



HIGH HEAVENS LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL 2014

Attendees: Cllr Jean Teesdale (JT) - Chair
 Gurbaksh Badhan (GB) - BCC
 Roger Seed (RS) - BCC
 Chas Farmer (CF) - Resident
 Geoff Edwards (GE) – Resident
 Hedley Luxton (HL) - Booker Common & Woods Protection Society
 Jenny France (JF) – Resident and Gt Marlow Parish Council
 Charlie Trousdell (CT) – Countrystyle Recycling Ltd (CRL)
 David Uren (DU) – FCC Environment
 Harrie Cooke (HC)
 Simon Hughes- Environment Agency
 Matt Rice (MR) - Environment Agency
 Neil Martin (NM) - Environment Agency
 Alison Derrick (ALD) - BCC

Apologies: Lorna Parkin – Marlow Bottom Parish Council
 Julian Smith - Wycombe District Council

	Actions
1. Introductions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Liaison Committee introduced themselves and JT welcomed Alison to the first meeting at which she would be taking the notes. 	
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (15 October 2013)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The correct email address and telephone number for Alison Derrick is c-aderrick@buckscc.gov.uk or the team email box wpp@buckscc.gov.uk could be used. 	
3. Current High Heavens Site Update (CT/GB)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GB reported that there had been no major changes since February. The bulking of green and food waste continues, mainly from CDC and WDC, and some from SBDC. Food waste is now being bulked inside the Dano building, which had two doors replaced. No odour problems have been reported. The tree felling and closure to achieve this had worked well and the site reopened on time. There was a lot of demand for the logs from which the Council received good feedback and PR. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB reported that it might be necessary to close the site again in order to lay asphalt. Two days may be needed to undertake this work but timeframe and duration is yet to be confirmed There was a possibility of doing this overnight but this would have potential noise issues for local residents. Any closure may be in late June/ early July at a time that people might have windows open overnight. Options are being explored but whatever is finally decided would be well publicised, starting as soon as feasible. • DU reported he was working with the contractor to identify 3 or 4 options for a way forward and would talk to BCC to find the preferred solution. However he suspected a closure would be necessary to lay the surface and give it time to set. • GB confirmed this was a busy time of year when 700-800 vehicles per day access the site at weekend, but doing such work on weekdays would impact on the collection and disposal of household waste for all Bucks' southern District Councils, there is no easily options each the least disruptive option will be moved forward. 	GB/ Waste Ops
Questions and Answers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HC asked how long the food stays on site. GB reported it tended to come in and go out on the same day, need to maximise / efficiently manage transport movements as a full load needs to be moved so could be anywhere between 40 - 100 tonnes moved each day. People being increasingly good at using the correct bins but some work to do as there have been collection changes which take time to settle. • JF asked if there had been much abuse of the free log give away from people arriving early or taking too much. GB reported there had been very little, a few people had been rather vociferous when they could not take logs immediately when the site opened, but in general there had been relatively few issues. • CF raised an issue about a contractor's vehicle parking on the verge opposite the bell mouth. He reported that there was a four inch cast iron foul sewer in the verge which was not buried deeply and would be very costly to replace – Thames Water have not adopted it so the cost would fall to the residents. DU said he would tell the contractor as soon as the meeting closed and reiterate that there could be not parking on this verge. • JF asked about plans for the old composting site. GB would have a better idea of the "direction of travel" by the end of May/June. Her view was that there would need to be a consolidation of the 4 bulking sites but decisions had yet to be made whether to treat in County or out of County as now. Either way improvements to some infrastructure is to be needed. • GB stressed that investment in the WTS was cheaper than paying landfill taxes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food waste is dealt by anaerobic digestion ○ Green waste would is composted by open air windrow <p>HH is currently used for bulking and may be needed in the future for treatment or bulking. These are the decisions yet to be made and a number of sites are being considered not just HH.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB stressed that expansion of HH is clearly a concern to residents but is not the only site under consideration • HL praised the excellent response on fly-tipping calls 	DU

4. EA Update (MR)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR said there was not much to update re the WTS – only some small amendments re drainage • NM reported that in February there had been a partial transfer of the composting permits to CountryStyle. This had enabled permits to be updated to modern standards. Permits now allowed for waste to be processed outside and food inside the buildings • IVC’s permit – CRS BioLtd can choose to surrender or retain the permit which incurs an annual charge • If composting is done on site it must be under cover e.g. “in vessel” or anaerobic digestion. “In vessel” would demand improved infrastructure and need a specific permit. • The last complaint received was in June 2013 which was before the end of the composting operation. 	
5. EfW Project and pre-works for the High Heavens Waste Transfer Station (DU)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Access Road widening would last approximately 16 weeks to the end of July. There would be some traffic controls at some point (under human control) meaning one way traffic, but any one-way sections will be short and the operators will ensure there is no back up onto Clay Lane. DU reported the contractor was excellent and he had confidence any issue could be sorted out. • In terms of the WTS itself it was planned that there would be slight changes to drainage and a reduction in overall size however discussions were on-going with BCC. The likely start date for work was September 2014 with work lasting until Feb/March 2015. • The lagoon would remain for surface water. Inside drainage would be to a sealed unit. 	
5. Questions and Answers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GE asked about the new building. GB reported this was a new electrical housing/substation for the electrical equipment to be housed, once the second part of the Dano building comes down. 	
6. AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HC asked about the collection of used batteries. Initially a new bag was left when the old one was collected but this did not seem to be happening any longer. The same was also happening with pink bags for clothes recycling. • JT said she would make enquiries and come back to HC to tell him what was happening and if there were any other places from which he could collect the bags. 	JT
7. Date and time of the next meeting: Provisionally agreed 2.00 pm on Tuesday 9 July 2014 in the High Heavens Meeting Room.	