

HIGH HEAVENS LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY 05th JULY 2016

Attendees:

Cllr Jean Teesdale	(JT)	Chair, County Councillor, BCC
Roger Seed	(RS)	BCC
Stuart Markham	(SM)	Countrystyle Recycling
Matt Rice	(MR)	Environment Agency
Julian Smith	(JS)	Environmental Health, Wycombe District Council
Neil Stannet	(NS)	Environmental Health, Wycombe District Council
Gillian Sinclair	(GS)	FCC
Jez Elkin	(JE)	FCC
Sara Perry	(SP)	FCC
Jenny France	(JF)	Great Marlow District Council
Graham Fletcher	(GF)	Great Marlow Parish Councillor
Alan France	(AF)	Resident
Chas Farmer	(CF)	Resident
Linda Braddock	(LB)	Resident
Nigel Teesdale	(NT)	Councillor, Wycombe District Council

Apologies:

Charlie Trousdell	(CT)	Countryside
Darren Hayday	(DH)	BCC Councillor, West Wycombe
Gurbaksh Badhan	(GB)	BCC
Hedley Luxton	(HL)	Booker Common and Woods Protection Society BCWPS
Simon Hughes	(SH)	Environment Agency
Amba Latimer	(AL)	Marlow Bottom Parish Council
Cllr Mike Pack	(MP)	Marlow Council
Harrie Cooke	(CH)	Resident

Notes: Sally-Anne Boosey (SAB) BCC

	Actions
1. Introductions	
Introductions were made. Apologies noted	
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
Minutes agreed.	
3. Current High Heavens site update – Questions and Answers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Lorries, Drivers and Routes at High Heavens</u> <p>JF said there were still concerns from residents regarding rubbish and vehicles. Most complaints are about smells, lorries and speeding.</p> <p>Residents have asked for a central phone number to call so they can log their concerns. SP said FCC have a central number and email address for responses to concerns. SP said she would have this information available by the end of this meeting and make up slips with numbers. GS said FCC was happy to listen to any concerns the residents have and they will liaise with the relevant contractor.</p> <p>JF said it would be better if residents could make one phone call to one number rather than worrying about which company to contact. GS said yes, this was possible through FCC. SP said if there were any concerns it would help if the vehicle registration was forwarded with the complaint. This will enable the vehicle in question to be tracked, giving the route and other information. 3rd Party contractor vehicles can also be tracked in this way. CountryStyle have a similar tracking system. GS said if it was not possible to catch the registration number then the colour of the lorry and time of day will enable the lorry to be matched up on the tracker system.</p>	SP

