



HIGH HEAVENS LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 9th July 2014

Attendees: Cllr Jean Teesdale (JT) - Chair
 Gurbaksh Badhan (GB) - BCC
 Roger Seed (RS) - BCC
 Chas Farmer (CF) - 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)
 Julian Smith (JS) – Environmental Health, Wycombe District Council
 David Uren (DU) – FCC Environment
 Anne-Marie Kenward (AMK) – BCC, minutes

Apologies: Cllr Lesley Clarke
 Cllr Netta Glover
 Matt Rice (MR) – Environment Agency
 Simon Hughes (SH) – Environment Agency
 Geoff Edwards (GE) – Resident
 Harrie Cooke (CH)

	Actions
1. Introductions	
Introductions made.	
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (30th April 2014)	
Minutes agreed.	
3. Current High Heavens Site Update (GB)	
<p>Odour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no major issues on site since the last meeting. One odour complaint was made, a vague complaint of a smell in the general area, which after investigation was found to be unsubstantiated. The cause remains unknown but may have been related to Thames Water sewage works. <p>Possible future bio waste development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 58 sites across Buckinghamshire after being looking at to for treatment of green waste and composting within the County. GB explained that the treatment close to source is key to which site would be developed with Aylesbury and Wycombe being the biggest producers. She would hope to have more information by September before the next liaison meeting. CF asked if development would lead to an increase to traffic on to the site as residents have already been promised no further development. GB explained it should not as these trucks are already coming to the site for bulking. However modelling would be done and details would be available ahead of any planning application being made. JS is purely interested in possible odours and attended the stakeholder meeting at Wycombe District Council to discuss this. <p>Site closure</p> <p>The site will be closed on 19th/20th July to facilitate the resurfacing of the access road discussed further under item 5.</p>	



4. EA Update (MR)	
<p>Apologies have been received from the EA who felt they did not need to attend today due to a significant reduction in odour complaints. GB noted this is the first time the EA have not attended, a positive indicator that things are going well on site.</p>	
5. Update on pre-works for the Waste Transfer Station at High Heavens – FCC / BCC EfW project team reps	
<p>Road widening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widening work is nearing completion; a few more patches of base course will be laid prior to the site closure on 19/20th July for final surfacing with road markings being painted on 21st/22nd July. Fencing and signage, including permanent give way signs, will also be going up as part of finishing work. • A press release has been made and leaflets are being handed out of site advising of the closure with users being diverted to other sites within Buckinghamshire from 6pm on Friday. JT encouraging attendees to spread news of the closure by word of mouth. • Manual traffic lights with one lane traffic will be used while painting takes place. There may also be traffic lights on Clay Lane between 9.30-3.30 but only as needed. • JF noted that traffic lights had sometimes been used on the main road as well as the side road during work. She asked if clearer signage could have been used advising of this. DU apologised for inconvenience caused, delays where expected but the use of lights where restricted to 9.30-3.30 to limit impact. • DU also explained that works had been delayed by issues getting BT on site to remove a telephone pole while necessary work by National Grid was carried out much more satisfactory. It is hoped that works can now be finished within two weeks. • JF asked about the “parking spot” near along the access road. DU explained that was originally to provide parking for the neighbouring house but plans have since changed, he will investigate its use further. • JF asked about the planting of hedgerows. DU confirmed this as a condition of the WTS planning permission rather than the road project but will be carried out at a later date being mindful of seasonal planting. • JF asked if an increase in flying tipping is expected due to the site closure. DU said it is not as there will be workers on site until 4pm-6pm on Sunday. • GB stated that the closure will have a knock on effect across the network for 3-4 days. • A temporary gate will be erected this week with a permanent gate being installed with week ending 25th July. The gate will be closer to Clay Lane than previously to discourage anti-social behaviour. • CF asked who funded the road widening and GB and DU confirmed this is being paid for by FCC out of the contract costs. • CF expressed surprise at the patch work approach taken to work. GB explained repair of Clay Road forms part of the planning permission with only repairs recommended by Transport for Bucks being undertaken due to budget constraints. • CF asked if it would be possible to have concealed entrance and speed limit signs installed approaching junction or failing that for the grass verges to be cut more regularly to make the junction more visible. GB/RS will approach Transport for Bucks about signage and will make enquiries about the verges. • CF noted that there is a large build-up of dirt from the road works by the Farm Shop. DU will investigate this with view to making right. • HL asked if the white lines and halts were indications of the final design as the junction onto Clay Lane sits “uncomfortably” with the filter lane. DU explained that the halts would stay with added give way signage. DU will look into the junction design with FCC designers ahead of permanent markings being made. 	<p style="text-align: right;">DU</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GB/RS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DU</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DU</p>



<p>WTS building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 96 permission (non material change) is being sort to reduce size of the WTS, losing 14 minutes width and 1 metre of height. • FCC also needs to agree the best foundation system with the EA. • Current building timescales are Oct/Dec 2014 start, June/July finish 2015 	
<p>6. AOB</p>	
<p>Extended opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JT asked if there would be extended opening hours over the August bank holiday. GB and JT will discuss this outside of the meeting. <p>Amersham WTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning application for a second Waste Transfer Station at London Road, Amersham will be made by FCC at the end of July. A link to the planning application will be forwarded once it has been made. • A previous planning application on this site was turned down. Without a second WTS there should not be an increase in lorries to High Heavens vehicle numbers are limited by planning conditions. It will mean instead that the site will take more household and less commercial and industrial waste. • JT reminded residents they are able to submit views and attend planning meetings if they wish. <p>Greatmoor Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF asked for an update on the Greatmoor site. • Work has begun and progress can be viewed online using the time-lapse camera that takes pictures every 30 minutes. http://fccenvironment.reachtimelapse.co.uk/greatmoor/ie8.php • Despite the high rise stairwell the site is still considered at foundation stage. • Work on track for February 2016 completion. 	
<p>7. Date and time of the next meeting: 14th October 2.00-4.30 High Heavens Meeting Room. REVISED TIME AND DATE 26TH November 2.00-4.300 High Heavens Meeting Room</p>	