



## Amesbury RMF Liaison committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held on Teams at 09h30 on 7 December 2022.

### PRESENT

#### Wiltshire Council

Clr Mark Verbinnen (MV)

Clr Robert Yuill (RY)

Vicki Harris (VH)

#### Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Jacqui Hibbert (JH)

#### The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
Adam Dugdale, Environment Agency	
<b>2. Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
There were no matters arising.  JH confirmed that a site visit had taken place on 6 December attended by VH and MV.	
<b>3. Site and environmental update</b>	
<u>Site update</u> During the site visit, members were shown the storage areas and containers for the new household battery recycling collections and JH advised that this new collection service was proving popular with residents as evidenced by the volume of material collected. JH advised that a small number of lithium ion batteries had been received and had been separated and placed into special storage areas to reduce fire risk and then sent to specialist reprocessors.  VH confirmed that lithium ion batteries were not included in the current collection scheme, and this is clearly stated on the recycling information presented to residents on bin hangers. It is expected that this would change when the proposed WEEE/ small rechargeable electric domestic appliances collection scheme is introduced in 2023.  VH explained the new POPs regulations that have been brought into regulation by the Environment Agency who are looking for local authorities to confirm their compliance by 1 Jan. (Note: POPs = persistent organic pollutants. These are poisonous chemical substances that break down slowly and get into food chains as a result. In the past POPs were used in various products including pesticides and industrial chemicals, and released during chemical and agricultural processes. The manufacture, sale and use of products containing POPs is now banned.)  Site visitors were shown where waste upholstered domestic seating items and soft furnishings that are subject to the new POPs regulations are being stored before being sent for incineration as they are no longer allowed to be placed in the landfill.	



<p>VH advised that a suitable incineration outlet is being sought as items containing POPs cannot be shredded unless it is done in a specifically controlled environment to ensure that no POPs are released into the environment.</p> <p><u>Environmental update</u> JH confirmed that there were no environmental issues to report and no EA visit had taken place since the last visit on 13 April 2022.</p>	
<b>4. Planning applications</b>	
<p>The planning application was approved to vary condition 3 of the 2018 consent to allow household batteries and small electrical items to be stored outside of the building in secure containers.</p>	
<b>5. Any other business</b>	
<p>There was no other business.</p>	
<b>6. Date of next meeting</b>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 09h30 on Teams.</p>	ALL