

HIGH HEAVENS LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday 25th September 2017

- Attendees:** Cllr Jean Teesdale (JT), BCC **CHAIR**
Cllr Julia Adey (JA) Wycombe District Council
Jenny France (JF) Great Marlow Parish Council
Hedley Luxton (HL) Booker Common and Woods Protection Society BCWPS
Harrie Cooke (HC), Local resident
Chaz Farmer, (CF), Local resident
Matt Rice (MR), Environment Agency
Paula Alvarez (PA) EFW Environment Advisor, FCC
Julian Smith (JS), Environmental Health, Wycombe District Council
Gurbaksh Badhan (GB) Head of Waste Management, BCC
Claire Oakins (CO) Waste Commissioning Team Leader, BCC
Richard Marks (RM) Waste Commissioning Lead Officer, BCC
Andrew Walters (AW), Director – Planning & EIA, RPS
Tom Hill (TH), Associate Director – Planning & EIA, RPS
Richard Everett (RE), Senior Design Manager, Galliford Try
Keith Williams (KW), Operations Manager, Galliford Try
- Apologies:** David Culshaw (DC), FCC
Michael Pack (MP), Great Marlow Parish Council
Charlie Trousdell (CT), representing Countrystyle
- Notes:** Jack Mentiply (JM) Business Support Officer, BCC

1. Introductions	Actions
Welcome by JT. Introductions were made.	
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
Actions from previous meeting have been completed. Previous minutes were agreed.	
3. High Heavens Remediation Works Update – BCC	
RM provided an update on the High Heavens remediation works, which were discussed at the previous HHLC meeting in July. A public exhibition took place (on 1 st Aug) during the four week period of public consultation. The planning application has been submitted (ref CC/95/17) and details can be seen via the Planning Portal (link below): https://publicaccess.buckscc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OWMU7UDS04800	
4. Energy From Waste (EFW) Update – FCC	
Paula Alvarez spoke on behalf of David Culshaw and provide the update below: <u>Feedback on issues raised in previous meeting</u> A toolbox talk was issued to hauliers using the transfer station to brief their drivers, reminding them of routing restrictions.	

Site rules updated and re-issued in August to include reminder of vehicle routing and to take care of speed and braking on nearby roads.

FCC now has regular meetings with the HRC transport contract, where issues are raised and also contract meetings with the residual waste haulier, Fred Sherwood.

EfW Contract Update

Performance is good. There was some downtime of the summer, but this did not affect Buckinghamshire waste inputs.

No further complaints received at High Heavens. Currently only 2 two complaints this year, one of which was not related to the EfW contract and the other was related to litter at High Heavens back in January 2017. Good litter management is ongoing through continuation of controls highlighted at the last meeting.

There was a complaint against a transfer vehicle near Greatmoor in June, due to a Fred Sherwood driver getting close to a road user, whilst slowing down for an Ambulance. The driver was spoken to once he arrived on site.

Annual report due to go live on the Greatmoor website by the end of September and can be viewed via the link below.

<http://www.greatmoor.co.uk/>

5. High Heavens Biowaste Transfer Station Update – Galliford Try

Andrew Walters and Tom Hill (both from RPS) gave a presentation on the proposed Biowaste Transfer Station at High Heavens on behalf of Galliford Try. RPS are supporting Galliford Try with regards to their planning application for the proposed biowaste transfer station. Richard Everett and Keith Williams (both from Galliford Try) were also in attendance.

Copy of presentation is attached.

Questions and Answers

JF asked if, with the increased tonnage, will there be an increase in traffic volume and noise in light of the new transfer station?

- AW - the increase in amount of waste entering the WTS is only a natural increase in relation to the predicted increase in housing in the County. We must allow for a future increase in waste being processed in the transfer station to deal with this increase in population. Traffic considerations will be put forward as part of the planning application. If this is an area of concern then do raise it during the planning process.

HL and CF also raised concern regarding traffic volumes, types of vehicles and traffic noise.

