



## Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the special Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 24 June 2015 at 6pm to discuss the outcome of Hills planning application to extend the MRF.

### PRESENT

#### Compton Bassett Parish Council

Peter Szczesiak (PS)  
Peter Barnett (PB)

#### Calne Without Parish Council

Charlie Oram (CO)  
Kate Morley (KM)

#### CPRE

Anne Henshaw (AH)

#### Calne Town Council

Robert McNaughton (RM)

#### Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)  
David Evans (DE)

#### Wiltshire Council

No attendees

#### Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Steve Burns, Divisional director (SB)

#### The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes, Group communications officer (MH)

	Action
<b>1. Apologies received</b>	
Apologies received from Cllr Crisp, Cllr Hill, Sue Everett, John Lewis	
<b>2. Previous minutes update/ matters arising</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated.</li></ul>	
<b>3. Updates</b>	
<u>Site activities</u> SB gave a brief update on site activities and confirmed that newspaper for recycling is now being sent to a processor in Belgium following the closure of Aylesford Newsprint in Kent.  <u>Other planning applications</u> SB advised that Hills anticipate that the planning application for additional composting capacity at Parkgate Farm will be tabled for consideration at the Strategic Planning meeting in July and the application for Northacre Renewable Energy in Westbury would be tabled in August.	
<b>4. Outcome of Lower Compton planning application to extend MRF and make it permanent</b>	

<p>SB confirmed that all in attendance were aware of the outcome of the Strategic Planning committee meeting where members voted against Wiltshire's planning officer's recommendation to grant Hills planning permission to extend the MRF facility and make it permanent.</p> <p>SB advised that Hills would be meeting with the council's waste management team the following week to discuss the outcome and the potentially serious financial implications for the council.</p> <p>SB advised that, contrary to information which had been circulated by those in opposition to Hills plans, this application was made to enable facilities to be provided to deal with Wiltshire's waste and recycling, which now had nowhere to go after December 2016 when the MRF's current temporary planning permission comes to an end.</p> <p>SB advised that Hills had now received the notification from the planning officer as to the grounds on which the planning application had been refused, and Hills will seek legal advice to determine if we will appeal the decision.</p> <p>SB confirmed that should Hills appeal the decision and was successful, it would look to recover its costs from Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>The matter was discussed.</p> <p>PS asked why smaller MRF facilities could not be provided in more locations and SB explained that Wiltshire Council may require a co-mingled collection of recycling in the new tender and the facilities needed to process such recyclate cost around £4 million each. These plants do not 'scale down' efficiently and rely on large volumes of material to operate efficiently. SB stated that this was the reason that Hills was applying for one large facility as it was more cost effective.</p>	
<b>7. Aggregates and concrete operations update</b>	
<p><u>Potential acquisition of land at Freeths Farm</u></p> <p>SB read out the following statement from Hills Quarry Products:</p> <p>Hills Quarry Products is in the early stages of negotiation with Aggregate Industries regarding the potential purchase of land at Freeths Farm. If successful, the acquisition will enable Hills to extract approximately 350,000 tonnes of sand with progressive restoration back to agricultural land. There will be no landfilling activity connected to this operation. Mineral from Freeths Farm will be transported via conveyor to the Hills Calne Quarry. The land has existing planning permission for mineral extraction and Hills will submit a Request for Scoping Opinion to Wiltshire Council planning office to agree the planning conditions.</p> <p>Updated information will be provided at the next liaison committee meeting.</p>	
<b>9. Any other business</b>	
<p><u>Future landfill activity</u> KM enquired about the lifespan of the existing landfill and SB advised that Hills would in all probability seek permission to extend the planning permission for the landfill site</p> <p><u>NAAFI Project Group</u> DE enquired on progress with regard to the NPG and MH gave details of the meetings which had been conducted. SB explained that the group had not provided a viable business plan and had then requested to postpone any further meetings.</p>	

Porte Marsh

KM enquired about the hours that Hills was permitted to operate at Porte Marsh and SB advised that the premises have planning permission to operate on a 24 hour basis. SB further advised that a 3 shift working pattern was only adopted when additional processing was required. SB confirmed that Porte Marsh has temporary planning permission until 2017.

Outcome of Wiltshire Council waste services tender

SB advised that the decision in relation to the announcement of the preferred bidder had been delayed. The Council is expected to make announcements on Lots 1, 3 & 4 on 21 July. A revised specification had been issued for Lots 2 & 5 and invites have been extended for new tenders to be submitted. The outcome of these will be announced in November.

**10. Date of next meeting**

- Date of the next meeting 23 September 2015 at 18h00.

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