



Hills Community Liaison Committee - Chapel Farm

Minutes of the Chapel Farm Liaison Committee meeting held at Wiltshire House, County Park, Swindon on 27 March 2023.

PRESENT

Blunsdon Parish Council

Cllr Jim Tayler (JT)

St Andrews Parish Council

No representative attendance

Cricklade Town Council

No representative attendance

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Simon Allen (SA)

Hills Group Ltd

M Hayes

Apologies	
Received from:- Environment Agency Mick Compton – Blunsdon PC St Andrews PC	
Review of site operations	
<p>SA gave a brief overview of the site operations for the benefit of JT who is attending the meeting for the first time.</p> <p>SA advised that the Chapel Farm site is owned by Swindon Borough Council and that Hills lease the land and are responsible for the environmental permits held for the landfill sites.</p> <p><u>Landfill</u> SA advised that the landfill site has been filled, closed and restored. Hills is obligated to continue aftercare for up to 60 years including monitoring and extraction of landfill gas and leachate. The extracted landfill gas is collected and used to generate energy, and this will diminish as time goes on. The landfill site will not be reopened.</p> <p><u>Leachate treatment plant</u> SA confirmed that the leachate treatment plant was fully operational and will continue to be so through the aftercare period of the site. In addition to accepting leachate from Hills sites, the plant continues to accept volumes of external leachate which are delivered to site by tanker. Leachate is put through a treatment cycle after which is it discharged through the sewer under a consent from Thames Water.</p> <p><u>Mechanical Sorting & Skip Area (MSSA)</u> SA stated that the mechanical sorting and skip area was currently mothballed but Hills have got an option on the land to use for a waste facility in the future if</p>	



<p>required. There is potential for residual waste to be placed there for onward transfer to energy from waste facilities and SA confirmed that the liaison committee would be advised in advance if this was to happen in the future.</p> <p><u>Solar Panels</u> The solar panels installed on Phase 1 of the landfill site (circa 2016) were a Swindon Borough Council project. SA gave a brief explanation on how solar panel farms are installed on landfill sites in a way that does not impact on the integrity of the capping and restoration work already completed.</p>	
Any other business	
<p>The condition of what is known as the old tip road was discussed, JT stated that the road had not been adopted but this is the route that majority of school children use to get to school in the Tadpole Village area. JT expressed concern that no footpath or bicycle path is available, and the road is busy with motor vehicle traffic.</p>	
Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 4 September at 16:00 at Wiltshire House, Swindon.</p>	HILLS