRE had decided earlier in 2016 to move away from Chinook as potential gasification technology suppliers.</p> <p>In response to questions regarding the increase in stack height, ED advised that NRE has seen Environment Agency (EA) draft guidance and responses to other similar applications and therefore anticipates that the EA will request an increase in stack height.</p> <p>DJ enquired who will undertake the emissions monitoring and ED advised that both the EA and NRE will be doing so. ED advised that emissions from the stack will be monitored by Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) package to demonstrate compliance with emissions limits (half hourly and daily) which NRE has a legal obligation to provide this information to the EA. ED explained that constant monitoring (ie CEMS), had a back-up, which operated and monitored from a control room, manned 24x7.</p> <p>ED advised that a significant amount of the total capital costs in this project covers plant and equipment to treat emissions and that the EA will not issue the Environmental Permit if the facility does not comply with the requirements of the Industrial Emissions Directive.</p> <p>RH stated that the main concern regarding the NRE facility was the threat of emissions and in his view a higher stack was preferable. RH also raised concerns regarding plume grounding on properties at higher ground. ED advised that the height of the stack is determined by air quality modelling with the proximity of other buildings in the area having an influence. Air quality modelling covers a defined area which includes the houses on higher ground.</p> <p>JW from the EA advised that statutory consultees will be consulted when the Environmental Permit application is received by the EA, however the application will be assessed at a national level and not locally. JW advised that the permit application will need to comply with current guidance at the time and that the standards are very high. JW stated that he would welcome a pre-application discussion on the Environmental Permit and requested that he be advised when the final permit application is submitted.</p> <p>GK enquired what material considerations need to be considered. JW advised that the Environmental Permit application has to comply with the standards of the Industrial Emissions Directive.</p> <p>ED confirmed that the section 73 planning application did not make any changes to the red line on the original planning application.</p> <p>ED confirmed that the original planning permission has a condition which requires NRE to agree a transport plan and that vehicles would use an agreed routeing.</p> <p>FM enquired if there was a requirement to increase the tonnages at the Northacre RRC (MBT plant) and ED confirmed that this was not required.</p> <p>ED offered to attend the next Westbury Area Board meeting to present details on the section 73 planning application and provide an update on the ATT plant. MH to provide details to Roger Bishton at Wiltshire Council.</p>	<p>HILLS / MH</p>
<p><b>3. Hills Waste Solutions' plans to activate existing planning permission for vehicle parking on land adjacent to Northacre RRC</b></p>	
<p>SB explained that the original planning permission for Northacre RRC included a vehicle depot and that it was Hills intention to activate this permission. SB advised that the exact number of vehicles had not yet been determined, but it may require a section 73 planning application if the number required exceeded that allowed in the original permission.</p>	

**4. Hills Waste Solutions' proposal to submit a planning application to erect a building to include offices, workshop, welfare facilities and a transfer station on land adjacent to Northacre RRC.**

SB gave details on Hills intention to submit a planning application for a waste transfer station on the land in front of Northacre RRC to deal with bulking up and onward transfer of both garden waste and dry mixed recyclable material. SB explained this would be a more efficient method of dealing with recycling material from the local area and would result in fewer vehicles as they would no longer need to travel to Lower Compton near Calne.

FM stated that local people would be disappointed that there is no household recycling centre being built. ED explained that Hills do not operate independent recycling centres and the provision of these facilities was the responsibility of Wiltshire Council.