



Lower Compton and Sands Farm Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held via Teams on 11 December 2024 at 18.00.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council
Cllr Rod Lloyd-Davies (RLD)

Calne Without Parish Council
Cllr Doug Price (DP)

Cherhill Parish Council
No Representation

Calne Town Council
No Representation

Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee
No representative

Wiltshire Council
No Representation

Environment Agency
No representative

Hills Waste Solutions
Simon Allen (SA)

Hills Group
Alex Henderson (AH)

	Action
1. Apologies	
Received from Steve Burns (Hills)	
2. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes approved.	
3. Update on planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">SA stated that as part of Wiltshire Council's waste strategy review it may be necessary to make changes to the operations at Sands Farm requiring a planning application for a further storage shed, but as yet nothing has been agreed.	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Restoration and new cell construction - this had been hampered by the recent wet weather, but would be caught up in the coming months and was within operational time frames. SA confirmed that the current landfill permission was until 2042.Site Complaints – SA stated that a number of complaints had been received	

<p>following the recent storms relating to litter in road side hedges and verges in and around the site. RLD confirmed that this was the case. SA stated that teams were sent out regularly to litter pick around the site and had done so following both storm Bert and Darragh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landfill fire - RLD raised concern about the fire in June earlier this year. SA stated that due to the prevailing wind at the time this had resulted in smoke drifting towards Compton Bassett village. SA advised that the landfill area was covered by CCTV and it was not clear from footage to the source of the ignition, but had arisen spontaneously within the waste. SA pointed out that elsewhere on the site minor fires had occurred when treating material under landfill diversion contracts where items that should not be in the waste stream, such as lithium batteries, gas canisters and fireworks, had been identified as the fire source. SA also stated that this issue was an industry wide problem and the more we can all do to educate the public on how to correctly dispose of all waste streams the less likely these instances will occur. <p>SA stated that the company was in regular dialogue with the Council over public education on correct disposal of waste at both the kerbside and at HRC sites.</p>	
5. Garden waste	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green waste - No change to operations, with regular transfers taking place to PGF, with higher volumes of late due to high rainfall. 	
6. Aggregate and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggregates - AH reminded the meeting that Freeth Farm held consent under a ROMP and was subject to two planning permissions one relating to ROMP conditions the second for the installation of a conveyor to remove the need for tipper vehicle movements from the quarry site. AH advised that the conditions were being discharged and concrete supports for the conveyor structure would then be installed to implement the planning permission. <p>RLD asked about the diversion of the footpath across the site. AH stated that he understood that this related to the ROMP conditions not the conveyor application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete – no matters to report. 	
7. Recycling update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sands Fram DMR - No change in tonnages processed through the plant. Whilst levels of contamination material have fallen, incorrect material disposed in the waste stream remains challenging for the operation. Collection crews will reject highly contaminated loads at kerbside in line with the recycling awareness campaigns run by Wiltshire Council. • HRC - 85% of materials received at the 2 HRC sites operated by the company are sent for recycling. Details of the new pod recycling scheme at HRC sites were provided. • Residual Waste - Output waste not recyclable following sorting at Sands Farm and HRC sites is diverted from landfill and sent to the Lakeside incinerator in Slough to generate power. 	
8. Transport	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calne Traffic Management Plan (TMP) - AH confirmed that there had been two recently reported incidents that had been investigated by the company into 	

<p>vehicles breaching the TMP including one vehicle attempting to access the site via Low Lane. AH stated that the haulage companies concerned had been contacted in accordance with the TMP agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Access – DP enquired if landowners of the former Viridor landfill site had access rights via Hills land to the site. SA confirmed that this was correct and advised that vehicles had been tipping landscaping soils on site in connection with the solar array planning permission. • Electric waste collection vehicles – AH advised that charging infrastructure was being installed at Sands Farm for WCC to undertake a long term trial of an electric waste collection vehicle. 	
<p>8. Any other business</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustrans Route 403 - DP updated the meeting on the upgrade of the path surface being undertaken by the Parish Council on the route passing through the site, to take place in January/ February 2025. SA requested that the Parish Council provide safe system of works and risk assessments for the work at least 3 weeks prior to the proposed works for approval and to agree access. Parish Council to send details to SB and AH by email. 	<p>DP</p>
<p>9. Date of next meeting</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date to be confirmed – in approx. May/ June 2025. 	

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