



Lower Compton and Sands Farm Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held on Teams on 22 February 2023 at 18.00.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Pete (Philip) Szczesiak (PS)

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

No representative

Wiltshire Council

Cllr Tony Trotman - Chilvester & Abberd Ward (TT)

Cllr Tom Rounds – Calne North (TR)

Environment Agency

No representative

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

	Action
1. Apologies	
None received.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes approved.Matters arising:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Spitfire Road</u> DP gave further details on the 2 x 60mph signs on the road which are due to be removed by Highways. The status of the road was discussed, DP stated that the road is not privately owned, but is an unadopted browntrack and not scheduled for Highway maintenance. TR enquired if reports of vehicle speeding where 'perception' based, and if any actual speed measuring had taken place. SB stated that Hills are happy to work with local councillors to look at reducing speed limits on the road.<u>Sustrans 403</u> DP thanked MH for passing on the details received from the working group and confirmed that a meeting was being scheduled with contacts in Hills to discuss the matter further.	

<p>3. Update on planning applications</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 – MH advised that Hills had agreed an extension of time for the planning officer to determine the application • Freeth Farm – appeal decision still awaited 	
<p>4. Landfill operations and restoration works update</p>	
<p>SB gave a brief update as follows:</p> <p><u>Complaints/Compliments (since last meeting):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October '22 – 1x HGV (Clee Hill vehicle) in village (06:45). Investigated and found unlikely to be from site as the site does not start until 07:00. • November '22 – None • December '22 – None • January '23 – 1x odour complaint passed on from the EA with date range from 17-24/1/23. Investigated (no unusual operations or difficult wastes accepted into site) and EA responded to. • February '23 – 1x litter on boundary to north of the landfill. Litter picker was already deployed on site. 1x odour from parish Council – Investigated and responded to. <p><u>Landfill:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remediation works to the drainage blanket caused by the fire in cell 26c in April '22 was approved by the EA in December 22 and subsequently covered with waste. • The affected tyre bales were removed and assessed, with some being landfilled and whole tyres being sent from site for reprocessing. • The drainage blanket was replaced with gravel. • The drilling of 9 new gas well in cell 26b was completed by Infinis in February and are scheduled for connection into the gas collection system by the end of the month. • Cell 26b was covered with soils during August '22 and is awaiting capping in the summer. • The construction of cell 26d is planned to commence in the summer. • Additional litter netting has been delivered to site and the poles erected. The netting installation has been hampered by weather conditions, limiting the ability to use a cherry picker that is required to erect the netting. This is to be done spring '23 when ground conditions allow. <p>PS asked if there is any drilling going on at the site as there had been some complaints of odour, SB stated that this may have been caused by release of gas during the works.</p> <p>TT reported that 8-wheeled vehicles from the site are causing the road to be messy and it does not seem to be cleared as it usually was. SB stated this could be a result of the wheel-wash for vehicles coming off the landfill, as stipulated in the planning permission, however the water used causes the mud to liquify and spread further. SB to investigate the frequency of the road sweeper and report back.</p> <p><u>Concrete Pad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Transfer Station building is currently being mainly used for the storage of DMR, for sorting at Sands Farm MRF • Municipal and C&I waste continues to be sent to Lakeside for incineration and to MBT plant in Westbury for the production of RDF. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skip Sorting – ongoing with the removal of hardcore, wood and metals. The screening of sorted waste is also being undertaken to remove fines prior to landfilling waste. • Street Sweepings – Export to a third party reprocessor is ongoing and tonnages exported are being varied dependant on tonnages on site. • Plasterboard – we have agreements with two reprocessors now in place and this is enabling us to maintain consistent outputs of plasterboard for reprocessing. • POPs – from the 1/1/23 upholstered furniture containing POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants) was banned from landfill. This waste is now being segregated and sent for incineration, as per the requirement from the EA. 	
5. Garden waste and woodchipping update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green waste – stock levels have been maintained throughout winter, with regular transfers taking place to PGF. • Wood – C-grade wood continues to be exported to reprocessors. A-grade wood has been shredded on site and exported to a reprocessor, with current low stock levels on site. 	
6. Aggregate and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete operations running normally. 	
6. Recycling update	
<p><u>Sands Farm MRF</u> SB updated the committee on the new process and supporting campaign being undertaken by Hills / Wiltshire Council to reduce non-target material in kerbside collection bins. TT asked if shredded paper can be recycled. SB advised that it is no longer accepted for kerbside recycling but can be taken to the HRC for recycling. PS asked if plastic bags and bin liners should now be placed in the residual waste bins, SB confirmed this as correct.</p> <p><u>Lower Compton HRC</u> TT advised that Wiltshire Council was no longer considering the closure of the HRC at Lower Compton.</p>	
7. Transport	
<p><u>Traffic Management Plan</u> There were no complaints received directly via the Traffic Management Plan since the last meeting.</p> <p>MH reported a complaint received from the Compton Bassett parish clerk who reported an HGV heading in the direction of the village. The matter was investigated and found that the vehicle was not in contravention of the TMP.</p> <p>PS asked if the kerbside collection vehicles were under Hills control. SB stated that they are, and PS reported that such a vehicle was seen in Compton Bassett village on a non-collection day. SB responded that this was unusual as it would be taking a longer route, and reminded committee members to report such incidents at the time they occur with as much detail as possible to aid in investigations.</p> <p>TT reported two local transport operators whose HGVs are often seen in the area, SB advised that these operators have other non-Hills related business in the area.</p>	

8. Any other business	
<p><u>Site vandalism</u> SB reported on recent vandalism on site. TT suggested that the rural police are notified.</p> <p><u>Lighting at Sands Farm MRF</u> PS enquired about progress on changes to lighting. SB advised that sensors were to be fitted and he would investigate progress.</p> <p><u>Litter from trucks</u> RM reported on feedback received from Calne CleanUp crew regarding litter from the back of collection vehicles. SB explained that the construction of RCVs includes a 'packer plate' which compresses waste into the back of the vehicle. SB stated that there is always a chance that this may not be activated but drivers are made aware that they may be prosecuted if this is not done. SB stated that all commercial collection vehicles are sheeted to contain waste material, and if they arrive at site without this the vehicle is reported. SB stated that vehicles associated with our operations may be a small contributor to the litter issue, it was very difficult to prove and again requested that people use the reporting line to provide information on vehicle and location when incidents occur. MH advised that SB and MH had met with representatives Calne CleanUp crew to discuss their concerns and are providing the group with additional litter picking equipment as a goodwill gesture.</p> <p><u>Tree maintenance – Honeyball plantation</u> MH reported that maintenance work on the trees in the Honeyball plantation alongside the previous NAAFI area would be undertaken in March</p> <p><u>Tree opposite Tudor Lodge</u> MH enquired if any committee member has information on the ownership of the corner of land opposite Tudor Lodge where the large trees require urgent maintenance. PS indicated he may have information and would make enquiries.</p>	
9. Date of next meeting	
The meeting closed at 19:20. The next meeting is scheduled for 28 June 2023 at 18:00 on Teams	ALL