

## Greatmoor EfW – Community Liaison Group

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Attendees: list to be updated

- G Sinclair FCC
- J Agnew FCC
- C Mitchell EA
- W Whyte Buckinghamshire County Council
- R Seed Buckinghamshire County Council
- A Macpherson Buckinghamshire County Council
- T Morrison Hogshaw Parish
- I. Smith Kingswood Parish Council
- B Pethwick Calvert Green Parish Council
- D. Evershed Marsh Gibbon Parish Council
- R. Webster Edgcott Parish Council
- J. Plattner Hillesden Parish Council
- S. Cooper-Evans Middle Claydon Parish Council
- N Payne Woodham PM
- M. Campbell Local Resident
- A Gair Resident from Marsh Gibbon

### Distribution:

- All Attendees

### Actions Arising:

| Action | Description  |
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| 1.     | FCC to provide copy of revised EMP once approved by Planners once available. |
| 2.     | Provide copy of rail investigation planning condition report.                |
| 3.     | FCC to send the link of the application to the CLG.                          |

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| <p><b>1.</b></p> | <p><b>Attendance, Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>Review of previous actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing; A Biodiversity meeting (as part of the Ecological Management Plan) was held end of February 2016, report should be received by the end of April 2016.</li> <li>2. Closed;</li> <li>3. Ongoing; Rail investigation report will be issued to FCC in the week or so. Once issued will share with BCC and CLG. CLG to advise in advance of next meeting if they require someone from the rail to attend.</li> <li>4. Closed;</li> </ol> <p>Minutes accepted.</p>  |
| <p><b>2.</b></p> | <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Questions raised in advance of the meeting;</b></p> <p><b>Question raised;</b> FCC made a waste permit application to the Environment Agency in December. What are the details of this application please?</p> <p><b>Gillian Sinclair's response;</b> FCC has applied for an Environmental Permit to discharge treated domestic foul water to surface water ( Muxwell Brook) it is required because the treatment package has a maximum capacity of 15m<sup>3</sup>/day, which requires a Permit.</p> <p><b>Question raised;</b> Periodically we are still bothered by very large vehicles that have lost their way and drive along this lane looking for the entrance to the site. The last one was three weeks ago it turned into the gateway leading to Lower Greatmoor Farm, ignoring the signs indicating no access, a gratifyingly slid off the roadway becoming stuck in the flooded field at the side. It was several hours before it was released.</p> <p><b>Gillian Sinclair's response;</b> We have a process for all drivers bringing waste to site. Each driver goes through mandatory induction which includes; directions and route to use to site, how to deliver the waste and process on site. Regarding other deliveries to site the companies are provided with the postcode which takes them to the Woodham roundabout on the A41. We are unable to take any action if we are not provided with the vehicle registration number of the company name. Details such as a Polish vehicle is not sufficient for FCC to locate the company as we have lots of deliveries from Poland. Any vehicle over 7 and half tonnes have to use the access road.</p> |

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|      | <p><b>Question raised;</b> The noise from the site at times is unacceptably loud, general clashing and banging. There was a period when it was being commissioned and was fired up morning and evening which created a very loud whooshing but FCC did write to householders warning us of this. The noise now is, I assume, general noise of the plant working and frankly it's like living in an urban environment.</p> <p><b>Gillian Sinclair's response;</b> During construction noise levels will be different to when operating. To date the noise monitored in construction is compliant. We do sporadic monitoring.</p> <p><b>Question raised;</b> Whilst the light pollution from the building is much better since the walls have been clad there are dreadful amounts of light pollution from all the temporary buildings surrounding the main site. Are you aware of whether these temporary structures are due to be removed and if so when. It's reminiscent of living opposite 'The Strip' in Vegas.</p> <p><b>Gillian Sinclair's response;</b> The temporary camp will be in place until takeover, by June it will be removed.</p> <p><b>Question;</b> can the lights be angled?</p> <p><b>Gillian Sinclair's response;</b> Will look into it.</p> <p><b>Question raised;</b> But all of these moans pale into insignificance when stacked up against what they have done to our water supply. Late last summer the road was closed on the sharp bend just by the original entrance to Prune Farm. This caused tremendous inconvenience for a number of weeks, from memory about three. They were contractors for Thames Water doing some work. Since they finished we and our neighbours noticed a marked drop in water flow which fluctuates. The problems have grown steadily worse during the last weeks and three weeks ago we registered a complaint with Thames Water who have put a flow monitor on the new pipework. Thames Water originally could not find any record of work being carried out at this point and when eventually they did surprise, surprise it was FCC hacking into the pipework for a water supply to the MBI. I have been told by a water engineer that Thames Water advised this supply should be taken from the other side from the pipes that feed the Calvert estate, presumably because as a modern development the supply it is better equipped to cope with feeding the clearly voracious appetite of the MBI development. However FCC declined to accept Thames Water's advice and tapped into the old supply network that feeds the few houses along here. One can only speculate as to their reasoning. Our hot water is a direct feed via a combi boiler which relies upon a certain water flow to trigger the heating mechanism. Prior to this work it was possible for both showers in our house to be used successfully at the same time. Now we cannot shower if the washing machine is on or somebody uses a tap elsewhere in the house because the flow is insufficiently powerful. The problem is markedly worse at certain times and Saturdays are always impossible. As of today we cannot use a shower. The flow from the mains supply is so weak that it is slightly stronger than a trickle but insufficient to trigger the heating mechanism when the showers are turned on. I have family visiting, there are six adults in the house and we are faced with two options, an ice cold trickling shower or no shower. My immediate neighbours fare slightly better as they have a hot water tank and so at least can shower or bath but the water supply to their horse yard is terribly poor.</p> |

