

HIGH HEAVENS LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY 25th July 2017

At 2pm

Attendees:	Cllr Jean Teesdale (JT)	Chair, County Councillor, BCC
	Jenny France (JF)	Great Marlow Parish Council
	Hedley Luxton (HL)	Booker Common and Woods Protection Society BCWPS
	Chas Farmer (CF)	Resident
	Gurbaksh Badhan (GB)	Head of Waste Management, BCC
	Claire Oakins (CO)	Waste Commissioning Team Leader, BCC
	Richard Marks (RM)	Waste Commissioning Lead Officer, BCC
	Sally Ackroyd (SA)	Project Officer, BCC
	Charlie Trousdell (CT)	Countrystyle
	Matt Rice (MR)	Environment Agency
	David Culshaw (DC)	FCC
Apologies:	Cllr Julia Adey (JA)	Wycombe District Council
	Harrie Cooke (HC)	Resident
	Cllr Gary Hall (GH)	Wycombe District Council
	Julian Smith (JS)	Environmental Health, Wycombe District Council
	Cllr Mark Harris (MH)	Wycombe District Council
Notes:	Sian Evans (SEE)	Executive Assistant, BCC

1. Introductions	Actions						
<p>Introductions were made. Apologies noted.</p>							
2. Review and agreement of previous meeting minutes	Actions						
<p>The previous minutes were agreed.</p> <p>As a result of item 3 in the previous meeting, JF requested web links to be circulated, so that Parish Councils could sign post waste education information.</p> <p>www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk</p> <p>www.greatmoor.co.uk</p>							
3. EfW Programme Update – Questions and Answers	Actions						
<p>a) <u>High Heavens Waste Transfer Station (HHWTS) Operational update and Energy from Waste (EfW) Greatmoor update</u></p> <p>DC gave an overview following the completion of the first year of the Greatmoor EfW facility contract.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste volumes handled on contract... <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>WASTE INPUTS</th> <th>TONNES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Aylesbury Vale District Council</td> <td>25,188</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chiltern & Wycombe District Councils</td> <td>35,942</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	WASTE INPUTS	TONNES	Aylesbury Vale District Council	25,188	Chiltern & Wycombe District Councils	35,942	
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South Buckinghamshire District Council	8,881
Household Recycling Centre (Residual) (BCC)	10,564
Shredded bulky waste (BCC)	6,487
Third Party*	169,130
TOTAL WASTE HANDLED	256,190

- A significant increase in power generated: 25MW electricity generated from Greatmoor EfW compared to base case of 22MW. 169,638MWh (megawatt hours). This was all waste which would otherwise have been landfill.
- 56,671 tonnes handled through High Heavens Waste Transfer Station (HHWTS)
- Estimated 117,448 transport miles saved through operation of HHWTS
- 12 outreach visits by EfW Education Manager (school assemblies etc) and 115 Greatmoor EfW tours
- There have been no emission breaches throughout the year.
- The Annual Report is being prepared and is nearly finalised. This will be published on the Greatmoor website once completed.
- Complaints about litter falling from waste vehicles travelling from High Heavens have reduced. There were only four complaints in first contract year and none since January 2017. Measures put in place include: communication and relationship with waste hauliers, haulage contract in place etc.; improved vehicle trimming methods and tools introduced at site to clean vehicle prior to dispatch; proactive litter picking around site including access road and main road (if necessary); improved staff awareness to look for litter issues on their way into work.

b) Questions and Answers

- JT mentioned that BCC is doing a good job of prosecuting fly tippers.
- HL said that BCWPS has not received any complaints regarding litter.
- HL had observed haulage trucks on the road near Asda and John Lewis on two occasions. GB suggested, if possible / safe to do so, please record and share vehicle information with the site, so it can be investigated.
- JF stated that GMPC had received one complaint of a truck trying to get through. Marlow.
- Marlow Parish Council will put headline figures in their magazine when the Greatmoor Annual Report comes out.
- DC confirmed that the report will have photos etc to make it easier reading.
- CO confirmed that the web links mentioned from the last minutes will be added to these minutes.

4. High Heavens Biowaste update – Questions and Answers

a) High Heavens remediation works update

RM gave a presentation (copy attached to the minutes) on the proposed High Heavens remediation works.

b) Questions and Answers

HL asked whether there is a potential problem with pollution from the stationary water in that area. RM confirmed that rainwater can gather there currently, but the remediation works will include drainage into the complex's drainage system.

JF reminded the committee that some people around the table fought hard to avoid the landfill getting any higher.

