



## Amesbury RMF Liaison committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held online with Microsoft Teams at 16.00 on 10 November 2021.

### PRESENT

#### Wiltshire Council

Clr Robert Yuill (RY) – Amesbury Town Council and Wiltshire Council

Clr Mark Verbinnen (MV)

Jo Emery (JE)

#### Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Matt Nicholls (MN)

Henry Newbery (HN)

#### The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
Wendy Brown, Town Clerk, Amesbury TC	
<b>2. Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
There were no matters arising.	
<b>3. Site / Operation update</b>	
<p>MN reported that site operations were going well with no issues to report. The Environment Agency visited with site in August and checked all aspects of the site, their report did not highlight any issues relating to the environmental impacts of the site operations. The EA confirmed that they had not received any complaints about the site, and this was reassuring to know following the recent spell of hot weather.</p> <p>JE confirmed that Wiltshire Council had not received any complaints.</p> <p>RY confirmed that he had not heard of any issues, and stated that most people in the locality were unaware of the site and its operations.</p> <p>HN confirmed that the EA visit to the site was not in any way connected with the Westbury site and stated that the EA regularly visit the Amesbury site to undertake inspections, but had been unable to do so during the height of the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>HN explained that the EA visits were done to check and ensure that Hills is operating the site in line with the Environmental Permit and Hills Environmental Management Systems.</p> <p>For the benefit of new committee member MV, HN explained that the site was previously owned by Pickfords and acquired by Hills who subsequently converted it into a waste transfer station. The site receives Wiltshire Council's municipal residual waste (black bag rubbish) and recycling (blue lidded bin dry mixed recycle and black box glass recycling) which is tipped into specific bays within the building.</p>	



<p>Residual waste is transferred to Lakeside Energy from Waste facility for incineration. Of the 50,000 tonnes transferred to Lakeside each year, approx. 30,000 tonnes comes from the Amesbury RMF with the remainder transferred from the Calne Waste Transfer Station.</p> <p>Dry mixed recyclate is transferred to the Sands Farm facility in Calne to be sorted and is transferred onwards to recycling processors.</p> <p>Glass is sent direct from Amesbury to a facility in Tilbury Docks for recycling.</p> <p>MH to arrange a site tour for MV.</p> <p>RY reported that Wiltshire Council is experiencing problems with the caravan site (Showmans) over burning of waste and complaints about odours, and it was good news that residents are alert to reporting such issues. None of the complaints related to the Hills site.</p> <p>JE asked if there were still concerns in relation to the neighbouring garage parking vehicles on Mills Way which caused issues for access / egress to the Amesbury facility and the household recycling centre. HN reported that he had recently met with Tim Foster on site and discussed the issue and way forward, the garage has been requested to not park cards there anymore. This is to be picked by Wiltshire Council and FCC who run the household recycling centre.</p> <p>JE advised that over the summer months not all the residual waste was being transferred to Lakeside EfW due to maintenance at that facility and instead the residual waste was taken to Lower Compton to be managed. HN stated that it was hoped that Lakeside EfW would be back to normal full operations soon.</p> <p>HN confirmed that during periods of reduced capacity at Lakeside EfW the residual waste from Amesbury is always prioritised to be sent to Lakeside to minimise transfers to Landfill from the site.</p>	
<p><b>4. Any other business</b></p>	
<p>It was noted that Hills had made a donation towards the fireworks display put on by Amesbury Town Council and thanks were received from RY and MV for this.</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
<p><b>5. Date of next meeting</b></p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 16.00.</p>	<p>ALL</p>