



Minutes of the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre liaison committee meeting held on 24 October 2019 at the Northacre RRC site meeting room.

Present

Wiltshire Council

Jo Emery – Waste Management Team Leader (JR)
Sean Lane – Waste Officer (SL)

Westbury Town Council

Councillor Nick Pyne (NP)

Heywood Parish Council

Councillor Francis Morland (FM)

Environment Agency

Jim Wilkinson (JW)

Arla Foods

George Nicholls (GN)
Lynn Roberts (LR)

Hills Waste Solutions

Paul Scriven (PS)

The Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
1. Apologies	
John Carter, Head of Public Protection, Wiltshire Council Gary Tomsett, Environmental Control and Protection Team Manager, Wiltshire Council Ed Dodd, Group director, Hills Waste Solutions	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
3. Update on site operations	
<p><u>Site Operations</u> PS confirmed that operations were running smoothly since the last meeting with no unplanned shutdowns. PS advised that the scheduled 5-day shutdown will commence on 11 November when routine maintenance will be undertaken. The plant will reopen on 18 November. FM enquired where the waste goes during shutdown period and PS advised that the contract specifies for it to be taken to the transfer station at Lower Compton for onward transport to the EfW facility at Slough or stored and transferred to the MBT once operational. PS stated that a significant volume of the RDF is sent to Holland and may incur, if agreed by the Dutch Government, an incineration tax of €32 per tonne that could be implemented as soon as 1st January 2020. There are currently no plans to introduce a tax in Germany.</p> <p>JW enquired what contingency had been made for potential disruption of SRF/RDF to Europe due to Brexit. PS advised that waste would either be sent to the landfill at Lower Compton or onto other outlets in the UK depending on availability. FM enquired as to the source of the waste material brought to site and the BANES contract. PS</p>	

<p>confirmed that material is predominantly from the Wiltshire contract and BANES waste was still being received. PS stated that the site has planning permission for 90,000 tonnes per annum, has previously operated to 75,000 tonnes and is currently operating as around 63,000 tpa.</p> <p>GN enquired how the processed material was stored externally and PS confirmed this was post processing as wrapped RDF bales. PS also confirmed that outside storage was only used between December and the end of February as permitted by the EA.</p> <p><u>Environmental Compliance</u> PS advised that one complaint regarding flies had been made to the Environment Agency since the last meeting, however an inspection of the site resulted in this complaint not being substantiated. JW commented that considering the high temperatures experienced over the past months, the number of complaints was low.</p>	
4. Planning applications	
<p>PS advised that there are no planning applications for the MBT plant. PS confirmed that a Fire Prevention Plan and Fire Management Plan had been submitted to the Environment Agency and we await their final approval and in the meantime the site is working to these plans.</p>	
5. Any other business	
<p><u>Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service</u> PS advised that Hills is working with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Services to provide training for DWFRS teams in understanding waste fires and how to tackle them at the MBT and also landfill and transfer station sites.</p> <p><u>Fires</u> PS advised that there were none to report.</p> <p><u>Vehicle depot/ transfer station</u> There had been no further movement on this as a redesign of collection rounds needs to be completed before any changes or decisions are made. PS confirmed that this facility would not affect the contracted tonnages for the MBT plant or Lakeside EfW and any transfer station would be for recyclable material only and not municipal solid waste.</p> <p><u>Trowbridge depot</u> PS advised that no decision had been taken on the Trowbridge depot, committee will be kept informed. JW enquired if the frequency of collection rounds would remain as they are and this was confirmed.</p>	
6. Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26 March 2019.</p>	<p>ALL</p>