

HIGH HEAVENS LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 25th March 2015

Attendees:

Cllr Jean Teesdale	(JT)	Chair
Cllr Mike Pack	(MP)	Marlow Council
Gurbaksh Badhan	(GB)	BCC
Jenny France	(JF)	Great Marlow Parish Council
Charlie Trousdell	(CT)	Countryside
Gillian Sinclair	(GS)	EfW
Dominic Henry	(DH)	BCC

Apologies:

Amba Latimer		Marlow Bottom Parish Council
Darren Hayday		BCC Councillor, West Wycombe
Matt Rice		Environment Agency
Roger Seed	(RS)	BCC
Chas Farmer	(CF)	Resident
Harrie Cooke	(CH)	Resident
Hedley Luxton	(HL)	Booker Common and Woods Protection Society BCWPS
Julian Smith	(JS)	Environmental Health, Wycombe District Council
Neil Stannett	(NS)	Environmental Health Manager, Wycombe District Council
David Uren	(DU)	FCC Environment
Simon Hughes	(SH)	Environment Agency
Anne-Marie Kenward	(AMK)	BCC - minutes

	Actions
1. Introductions	
Introductions made.	
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
Minutes agreed.	
3. Update on EfW programme and tour- GS	
<p>Currently in a phase of hot and cold commissioning, more on the cusp of moving from cold where individual pieces of equipment are tried and tested. When targets have been reached the test certificate will be received to be able to move into hot commissioning.</p> <p>GS explained that the first waste to be used as EfW is due by the end of this month then seven days after this when energy from waste facilities will treat the waste into a thermal process. From December connection of electricity will commence to the grid. This will all be subject to when the EfW plant starts to accept material and can move into the hot commissioning phase.</p> <p>JT commented about an article found in the Bucks Free Press written by a past local councillor using scare-mongering tactics against the development of this complex. JT will try and invite him along to a future meeting.</p> <p>The start date of the transfer station is flexible; GS reiterated that the aim is end of this month.</p> <p>MP queried if that when this becomes live will there be any extra traffic. GB explained that the locations of each waste disposal and that the road structure has been designed around more 'bulkiers' coming in. GS added that there will be 44 bulkiers a day, 22 in and 22 out; this will be a short term facility only used for BCC waste which is 50% of the</p>	JT

<p>design capacity.</p> <p>JF commented that she was concerned about the effect the bulkers would have for children walking to school; some parts are tight and can be unsettling which disputes the work currently being done on 'walk-to-school' schemes. GS will come back with the specific routes these vehicles will take.</p> <p>MP asked if vehicles could have "how's my driving today?" stickers but GS suggested this is looked at in the future as for now feedback will be needed from this party companies as agencies are using this complex, not just drivers; they are multi-location vehicles. It is agreed that when this is ready a number for pedestrians to call for complaints or queries will be posted on the website.</p> <p>MP asked how much electricity will be made from the waste. GS explained that it will generate 22 megawatts of power, enough to run Aylesbury and Buckingham or 36,000 homes; all renewable energy.</p> <p>JF commented that the hedging in the complex is to be complete; GS stated that they are in the last stages of appointing a contractor to begin this work.</p> <p>GB summarised that once awarded a two year term will commence February 2016 then annually can be extended for up to a further three years. These extensions will be reviewed alongside future plans for Biowaste service contracts.</p>	<p>GS</p>
<p>4. Current High Heavens Site Update Q&A</p>	
<p>Discussion around the residual waste transfer station. Also that the current Dano building may be demolished. The current former IVC pad area will be used to shred bulky waste, and then either moved into the residual waste transfer station for onward movement to the EfW plant or directly to the EfW plant.</p> <p>Future longer term plans for the site will be re-design the internal complex to make best use of space to manage bulky waste and biowaste within a building similar to the residual waste transfer station. The current Dano building is likely to be demolished. We are aware there are likely to be some transitional arrangements with operations within the complex whilst we deliver the longer term plans.</p>	
<p>5. AOB</p>	
<p>6. Date and time of the next meeting:</p>	
<p>April 12th. Action arrange visit to EfW maybe meeting after April meeting as the EfW plant will be the latter stages stages of commissioning.</p>	