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|      | <p>Thames Water have opened a case and are investigating and have assigned a case manager.</p> <p><b>Gillian Sinclair’s response;</b> Thames Water allegations are incorrect. FCC paid a substantial amount of money to ensure water volume we require was available; Thames Water gave us certainty that no upgrade was required. The order was placed to provide installation. The water connection has been in place since October 2015 and the usage in November and December was more significant than the amount we are currently using. It is Thames Water responsibility to put this right. A response to Mrs Campbell-Smith will be sent directly as she could not attend today’s meeting.</p> <p>Gillian is happy to have discussions with Mrs Campbell-Smith.</p> <p><b>Question raised;</b> We came across the following whilst researching Riverside efw details. “Pulse Jet Monitoring System (PJMS) In 2014, there was an improvement made to the monitoring of the cleaning function across the fabric filter bag-house system. With the PJMS monitoring in operation, the Plant Operators are able to recognise failures more readily than before. This reduces the chance of blockages in the flow of gas through the bag-house chambers, caused by the build-up of APCr on the fabric filters which, if not detected, could ultimately lead to fabric filter bag failures and increased particulate emission levels” This admits that whatever was originally built (in 2011) was prone to failure &amp; increased emissions. Is a similar latest technology being installed at Greatmoor?</p> <p><b>Gillian Sinclair’s response;</b> Response to this question will be emailed to the CLG.</p> |
|      | <p><b>Questions raised at the meeting</b></p> <p><b>Question;</b> There seems to be traffic on Sundays, are there workers on site.<br/> <b>Response;</b> Yes construction workers are on site on a Sunday.</p> <p><b>Question;</b> Waste on the roads, increase in rubbish on the A41 at Kingswood.<br/> <b>Comment from Mr Campbell, local resident;</b> The rubbish we pick up on the road from the Woodham roundabout where the waste vehicles drive is mainly drinks and food cartons that appears to be thrown out of cars by the public. It is not rubbish from the waste vehicles.</p> <p><b>Question; Update on rail sidings</b><br/> <b>Response;</b> FCC not agreeing to any reduction in capacity in waste via sidings in relation to the development of HS2. Discussions on this are ongoing. In terms of waste arriving by rail, as mentioned a report will be issued in the next week or so. This will be submitted to planners at end of March. FCC don't believe there are viable options for further development of waste deliveries from the south of the county.</p> <p><b>Question;</b> What colour should the smoke be from the stack.<br/> <b>Response;</b> It depends on how the light is and hits the plume. The plume is not smoke but water vapour.</p>  |

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|      | <p><b>Question;</b> Is air pollution monitoring carried out during commission?</p> <p><b>Response;</b> Chris Mitchell: Air pollution modelling work is carried out during the application stage and modelled assumptions would have been made for EFW greatmoor. A decision document from the EA shows how this decision was made.</p> <p><b>Question;</b> I have never seen an economic analysis in the 7 years?</p> <p><b>Response from Warren Whyte;</b> As part of the procurement process a detailed business case was produced and a decision to develop the EFW facility was made on the basis of that. With the facility nearing completion it is too late for a new decision to be made.</p>   |
|      | <p><b>Lights On the Stack Discussion</b></p> <p>Gillian Sinclair made the following comment.</p> <p>In 2012 FCC approached the CAA to discuss the lights on the stack requirement. The response from the CAA advised two criterias.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relates to proximity to an areodrome.</li> <li>2. In excess of 100 metres.</li> </ol> <p>The two criterias meant lights were not required on the stack, however, the CAA recommendations were medium lights on the stack.</p> <p>FCC has followed the CAA recommendations. FCC have written to the CAA and the MOD to request a definitive position on the provision of lights, until FCC receive feedback from the CAA and MOD about the lights saying that they can be removed they will remain in place. If a recommendation comes back for low intensity lights, as opposed to the current medium intensity lights, then these will be switched to low intensity lights. Planners did approve medium lighting on the stack.</p> |
| 3.   | <p><b>Site Report</b><br/><b><u>Greatmoor</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First waste fire occurred on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015,</li> <li>- Delivery of waste commenced start of December 2016.</li> <li>- 900 tonnes of waste delivered per day.</li> <li>- The issue discussed at the last meeting, relating to running the start up burners was resolved shortly after the meeting.</li> <li>- FCC have been exporting electricity to the National Grid since January 2016.</li> <li>- Hot commissioning tests are now completed.</li> <li>- Landscaping works on Creighton Road will commence on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016.</li> <li>- FCC is currently operating under phase 4 of the EA pre commencement conditions.</li> <li>- Interviews are being undertaken for the Waste Education Officer.</li> </ul>  |

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| 4.   | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Will FCC allow a community person to be involved with the education department?</p> <p><b>Question;</b> Now the plant is burning waste can the council send a note to everyone not to put toxic rubbish such as batteries in the waste?</p> <p><b>Response;</b> BCC is working with the district councils to provide information on websites, new leaflets etc about how to dispose of waste in the correct way. It is also of note that there are many places such as Boots and WH Smiths where batteries can be dropped off for recycling.</p> <p><b>END</b></p> <p><b>DONM 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 6.30pm</b><br/> <b>(To be held in the Education rooms at Greatmoor EfW)</b></p> |