



Minutes of the Purton liaison committee meeting held at Millennium Village Hall on 5 December 2024 at 16.00.

PRESENT

Wiltshire Council

Cllr Jacqui Lay (JL)
Tim Forster

Purton Parish Council

Cllr Geoff Greenaway (GG)

Cricklade Town Council

Cllr Tony Clements (TC)

Braydon Parish Council

Cllr J Szynanski (JS)

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

David Byatt (DB)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson (AH)

	ACTION												
JL was appointed Chair to the meeting.													
Minutes of previous meeting													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As there had been no attendance from invited Councils no meeting had been held. Apologies for no attendance to the meeting on behalf of the Councils were given by GG, TC and JS. 													
Parkgate Farm landfill operations													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DB reported that there had been no significant change in volumes and was below consented tonnages. DB to distribute figures to include vehicles movements in and out of the site. Figures as circulated post meeting as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="363 1550 1018 1850"> <thead> <tr> <th>01.12.24 - 30.11.24</th> <th>Tonnes</th> <th>Vehicle Movements</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Landfill IN</td> <td>34,640</td> <td>4723</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landfill Leachate OUT</td> <td>35,472</td> <td>1271</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clay OUT</td> <td>574</td> <td>34</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> DB provided details on the management of leachate on site and export for treatment and advised that tonnages were high due to the excessive levels of rainfall experienced. 	01.12.24 - 30.11.24	Tonnes	Vehicle Movements	Landfill IN	34,640	4723	Landfill Leachate OUT	35,472	1271	Clay OUT	574	34	DB
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- DB reported that just over 40,000 tonnes of kerbside collected green waste had been processed on site over the year, with 70% of this being Wiltshire Council Waste (WCC) and Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) making up 25%. DB to distribute figures to include vehicles movements in and out of the site and confirm GCC contract expiry. Figures as circulated post meeting as follows:

DB

01.12.24 - 30.11.24	Tonnes		Movements	
Green waste IN	40,234		3455	
	WCC	27,537	WCC	1,373
	GCC	10,216	GCC	1,760
	Other	2,481	Other	322
Product OUT	13,851		597	
Waste OUT	3,217		135	
Compost Leachate OUT	10,220		375	

GCC contract to expire to 2027 with option to extend to 2030.

Planning applications

- Solar Farm on Purton landfill** – DB advised that construction was due to commence in 2025.
- Landfill extension**- DB confirmed that planning to extend the life of the two permitted waste landfills had been extended to 2036 with no change to tonnages or waste types. JL enquired about whether there was no wheel wash on site. DB stated that this was not a requirement of the planning permission and that the haul road was regularly inspected to confirm that mud was not transferred from the site to Mopes Lane. DB stated that mud reported on the Cricklade Road was not from traffic leaving the landfill but other road users.

Recycling update

- DB advised that recycling rates from HRC remained at approx. 86% and advised that a new coffee pod recycling scheme had been introduced and proving to be very popular.
- JL highlighted the changes approved on collection services at the November Cabinet meeting in line with the Government's "simpler recycling" initiative. TF gave details of the proposed change in service to 3 stream collection service and introduction of food waste from 2027. TF stated that the Council had conducted research that had identified that up 43% of black bin waste was food waste, of which 2/3rds was still edible. TF confirmed that black bin waste was currently diverted from landfill to the Lakeside incinerator to generate power and Northacre MBT plant to create fuel to send to power stations, currently located in Europe. TF detailed the education programmes run by the council to try and reduce food waste and improve recycling.
- The issues relating to the introduction of "simpler recycling" were discussed. TF highlighted that there would also be additional obligation on producers to improve packaging to reduce waste and increase recycling of product packaging.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GG asked about the levels of plastic waste found in green waste material and DB stated that compost material was made to PAS 100 standards and to be compliant that no more than 0.12% m/m contamination was permitted. 	
Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Management Plan (TMP) – GG reminded the meeting that vehicles not following the TMP should be reported and that there had been some recent issues with GCC vehicles. DB advised that any issues should be reported to himself and that he would raise the issue with GCC and remind them again of the TMP. • Road Closures – JL highlighted road closures on Station Road and High St due to take place on 12 & 13. DB to advise Hills and customers. • Water Management – JL highlighted a number of local issues with flooding following the recent high levels of rainfall in the village. JL stated that concern had been raised about the trenches along the side of Mopes Lane and other drainage channels running through Hills land. DB and AH confirmed that water courses were regularly checked to ensure that flow was maintained and that that backing up issues were not related to blockages on Hills land. The matter was discussed. The fly tipping of waste in Mopes Lane was discussed and it was noted that the inert material was not the cause of any blockage of water flow along the trench. Further options to be explored with the Parish Council and WCC to try and identify the fly tipper. • Environment Agency - DB confirmed that the name of the Environment Officer for the site as Mr Sudarshana (Sud) Fernando. 	HILLS/ PPC/WCC
Next meeting	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7 December at 16:00 at the Purton Village Hall.	All