



Lower Compton and Sands Farm Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 18 March 2021 at 18.00.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

No representative

Calne Without Parish Council

No representative

Cherhill Parish Council

Nick White (NW)

David Grafton (DG)

Calne Town Council

Robert MacNaughton (RM)

Cllr Tony Trotman (TT) – also Wiltshire Council

Cllr Alan Hill (AHill) – also Wiltshire Council

Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee

John Lewis (JL)

Environment Agency (EA)

No representative

Hills Waste Solutions

Simon Allen (SA)

Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

	Action
1. Apologies	
Apologies – Charlie Oram, Peter Barnett, Steve Burns, Peter Szczesiak	
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 February 2020	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes of the last meeting were accepted	
3. Update on planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sands Farm MRF – SA advised that a planning application had been submitted to increase the tonnage from 44,000 tonnes to 52,000 tonnes in line with the Environmental Permit for the facility. SA explained that the change was required due to the increase in DMR over the past 12 months during the COVID pandemic. SA confirmed that the additional tonnages were recycling collected from Wiltshire households as part of the waste contract with Wiltshire Council. AHill enquired what affect this would have on operating hours and SA confirmed that additional operating hours were not being sought as part of this application following approval of a previous application to extend the MRF working hours which will allow the operation of a 2nd shift. AHill and TT suggested that as the increased tonnages were a result of COVID, the application for increased tonnage may only be granted for a limited term and then reviewed. SA advised that the increased	

<p>tonnages had resulted in an additional 5-6 vehicle movements per operating day and that Hills was seeking a permanent change to permitted tonnages. NW asked what affect the extended workshop hours would have on noise levels and SA advised members that the workshop activities took place indoors and no additional noise was expected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeth Farm – MH advised that this planning application had been delayed further 	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works update	
<p>SA gave a brief update as follows:</p> <p><u>Landfill:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonnages into landfill are down due to the effect of COVID on businesses • Currently landfilling into Cell 26B • Decision to be taken in April as to whether new cell will be engineered this year • Link Road – maintained over the winter period, working well. • Wheel wash (bath and rumble strip type) installed and operational • Operations continued as normal through the national restriction periods and continue to do so <p><u>Concrete Pad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal/C&I waste – the refit of the MRF is underway and plans are to move municipal waste and green waste inside the building and review operations on the concrete pad • Plasterboard – continues to be exported to a third party reprocessor, no issues to report • 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 – ongoing with no issues to report. TT enquired as to the origin of the material and SA confirmed this was predominantly Wiltshire 	
5. Green waste and woodchipping update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood – nothing to report, operations ongoing • Green waste / compost – reduced tonnages due to the winter period but the expectation is that it will pick up again as spring / summer seasons begin. Green waste continues to be transferred to Parkgate Farm for composting. 	
6. Recycling operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA advised that the Lower Compton site and Sands Farm MRF plant were being run as efficiently as possible to cope with the additional tonnages being experienced with plans for a second shift at Sands Farm to be operational from May onwards. • SA advised that operations have been running throughout the pandemic with no breaks in service delivery during what has been a challenging year. • AHill enquired if it is the intention to continue with the booking system for HRC users. SA advised that this is a decision for Wiltshire Council and not Hills. AHill reported that users had been frustrated by the IT system when making bookings and SA undertook to share his feedback with the council. 	
7. Aggregate and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA that operations are running normally and there was nothing additional to report on 	
8. Transport	
Traffic Management Plan	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA gave an update on the transport management plan and reported back on the actions taken in response to complaints received. SA updated the committee on the issues experienced with HGVs travelling through Compton Bassett village as result of incorrect diversion signs placed on the highway by the Council's contractors during a period of roadworks on the C15. MH confirmed that the contractor had accepted responsibility for the errors and had undertaken to contact Hills well in advance of the next phase of the roadworks to ensure no further issues are experienced. Commenting on the Traffic Management Plan, AHill gave positive feedback on Hills management of the plan and enforcing the rules. TT endorsed AHill's comments <p><u>Sandpit & Spitfire Roads</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors requested that this is a designated item on future agenda to discuss what may be appropriate for the section of road from the roundabout at the end of Sandpit Road to right hand turn for Sands Farm facility following comments from RM and others of vehicles travelling in what appeared to be in excess of 30mph SA requested members to report any such vehicles to Hills Members requested Hills to remind drivers to adhere to the speed limit AHill stated that this section of road is designated as bridleway with the right for vehicles to use it as access / exit TT advised that Highways had cut the verge to create a path for pedestrians SA stated that Hills has no intention to seek to change the speed limit on that section of the road, and that the section of road from the right turn to / from the Sands Farm facility had been signposted by Hills as 10mph <p><u>C15 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TT advised that the 40mph limit was now in effect on the C15 and that yellow lines will be put in place once the next phase of road surfacing works are complete which will effectively make this road a 'no stopping' area 	<p>HILLS</p> <p>HILLS</p>
<p>9. Any other business</p>	
<p><u>Site visit</u> MH to make arrangements for a site visit for NW when social distancing restrictions have been relaxed further.</p>	<p>HILLS</p>
<p>10. Date of next meeting</p>	
<p>The next meeting is scheduled for 14 July 2021</p>	<p>ALL</p>