



Barton Court Liaison committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Blue Ball Pub, Kintbury on Thursday 5 November May 2015

PRESENT

Kintbury Parish Council

Stephen Cook (SCO)

West Berkshire Council

Matthew Meldrum (MM)

Cllr James Cole (JC)

Benchmark

Kathryn Webb (KW)

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Neil Luce (NL)

Garry Johnson (GL)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson (AH)

Land & Mineral Management

Carolyn Hysted (CH)

	ACTION
Apologies	
Monique Hayes and Sean Sutcliffe AH welcomed JC and all present introduced themselves to the meeting.	
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> No permit issues to report. Site planning issues to be discussed in agenda item 2.3 below.	
<u>2.2 Recycling</u> NL advised that the site recycling rate was 85%. NL confirmed that green waste was being accepted for onward transport to Hills composting facility,	
<u>2.3 Restoration</u> GJ gave details of the restoration works being undertaken on site area known as Barton Court 1 including narrowing of the haul road and profiling the land form using recovered materials and soils (the site plan attached to these minutes shows the area and works being undertaken). GJ stated that the majority of the land was to be restored to pasture, but that area had been identified that could be restored to provide a bee habitat. CH explained that Hills proposed	



<p>submitting a s73 planning application to reflect the final restoration profile and bee habitat. GJ confirmed that once the restoration works were complete that there would be a period of aftercare when Hills would work with the tenant farmer to bring the land back to agricultural use. The matter was discussed. MM stated that he was familiar with similar restorations that had incorporated bee habitats into their design and offered contacts to the Berkshire Wildlife Trust. Both Stephen Cook and James Cole stated that they had contacts with local bee keepers in the area who may also be interested in the project.</p> <p><u>2.4 Landfill gas / water testing</u> AH and NL confirmed that Environment Agency no issues were highlighted by Nothing to report.</p>	
3. Update on Waste Local Plan	
<p>MM advised that there had been no progress with West Berkshire Council Waste Local Plan since the last meeting.</p> <p>JC asked if Hills was proposing to put the Barton Court forward as a site under the plan. NL confirmed that this was the Hills current intention. MM stated that the site was currently operating under temporary planning permissions covering the waste transfer and restoration obligations.</p> <p>SC asked when the permission to build a covered area to the transfer station was to be started. AH stated that current temporary planning permission was due to expire in December 2016 and the construction would commence once the permission for the operating site life had been extended or made permanent.</p>	
4. Any other business	
<p><u>Function of liaison committee</u> JC ask for some background and the purpose of the committee. AH explained that the company ran liaison meetings with elected community members and stakeholders at all of its operational sites to keep residents informed and maintain local relations.</p> <p><u>Network Rail</u> AH gave an update on the works undertaken by Network Rail on land within Barton Court estate relating to electrification of the railway lines.</p> <p><u>Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) scheme</u> SC stated that the village skate park funded by Hills through the LCF scheme was proving very popular with the children of the village.</p>	
Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 May 2016 at 3pm</p>	<p>ALL</p>