



## Lower Compton and Sands Farm Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at Sands Farm facility on 28 June 2022 at 18.00.

### PRESENT

#### Compton Bassett Parish Council

Charles Reis (CR)

Peter Barnett (PB)

#### Calne Without Parish Council

Doug Price (DP)

#### Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)

#### Calne Town Council

Robert MacNaughton (RM)

#### Wiltshire Council

No representative

#### Environment Agency

No representative

#### Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

#### Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

	Action
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
Tom Rounds, Jo Emery, Alistair Wintle	
<b>2. Minutes of the last meeting &amp; matters arising</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes approved</li><li>Matters arising<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Height of restored landfill</u> PB enquired about the final height of the restored landfill section along left hand side of the road leading to Compton Bassett village as it appeared higher than the original land form. SB explained that restoration height would not be at the same level as it was originally as it is initially restored to a higher domed shaped profile to allow for water run off and further settlement. SB to provide Compton Bassett Parish Council with copies of the relevant planning documents that detail tipping levels and final restoration levels.</li></ul></li></ul>	SBurns
<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. SB stated that this planning application had no impact on waste operations.</li></ul>	

4. Landfill operations and restoration works update	
<p>SB gave a brief update as follows:  <u>Complaints / compliments</u>  March '22 – None  April '22 – None  May '22:  JJ&amp;S arctic seen in Devizes losing waste from trailer – Purgo checked and vehicle had not been on site that day  HGV went through 7.5t weight limit and turned around at Marsh Lane, bringing down some small branches. The haulier, who was onsite to collect carboard, was informed of error and debris cleared by site staff.  June '22 – None to date.</p> <p><u>Landfill:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire in Cell 26c on 27 April:</li> <li>• Detected at 05h00 and found that the trye bales in the unfilled portion of the cell had caught fire, with small areas of the deposited waste being affected.</li> <li>• Fire service attended site and Hills worked with them to apply suitable inert materials to the fire to smother it.</li> <li>• Fire extinguished by 20h20, with covering works continuing 28-29 April and the landfill being closed on 27-28 April.</li> <li>• Cell 26c has been left covered, with landfilling operations moved into Cell 26b (to bring it to final level) and also in an area that has been stripped on Cell 20.</li> <li>• Thermal imaging equipment has been purchased and is being used daily to mitigate any further incidents.</li> <li>• Hills is working with the EA on a remediation plan for the fire affected drainage blanket area, which is expected to be completed in the next two weeks. We expect that Cell 26b will be capped and have additional gas wells installed during the summer of '22.</li> <li>• Awaiting delivery of additional litter netting that will be installed along the northern boundary of the site.</li> <li>• Wheel wash is working as expected.</li> </ul> <p><u>Concrete Pad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The removal of dry mixed recycling (DMR) currently stored in the Transfer Station building (due to strike action) is almost completed, and following this the municipal waste on the pad will be moved inside the building to improve environmental management.</li> <li>• Plasterboard – continues to be exported to a third party 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 in Dorset is ongoing and tonnages exported are being varied dependant on tonnages on site.</li> </ul>	
5. Garden waste and woodchipping update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood – C-grade wood (not shredded) continues to be exported to reprocessors. A-grade wood is being shredded and sent to a customer in south Wales</li> <li>• Green waste – stock levels have been maintained throughout spring/early summer, with regular transfers taking place to PGF. Decision has been taken to continue to store this material on the pad and not bring it into the Transfer Station building.</li> </ul>	

<b>6. Aggregate and concrete operations update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update provided, concrete operations running normally.</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Recycling update</b>	
<p><u>Staff shortages and missed collections</u>  SB reported that the Sands Farms facility continues to receive more waste for processing that was originally stated in the contract. Two shifts are being run at the site which is operating from 06h00 – 22h00 to deal with volumes.</p> <p>SB explained the reasons for the delays with current collections including the challenges being faced in recruiting both LGV drivers and loading staff post COVID and Brexit. SB stated that proposals have been put to Wiltshire Council to attempt to increase employment and Hills awaits approval of these.</p> <p>SB reported that other initiatives are also in place including an internal scheme for current loaders to be trained, at the company's expense, to become LGV drivers. So far seven employees have successfully completed the course.</p> <p><u>Future of Lower Compton HRC</u>  Committee members raised the question of the future of the Lower Compton HRC. SB explained that Wiltshire Council intend to hold a public consultation later this year on the possible close of the site. SB advised that Hills is contracted to run the HRC until 2026, but the outcome of the consultation may result in the earlier close of the site. SB advised that if the decision was to close the site, Hills may consider operating it on a commercial basis, Committee members raised the concern about possible increase in fly-tipping of the site was to close.</p>	
<b>7. Transport</b>	
<p><u>Traffic Management Plan</u>  There were no complaints received via the Traffic Management Plan since the last meeting.</p>	
<b>8. Any other business</b>	
<p><u>Sustrans cycle route / Sustainable Calne</u>  RM confirmed he had met with the Sustainable Calne representative and that a report was being prepared.  SB to investigate and liaise with RM on which parts of the route crosses Hills land.  DP noted that there was a large amount of litter at the back of the site along the path and in the trees. SB stated that the priority is to collect windblown litter outside of the boundary and would report the situation to the site manager.</p> <p><u>Housing developments in surrounding area</u>  Committee members noted the proposals for future housing development in the area.</p>	<p>SBurns</p> <p>SBurns</p>
<b>9. Date of next meeting</b>	
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 18:00	<b>ALL</b>