<p>JF said having a central phone number will help the residents feel better about the situation. If rogue drivers can be noted it will stop bad habits developing.</p> <p>GS said this was a long term relationship with residents and FCC intended to have an open way of dealing with residents and complaints.</p> <p>SP said now the Contract was in full operation there will be a dedicated fleet of lorries for the transfer station. These will have a new livery designed especially for the contract and this will make it easier to identify them. The new lorries are of better quality and should be quieter to run. The new fleet is to be phased in, in 3 months' time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Complaints</u> <p>JT asked how many complaints had been received to date? SP said only (1) formal complaint had been received. The person concerned had visited the site and the matter had been resolved on-site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Local Issues around High Heavens Site</u> <p>CF asked for consideration for drivers to slow down earlier on the stretch of road approaching the entrance to High Heavens depot. His house is alongside the road and the noise is very disruptive. The ideal solution would be for the breaking distance to be further up the road before his house. The current speed limit is 40 mph on that stretch of road but there is a campaign to reduce it to 30 mph. Already there has been a bad accident in the vicinity involving a motorcycle and a car where the motorcyclist had to be airlifted to hospital.</p> <p>GS said she would check the average speed lorries are travelling along that stretch of road and also alert HWRC contract as well.</p> <p>GF said he would add concerns about speeding in that area to the Great Marlow Parish Council Website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Food, Garden and Bulky Waste</u> <p>RS updated the group on plans to build a WTS on the same footprint where the shredding currently takes place. A Business Case is being prepared to be signed off next month with initial development to start in the autumn. This will provide a covered building for most of the materials. Pre-work will move the shredding to where the Dano building is at present. The Dano building will be demolished. Vehicle movements will remain the same.</p> <p>JF asked where the composting site would be. RS said on the same footprint as shredding, food waste and green waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Amersham WTS Site</u> <p>RS said the planning had not been approved yet as a routing agreement with CDC still needed to be agreed. This matter could be sorted through a form of planning variation.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>GF</p>
<p>4. Update on EfW Programme</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS thanked the Liaison Committee for attending today. The Liaison Committee was officially the inaugural visitors to the plant. • GS advised that the principal update was that the Greatmoor Plant is now in full contractual operation. The performance will be managed under a 30 year contract with BCC. Full contractual operation commenced on 21st June when the Plant received the Acceptance Certificate. An Independent Certifier with technical expertise reviewed all the documentation and testing (Mott MacDonald). 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS advised that BCC also had an expert engineer (AMEC) to go over the documentation and testing and he too was satisfied. • GS advised that after Acceptance, BCC paid the full debt cost of the facility at circa £180,700,000. This was paid to the banks as a means of removing banks finance from the project and so makes the overall cost of the project significantly cheaper. • A snagging list of minor outstanding items of work has been identified and HZI will continue working to complete these items. The aim is to have these resolved by the contractors within 3 months. A good example today was the buzzer on the main gate which is not working. • The Plant now enters a defect liability period running for 24 months where the Plant is run according to the manuals, tweaking defects as they arise. • The Plant is in “perfect condition” both operationally and regarding health and safety compliance. 	
5. AOB	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Visitor Centre and Education Centre</u> <p>GS introduced Jez Elkin who is the new Education Manager for the Visitor Centre. JE will be conducting outreach to schools, community organisations, fetes etc., and encouraging visits to the Plant. JE will explain how the facility works, how to reduce waste and recycle more.</p> <p>JE has emailed every single school in the county with the aim to develop a relationship and Bucks Learning Trust is going to put an article in their news-letter. The Co-ordinators have invited him to their Head Teacher meetings. Ideally the science teacher will be best contact.</p> <p>Key Stage 2 upwards (aged 8) would be the optimal age for children to visit the Plant, younger children would be visited in their school. JE is developing a range of resources and activities aimed at these different age groups. Grendon Underwood Combined School is the local school for the area.</p> <p>Word of mouth between teachers and pupils will be the starting point. It is expected that interest will pick up in the autumn term as there are only a few weeks left of the summer term and then 6 weeks holiday period.</p> <p>There is no charge for this outreach work or for visitors to the Plant</p> <p>JT said she was sure members of Wycombe District Council would like to visit and this could be arranged amongst themselves.</p>	
6. Site Visit	
<p>The group split into 2 groups to tour the facility after changing into full PPE clothing. A photo was taken of the group as the inaugural visitors to the plant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Control Room</u> <p>This is the central hub of the plant. A bank of monitors record and show all data relating to the functioning of the facility. Two viewing galleries give a view of the bunker and tipping hall.</p> <p>Emissions – monitored 24/7. Pop up readings show fluctuations and action can be taken to bring them down immediately. Daily reports are sent to the Environment Agency. Monthly data is summarised on the website and can be accessed by the public.</p> <p>CCTV Cameras monitor the flame, hopper, ash and metal drop-off.</p>	

<p>Level of Boiler Drum Indicator - 28.7 mega-watts of electricity is generated. The facility is self-sustaining and the rest is sold to the grid via FCCs Power Purchase Agreement with EndCo. They trade the surplus which on the day equated to 26.5 MW.</p> <p>Bunker and tipping hall – two viewing galleries enable the operators to see every aspect of the process from the lorry unloading into the bunker to the waste being dropped into the hopper. Drop level is 40 meters. The grabber, controlled by an operator in the gallery, moves the waste to the hopper and the process begins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Top of Silo (outside)</u> <p>A panoramic view of the countryside showing the direction of the landfill site and railway connection. The silos use lime, activated carbon to neutralise emissions. The proposed location for the new railway sidings was shown, this is where waste from London will arrive. Currently the existing sidings further up the line are used for waste to be transferred to either the landfill of the EfW Plant.</p> <p>Most waste arrives by road. 1/3 is Bucks Waste, 2/3rds from North London, Luton and Hertfordshire, processing approx. 300,000 tonnes per year of residual waste.</p> <p>The proposed HS2 line was shown and how it will cut through the area beside the plant. Comment was made that in the past this was something of an industrial area. From early 1900's The London Brick Company produced bricks made from "Oxford Clay" until the complex closed in 1991.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site visit was concluded with a view of the furnace through the spy hatch and a visit to the floor containing the turbines. 	
<p>7. Date and Time of Next Meeting</p>	
<p>27th September at High Heavens, 2.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m</p>	