CO highlighted that the pre-planning application public consultation is underway for the High Heavens remediation works and remains open until Fri 11th August. The HHLC was sent an email detailing the public consultation on 18th July. There will be a public exhibition on 1st August from 10am until 4pm in the meeting room at High Heavens. The committee was encouraged to attend and spread the word. The planning application will be submitted late August with the remediation work planned to commence between February and April next year.

Further information is provided on the BCC web site: www.buckscc.gov.uk/hh-remediation-works

RM highlighted that by completing these works it will make this part of the site more useable. The area will continue to be used for a variety of waste management activities including storage / repair of recycling centre containers and emergency storage if other sections of High Heavens are not available.

c) Biowaste Transfer Station (WTS) Update

RM continued to give the second part of the presentation providing an update on the proposed new Biowaste Transfer Station. Galliford Try is the appointed contractor.

d) Further Questions and Answers

- HL – Is the extra capacity within the new facility to take on all the expansion within Buckinghamshire? RM stated that there wouldn't be an increase in traffic using the new facility initially but they are planning for the future with extra housing growth, so there will be increases over time.
- JT queried whether the area will become gridlocked? GB confirmed that this is a brown-field site, has waste related use, already takes waste food and green waste generated by the local residents in the south of the county. The current tonnage will increase over time including with increased housing growth. The proposed planning application will have a transport assessment to assess impacts.
- HL said that although the waste facility has increased the level of traffic it has worked well but this development will be adding extra traffic in an area that is already saturated. BCC should build a new facility somewhere else.
- JT mentioned that Chiltern had room to build a facility for waste treatment.
- CT said there will be no increase at present. This is purely to get all the thoughts and plans out into the open, initially the facility will be replacing like for like.
- HL said that if BCC is spending money they must be expecting an increase in future? JF stated that there has to be a point when the 'creep' can't continue and somebody has to make a stand for a new road. Housing is increasing and when does the point come when someone says no to anymore new builds?
- GB gave an overview of the planning process. Through the planning process highways development management review transport assessments, current traffic and consented developments before making a decision. Highways development management can and do put forward changes or modifications needed appropriate for the development.
- HL & JF stated there are plans for change of use at the airfield which would result in a huge amount of traffic increase.
- GB informed the attendees that the agencies and authorities work in a joined up way with works currently going on in Wycombe and Aylesbury which involve multiple parties, there is always areas of improvement.
- CF asked when 'enough is enough' as his garden is very noisy from the volume of traffic and people are afraid to walk to Asda because of the lorries on the roads.
- HS2 – waste will be coming along the Risborough Road up a new road and where will that then go?
- JF asked if the High Heavens planning application is put in this summer after the

<p>airfield planning application had been submitted would the airfield have to put in their own justification for their traffic? GB stated that the Planning Authority has to take into consideration the developments that have been consented in the same area as a new proposed development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HL asked how much extra capacity in the facility is being included in the planning application? RM future proofing for growth will to be factored in. • JT said that anyone has the right to speak at planning applications and may have to declare an interest at this point. • It should be remembered that not every lorry seen is coming to High Heavens. However CT and DC will take the information regarding traffic back to Countrystyle and FCC and include reminders to drivers about their responsibilities. • JT reiterated that local councillors will scrutinise the plans and residents should speak to their Councillors about any concerns they have. • The Committee understood the need for the development and that it provides BCC with some flexibility on the site. Local traffic issues were a concern. • CT stated that there is less food waste due to public awareness campaigns about not wasting food. GB said that there will be a potential increase due to future growth but this will not be happening immediately, but over a 20 year period. • CO reiterated the Committee's invitation to the exhibition on the infilling and new slab at the rear of the Dano and confirmed that the presentation from today will be circulated with these minutes, together with links to the website included. As soon as the dates for the biowaste application are received they will be passed on. Any other suggestions are welcome. 	CT & DC
5. AOB	
None	
7. Date of next Meeting: to be agreed	
<p>Information on the Biowaste transfer station exhibition will be communicated by CO once received from Galliford Try. It was suggested the Committee meets again in advance of the exhibition meetings, around 3rd or 4th week in September depending on the dates of the exhibition. TBC</p> <p>Post meeting note:</p> <p><i>The next HHLC meeting date is now confirmed as Monday 25th September, 2.00pm until 4.00pm</i></p> <p><i>Galliford Try, BCC's design contractor for the biowaste waste transfer station, have confirmed the following location and dates for their public exhibitions as part of their consultation process for their planning application for the biowaste waste transfer station:</i></p> <p>Venue: Christ the Servant King (web), on the corner of Cressex Road and Sycamore Road, HP12 4TJ</p> <p>Dates: Thursday 28th September, 5pm-9pm Friday 29th September, 9am-5pm Thursday 5th October, 5pm-9pm Friday 6th October, 9am-5pm</p>	CO