



Minutes of the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre liaison committee meeting held on Microsoft Teams on 10 December 2020

Present

Wiltshire Council

Jo Emery – Waste Management Team Leader (JR)
 Kenton Vigus – Waste Manager (Contracts) (KV)
 Gary Tomsett – Environmental Control and Protection Team Manager (GT)
 Cllr Horace Prickett, Southwick (HP)
 Cllr Carole King, Westbury North (CK)
 Cllr Gordon King, Westbury East (GK)

Hills Waste Solutions

Paul Scriven (PS)
 Simon Allen (SA)

The Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

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| 1. Apologies | |
| John Carter, Head of Public Protection, Wiltshire Council Councillor Francis Morland, Heywood Parish Council Cllr Russell Hawker, Westbury West, Wiltshire Council | |
| 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 had taken place in November scheduled maintenance had been undertaken. The next scheduled 5-day shutdown will take place in February 2021.</p> <p>PS confirmed that the Dutch Government had introduced an incineration tax of €32 per tonne which came into effect on 1 January 2020.</p> <p>JE advised that the plant had met the end of year target as per the contract.</p> <p><u>Environmental Compliance</u> PS advised that due to COVID inspections by the Environment Agency had been limited. The EA visited the site in October and there were no issues to report, a CAR form was issued with a 0 score. All environmental controls were in compliance.</p> <p><u>Questions</u> CK – does the site receive items / things that people should not be putting into their waste bins? PS advised that this does happen, evidence of electrical items and batteries in the waste stream. Whilst the permit for the site does allow for a small quantity of 'contamination' in the waste, it was concerning as these items have the ability to cause fires.</p> <p>GK – what was done during the shutdown period at the plant and what prompted the shutdown.</p> | |

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| <p>PS advised that the plant shuts does twice per year for 5 days each time, and this is a planned shutdown during which routine preventative maintenance is undertaken to ensure the plant remains in good working order.</p> <p>GK – what stresses are placed on the local environment during these shutdown periods. PS advised that whilst we use the term ‘shutdown’ the environmental control systems such as fans and bio filter are kept running to maintain negative air pressure in the plant, air continues to be cleaned before release into the stack.</p> <p>GK – when is the end of the year for the contract. PS advised that the contract year is from 11 November as that is the date on which the plant came into operation – the plant is in its 8th year of service.</p> | |
| <p>4. Planning applications</p> | |
| <p>PS advised that there are no planning applications for the MBT plant.</p> | |
| <p>5. Any other business</p> | |
| <p>PS advised that a serious incident has occurred on site where a contractor was injured. The incident is being investigated by the HSE and Hills cannot comment any further on the matter.</p> | |
| <p>6. Next meeting</p> | |
| <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20 May at 16.00 on Microsoft Teams</p> | <p>ALL</p> |