



Hills Community Liaison Committee – Barton Court

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Blue Ball Pub, Kintbury on Thursday 7 November 2013

PRESENT

Kintbury Parish Council

Stephen Cook (SCO)

West Berkshire Council

Matthew Meldrum (MM)

Benchmark

Kathryn Webb (KW)

Sean Sutcliff (SC)

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Gary MacKinnon (GM)

Andrea Pellegram (AP)

Daryl Taylor (DT)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
Apologies	
Andrew Rowles, Henry Newbery, Chris Trigwell	
1. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Minutes of last meeting were approved.	
2. Update on site activities	
<u>2.1 Site permit & planning issues</u> AP updated the meeting on delays to site restoration at Barton Court 1 due to low volumes of materials being received at Barton Court 2 for processing. AP advised that Hills had met with West Berkshire Council (WBC) to discuss the site restoration in accordance with the extant planning permission. Due to restoration not yet being complete Hills is looking to submit a Section 73 planning application to continue operations at the site for a further 3 years from 31 December 2013. This will allow the site to be considered in the development plan process. AP advised that Hills will probably seek to secure permanent permission for the site. At the request of SC, GM explained his role as commercial manager was to investigate a way forward for the site and present proposals to WBC. GM explained that transport supervisor Neil Luce was responsible for the day to day management of the site including transport operations and waste services. Daryl Taylor confirmed that he and Henry Newbury remain responsible for ensuring environmental and health & safety issues are addressed.	

<p>SC stated that the crushing operations which had been taking place on site had not caused any disruption or impact on Benchmark.</p> <p>GM advised that the crushing machinery will remain on site as it is the intention to produce a quality assured secondary aggregate.</p> <p><u>2.2 Concrete road</u> No issues to report and this item to be removed from future agenda.</p> <p><u>2.3 Recycling</u> GM advised that recycling rates had increased through the introduction of improved processes.</p> <p><u>2.4 Restoration</u> Discussed in section 2.1.</p> <p><u>2.5 Landfill gas / Water reading and testing</u> . DT advised that apart from normal seasonal variations in gas monitoring levels there were no environmental issues to report in relation to the site.</p> <p>SC confirmed that Benchmark undertake their own water testing. DT offered to provide Benchmark with the results of the water tests undertaken by Hills.</p>	
3. Update on Waste Local Plan	
<p><u>West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework</u> MM advised that the draft WBC development framework was progressing and anticipated that consultation on issues and options will commence in December 2013, with the aim to be in a position to adopt the framework in 2015.</p> <p>MM undertook to advise committee members as to when the consultation portal becomes active on the West Berkshire website. MM advised that committee members should register their interest on the website.</p>	MM / West Berkshire Council
5. Any other business	
<p><u>Network Rail – culvert and bridge over railway line</u> Copies of correspondence received by Hills have been forwarded to Sir Conran and SC for information. SC commented that Hills should look to retain the rights on the culvert and vehicle access over the bridge.</p>	
Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8 May 2014.</p>	ALL