- AW – there is no significant change in traffic volumes once the facility is operational, but there will be increased traffic in line with the growth in population over the life of the facility. AW encouraged raising these points during planning application scrutiny.

JF was surprised at the size of the new transfer facility – what is the reason for this larger size (compared to the residual waste transfer station)?

- AW – the facility needs to be this size as green, food and bulky waste will all be delivered, processed (bulky waste) and bulked within the one building – including the shredding of bulky waste.

JF asked if this transfer station will be a ‘single skin’ building (like the residual waste transfer station)?

- TH – It is proposed that this building will have a built up, insulated facade system, with a non-combustible mineral wool insulation core.

HL asked if there will be separate areas for food and green waste inside the facility?

- TH – confirmed that there will be dedicated, separate areas to deal with the waste separately.

JA asked about what is being done with the existing concrete on site?

- RE – the concrete will be crushed and reused to level the ground in preparation for construction.

HL asked whether this facility will take industrial waste?

- AW – confirmed that this facility is for household waste only.

AW and KW reiterated the timeline, which is subject to the planning process:

- Planning Application submitted – late October 2017
- Planning Application Determination – Early 2018
- Construction start – Spring 2018
- Commissioning of facility – 9 to 12 months
- New facility operational – 1 to 2 months after commissioning

HL stated that he didn’t have any objections to the proposed transfer station, but did have concerns regarding the traffic. HL asked whether the planning application will include road speed changes?

- AW - This will be taken into consideration within the traffic/route plan
- GB - The Council’s Highways team will consider this when assessing the planning application.

CF asked, assuming the planning application is approved, what will the construction working hours be?

- RE confirmed that the proposal was for 8am – 6pm weekdays and 8am – 1pm Saturdays.

JF asked what the operational hours will be for the proposed facility?

- RM to confirm the current operational hours vs what is proposed.

Post meeting update – the current permitted operating hours for the food, green and bulky are below. These permitted operating hours are cited in the certificate of lawful use (issued 3rd Nov 2014), not a planning consent.

7.30am - 6pm (Mondays to Fridays);

8.00am - 5.30pm (Saturdays);

8.30am - 1.00 pm (Sundays - for the importation of waste from Civic Amenity Sites referred to as HWRCS only)

9.00am - 5.30pm (Bank + Public holidays except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and

RM

AW

New Years Day)

The actual operating hours the contractor does may well be within these, but never should be before or beyond the allotted times.

The proposed operating times for the new facility are:

7am to 7pm Mondays to Fridays

8am to 5.30pm Saturdays

8am to 1pm on Sundays

8am to 5.30 pm on banks holidays, but excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

A general question was raised as to why have the leaflets for the public consultation meetings not been received by all?

- AW - This will be investigated as the leaflets were produced and delivered by a third party. Those who have not received a leaflet were encouraged to take copies of the leaflet that were available at the meeting and to also provide their postcode to AW so he could investigate.

Post meeting update – confirmation was received by AW that all local areas that were due to receive a leaflet had been visited by the distribution company

AW then provided a summary of the opportunities to put forward comments:

- Any queries can be put forward at the public exhibitions (dates below); or online at <https://hhbts.co.uk/>; or as part of the consultation process for the planning application (once submitted).
- Public concerns will be taken on board and responded to, which will help with the planning application.
- Proof of public queries / concerns will be put forward by RPS/GT at the point of submitting their planning application.

High Heavens Biowaste Transfer Station – Public Exhibitions

Venue:

Christ the Servant King, on the corner of Cressex Road and Sycamore Road, HP124TJ

Dates:

Thursday 28th September, 5pm-9pm

Friday 29th September, 9am-5pm

Thursday 5th October, 5pm-9pm

Friday 6th October, 9am-5pm

JT thanked AW for his presentation and encouraged everyone to feed in their comments through the routes highlighted by AW.

6. AOB

None

7. Date of next Meeting

February/March 2018 – Date to be confirmed and subject to planning application outcome.