



**HIGH HEAVENS LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Cllr Jean Teesdale	(JT)	Chair
	Gurbaksh Badhan	(GB)	BCC
	Roger Seed	(RS)	BCC
	Chas Farmer	(CF)	Resident
	Harrie Cooke	(CH)	Resident
	Jenny France	(JF)	Great Marlow Parish Council
	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
<b>Apologies:</b>	Amba Latimer		Marlow Bottom Parish Council
	Darren Hayday		BCC Councillor, West Wycombe
	Charlie Trousdell		Countryside
	Matt Rice		Environment Agency

	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1. Introductions</b>	
Introductions made.	
<b>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	
Minutes agreed.	
<b>3. Current High Heavens Site Update</b>	
<p>The walls that can be seen rising from the foundations are the push walls, a reinforcement which will allow for the extra pressure of pushing waste against the far wall when unloading.</p> <p>The underground works are now complete including piling and the system for draining surface water. The piling is considered the noisiest part of the work.</p> <p>At approximately the end of April steel works will start to be delivered to the site. There will be no deliveries to site pre 9am or on weekends.</p> <p>FCC should finish building work in mid/late August; they are currently 10 days ahead of their schedule. There will then follow 'cold' and 'hot' commissioning phases to test the facility from September. Residents should expect trucks to start arriving from October 2015 onwards.</p> <p><b>Questions</b>  <i>Have the large trucks travelled the designated route from the motorway to the site yet?            Can BCC/FCC be sure they can get around local roundabouts etc? There are other large developments coming, e.g. the expansion of John Lewis, which will add further large vehicles – has the impact of this been considered? Can deliveries be time to avoid certain routes at busy times?</i></p>	



<p>GB – A transport monitoring study was carried out as part of the planning application which considers the impact of local traffic and the suitability of the roads; applications made since then will have included the applicants own study. All new applications are referred to BCC as a statutory consultee for comments including whether suitable consideration has been given to 'projected' traffic that has not yet hit the roads. The routes that will be used have already been agreed and will be operational during working hours; these will not be varied due to peaks in traffic.</p> <p>DU will take comments about trialling the vehicles back to FCC, in practise this will happen during the commission in September.</p> <p><i>What size will the vehicles be?</i> The same size and quantity of vehicles will continue to use the site; 57 daily with a maximum of 20 bulkers. They will access the waste transfer station via a new weigh gate at the far end of the site before turning right into the building and will exit the same way with a new exit lane being added. There is queuing space for several vehicles for peak times.</p> <p><i>Once the Waste Transfer Station is operational will High Heavens be at capacity?</i> DU – the capacity of the Waste Transfer Station cannot be increased without demolishing the building so this will remain steady.</p> <p>GB – the possibility of future green waste sorting activity on site has been discussed at previous meetings. BCC has entered a 24 month procurement process looking for operators which involves offering two suitable BCC sites, including High Heavens, applicants also have the option of putting forward sites they own themselves. If High Heavens becomes the preferred site then a planning application would be made in the usual way at the end of procurement process. Further details will not be known until 2017.</p> <p><i>Who paid for the recent changes to the new road layout?</i> FCC and their contractor Jones Brothers shared this cost at no expense to BCC.</p> <p><b>Issues</b> Due to the road improvements drivers are no longer slowing to turn into High Heavens and when exiting the site or turning left out of Claymoor JF has experienced impatient behaviour from other drivers while she picks up speed. JF would like the effect to be further researched.</p> <p>CF increasing finds the lorries on the main road very noisy; a decrease in speed of larger vehicles could possibly address this.</p> <p>GB will raise the speed issue with Highways.</p>	<p><b>DU</b></p> <p><b>GB</b></p>
<p><b>4. AOB</b></p>	
<p><b>Greatmoor EfW update</b> A timelapse camera showing progress at Greatmoor can be view here: <a href="http://fccenvironment.reachtimelapse.co.uk/greatmoor/">http://fccenvironment.reachtimelapse.co.uk/greatmoor/</a></p> <p>The facility is still on track to open in March 2016. 'Hot' commissioning where waste will be brought up from High Heavens will begin in October 2015.</p> <p><b>London Road East planning application update</b> Due to FCC being asked to provide further information the earliest likely date for the planning hearing is in June. The date of the meeting will be shared with the committee,</p>	<p><b>AMK to</b></p>

