



Minutes of the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre liaison committee meeting held on Teams on 30 November 2022

Present

Wiltshire Council

Cllr Gordon King – Westbury East (GK)
 Cllr Carole King – Westbury North (CK)
 Jo Emery – Waste Manager, Technical (JE)

Westbury Town Council

No representative

Heywood Parish Council

No representative

Environment Agency

Tom Fowler (TF)

Arla (Westbury Dairies)

George Nichols (GN)

Hills Waste Solutions

Simon Allen (SA)
 Paul Scriven (PS)

The Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
1. Apologies	
John Carter; Cllr Matthew Dean; Cllr Suzanne Wickham; Cllr Francis Morland; Jane Russ	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Accepted	HILLS
3. Update on site operations and environmental compliance	
<p>PS reported that the plant had been operating well overall, despite some mechanical issues experienced in July. A planned 5-day maintenance shut down had been carried out in early November during which preventative maintenance work was carried out.</p> <p>PS reported that a small fire had been detected in the bio hall in July, but was extinguished by site staff and no requirement for Fire Service to attend. Waste deliveries to site were halted until site staff were satisfied that the incident was over.</p> <p>PS reported that the bio-filter is working as expected and only a small number of odour complaints had been received none of which had been substantiated.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>GK asked if the cause of the fire was established. PS stated that the exact source is difficult to establish, but believe it was something that was put into a household waste bin that had been delivered to the site and could have been a lithium battery.</p> <p>GK asked what type of maintenance is carried out in the 5-day shutdown. PS advised that this would be general cleaning of difficult to reach areas, checking and replacement of conveyor belts (3 were replaced), maintenance on doors and overhead cranes.</p>	

<p>GK asked how many odour complaints had been received. TF stated that there had been nine in total since the beginning of August of which four were in the last three months. All complaints reported to the Environment Agency were investigated and none of the complaints had resulted or been recognised as a cause for concern.</p> <p>GK asked what is meant by the 'bio-filter is working well'? PS advised this indicates that the bio-filter is operating within the parameters that it should be in.</p>	
4. Planning applications	
<p>SA reminded the committee that there may potentially be a planning application submitted in the future to increase the height of the existing stack but this will depend on the outcome of dispersion modelling and that no decision had been made yet.</p> <p>Question: CK asked for an explanation on air dispersion modelling and who undertakes it. PS explained that the modelling examines and predicts how air moves from the stack and estimates whether an increase in height will improve the dispersion of any emissions. PS advised that external consultants have undertaken the modelling work and the data is awaited so that it can be reviewed before a decision can be made on whether to go ahead with a planning application.</p>	
5. Any other business	
<p>JE advised that Wiltshire Council kerbside collections will include the collection of household batteries and one of the main drivers is to prevent these items from being placed in household waste which is then delivered to the MBT plant. Residents will have started receiving bin hangers on their recycling bins giving details of this additional collection service.</p>	
6. Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting will be held on 26 April 2023 in person at the MBT plant site.</p>	ALL