



## Hills Community Liaison Committee – Barton Court

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Blue Ball pub, Kintbury on Thursday 8 November 2012

### PRESENT

#### Kintbury Parish Council

Stephen Cook (SC)

#### West Berkshire Council

Cllr Andrew Rowles (AR)

Matthew Meldrum (MM)

#### Benchmark

Sean Sutcliffe (SS)

Kathryn Webb (KW)

#### Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Henry Newbery (HN)

#### The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson, company secretary (AH)

	ACTION
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr Anthony Stansfeld, Monique Hayes and Daryl Taylor.	
<b>1. Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
Minutes of last meeting were approved.	
<b>2. Update on replacement wall on Station Road</b>	
<p>AH stated that the company had been approached by Kintbury P.C requesting land along the site of the old wall to be made available for a community tree planting scheme. SC stated that the plan was to plant disease resistant elm trees and tabled a map showing the preferred location, but an area land for planting within the village was also being explored. AH stated when mature the hedgerow would provide matching screening to the opposite side of the road and that there were a number of issues with planting trees near to the highway. AH stated that the preferred option would be for land to be identified for the project within the village, but would consider further before drafting a formally response to Kintbury P.C.</p> <p>AH stated that the company was obtaining quotes to repair the damage believed to have been caused by a vehicle to the boundary wall south of East Lodge.</p>	HILLS



<b>3. Site Activities</b>	
<p><u>3.1 Site permit</u> HN stated that there were no issues to report.</p> <p><u>3.2 Concrete road</u> HN stated that Hills would be carrying out some minor maintenance work to the road. No other issues to report.</p> <p><u>3.3 Recycling</u> HN stated that volumes into the site remained low due to the current state of the economy. Recycling rates continued with approximately 50% being treated on site and the other half being sent for further treatment at Chapel Farm.</p> <p><u>3.4 Restoration</u> HN stated that volumes of appropriate material for restoration had been lower than anticipated over the last few years and that the company would be unlikely to complete restoration of the former landfill within the time given under the current planning due to end in 2013. HN reminded the meeting that the planning permission for the waste transfer station was separate and this continued until 31 December 2013 with the area to be restored by June 2015. HN stated that whilst Hills could apply to the planning authority to change the restoration obligation, that the preferred option would be to seek an extension of the current permission of the landfill to match the waste transfer station and complete the restoration contouring as originally agreed. MM confirmed that a meeting had been arranged between Hills and the council to discuss the options at the end of the month.</p> <p><u>3.5 Landfill gas / Water reading and testing</u> HN stated that there had been recent single reading from one borehole slightly above permitted levels of CO2. Monitoring on the borehole has increased, but since no further readings above permitted levels have been recorded and the spike had been attributed to natural fluctuations in the ground based gas.</p> <p>AH confirmed that the next 6 monthly water test was due to take place later in the month. AH stated that all the water taken from the bore hole for use by operational and residential rented properties owned by the company was passed through UV treatment.</p> <p>SS and KW stated that they had some issues with the quality of water from the bore hole to Benchmark.</p> <p>Benchmark and Hills to liaise on the matter.</p>	<p>HILLS</p> <p>KW/SS/AH</p>
<b>4. Planning issues</b>	
<p><u>Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework</u> MM stated that West Berkshire had commenced on preparing a single development framework and at this stage would not be participating in a framework with other Berkshire authorities for the whole county. MM gave a brief outline of the proposed timetable and consultation process.</p>	
<b>5. Any other business</b>	
<p><u>Site security</u> SS and KW stated that Benchmark had been subject to a recent site theft and break in and asked if Hills had experienced any issues with site security. HN</p>	



and AH both confirmed that no significant incidents had occurred.	
<u>Barton Court Estate</u> On going issues on the management of the estate were briefly discussed and it was agreed that a separate meeting take place early next year between Hills and Benchmark.	SS/KW/AH
<b>Next meeting</b>	
Thursday, 16 May at 3pm at the Blue Ball in Kintbury	ALL