



## Lower Compton and Sands Farm Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held on Teams on 25 October 2022 at 18.00.

### PRESENT

#### Compton Bassett Parish Council

No representative

#### Calne Without Parish Council

Doug Price (DP)

#### Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)

#### Calne Town Council

Robert MacNaughton (RM)

#### Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee

John Lewis (JL)

#### Wiltshire Council

Cllr Tony Trotman - Chilvester & Abberd Ward (TT)

#### Environment Agency

Tom Fowler (TF)

#### Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

#### Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

	Action
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
None received	
<b>2. Minutes of the last meeting &amp; matters arising</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes approved</li></ul>	
<b>3. Update on planning applications</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Freeth Farm – SB advised that Hills had submitted an Appeal on the planning conditions imposed.</li><li>TT highlighted an application from Hills Quarry Products that had been refused planning by Wiltshire Council. MH to provide details, included here: <i>Calne Quarry, Calne - Planning application submitted to Wiltshire Council to vary condition 2 of N/10/03280/WCM to allow alterations to timeframe for removal of the processing plant and infrastructure associated with current and historic mineral operations. Reference PL/2022/05133</i></li></ul>	
<b>4. Landfill operations and restoration works update</b>	
SB gave a brief update as follows:	

<p><u>Landfill:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The filling of cell 26c continues following the fire in the tyre drainage bale blanket at the end of April 2022. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained. Investigation works undertaken in conjunction with the EA to assess the damage caused by the fire have resulted in the damaged tyre bales being removed and the fire affected portion of the cell being re-engineered under full CQA supervision as agreed with the EA and stone used for the drainage blanket. It is highly likely that tyre bales will not be used as the drainage blanket going forwards, with stone being used instead.</li> <li>• A small surface fire occurred in July in Cell 26b. This was dealt with quickly by both the fire service and Hills staff, with the fire being extinguished in under 2 hours. Again, no cause could be ascertained.</li> <li>• Cell 26b was covered with soils during August 2022 and is awaiting capping in the Spring of 2023.</li> <li>• No further cell construction is planned for 2022 and the void remaining in Cell 26c is anticipated to last until September 2023, which will require a new cell to be constructed in the spring of 2023.</li> <li>• Additional litter netting has been purchased for the site and is to be joined to the existing litter netting and erected along the northern boundary of the active area of the cell prior to winter.</li> </ul> <p>RM asked if litter picking will take place at the north end of the site. SB advised that the site is regularly inspected to ensure litter picking is done on a regular basis, and if committee members report such it will be attended to.</p> <p><u>Concrete Pad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Transfer Station building is currently being mainly used for the storage of DMR, for sorting at Sands Farm MRF</li> <li>• Plasterboard – demand for plasterboard reprocessing has increased, putting pressure on reprocessors. Plasterboard continues to be exported to a third party reprocessor and we are also progressing with the utilisation of a second reprocessor.</li> <li>• Manual Skip Sorting – ongoing with the removal of hardcore, wood and metals. The screening of sorted waste is also being undertaken to remove fine prior to landfilling waste.</li> <li>• Street Sweepings – Export to a third party reprocessor is ongoing and tonnages exported are being varied dependant on tonnages on site.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Garden waste and woodchipping update</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood – C-grade wood continues to be exported to reprocessors. A-grade wood has been shredded on site, but our main off-taker has had turbine issues following a refurbishment and other outlets are being sought</li> <li>• Green waste – stock levels have been maintained throughout winter, with regular transfers taking place to PGF.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Aggregate and concrete operations update</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update provided, concrete operations running normally.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Recycling update</b></p> <p><u>Sands Farm MRF</u></p> <p>SB reported that the facility continues to operate a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift to attempt to keep up with volumes. A maintenance contract has been entered into to improve downtime as currently +/- 1 day per week is lost due to breakdowns caused by residents placing inappropriate material into kerbside recycling bins. Discussions</p>	

<p>are ongoing with Wiltshire Council regarding communications to residents and possibility of targeting specific geographical areas.</p> <p><u>Lower Compton HRC</u>  DP asked if there was any decision on Lower Compton HRC. SB said we believe plans are on hold at the moment, but financial constraints for Wiltshire Council persist and we expect it back on the agenda. TT stated that residents in Calne and Lower Compton are concerned about the impact of any closure and the fact that the population of Calne is expanding with more people needing the HRC facility.  RM asked if closing the HRC would bring benefits for Hills? SB explained that the decision was not being made by Hills but rather Wiltshire Council and that apart from Purton HRC all other HRCs in Wiltshire are run by another company FCC Environment.</p>	
<b>7. Transport</b>	
<p><u>Traffic Management Plan</u>  There were no complaints received directly via the Traffic Management Plan since the last meeting.</p> <p>Two large HGVs were reported using the road through Compton Bassett village. Investigations revealed these to be contractors for Jones Bros moving plant into site. Hills Engineer has spoken with the contractor to reinforce the permitted routes into site.</p> <p>TT reported a number of 8 wheeler tipper trucks (blue &amp; grey) doing earthmoving works and leaving muck on the road. JL advised that these were related to the sewerage works being undertaken by Wessex Water and nothing to do with Hills site. MH advised that the matter can be reported to the Highways officer. SB stated that Hills do undertaken road sweeping of the road from A4 towards the site entrance, but cannot be responsible for road conditions created by other operators.</p> <p>MH advised that a complaint has been received regarding HGVs parking on the approach road to the site. JL advised that sometimes the vehicles queue up on the approach road within the site before the weighbridge opens and occasionally they may spill over onto the public highway but this is very rare. MH reminded committee members that complaints can be made directly to Hills at the time of the incident and to include as much details as possible including the haulier name if possible.</p>	
<b>8. Any other business</b>	
<p><u>Spitfire Road</u>  Reports of 2 x 60mph signs on Spitfire Road – TT to investigate. SB stated that Hills are happy to work with local councillors to look at reducing speed limits on the road and reminders will be sent to Hills HGV drivers to be more considerate to the local residents and not accelerate away from the roundabout.</p> <p><u>Sustrans cycle route 403</u>  DP reported that a working group has been set-up to look at improvements required to the Sustrans 403 cycle route from Chippenham to Avebury. The whole route has been informally surveyed by the group cycling it and noting improvements that could be made to make it easier, and safer, to use by commuters and families cycling parts of the route for pleasure. It was noted that Hills own the stretch from Low Lane to the Compton Bassett turn and whilst some significant improvements have been made towards the Compton Bassett end of this section, which are greatly appreciated, other sections would benefit from improvements, such as path widening by cutting back shrubs, clearing litter</p>	SBurns

blown onto the route from the landfill etc. The matter is ongoing. DP to provide MH with detailed map of the areas of concern so that these can be investigated.	
<b>9. Date of next meeting</b>	
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 18:00 on Teams	<b>ALL</b>