

Norton CMRF Community Liaison Group

Monday 29th October 2007, 7pm

Education Room, Hill and Moor MRF

In attendance:

Cllr Rob Adams	Local Member
Ian Barber	Severn Waste Services
Fernando Capelastegui	Severn Waste Services
Doug Lucas	Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council
*Christine McGovern	Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council
*Richard Callaghan	Stoulton Parish Council
Martin Baker	Whittington Parish Council
Tony Aston	Woodbury Park Residents Association
Peter Morgan	Woodbury Park Residents Association
Ian Holebrook	Worcestershire County Council
Richard Woodward	Worcestershire County Council

* Substitutions

Also present:

Jon Fraser	Worcestershire County Council
Jack Hegarty	Wychavon District Council

1. Appointment of Chair

1.1 It was agreed that Cllr Rob Adams would chair the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

2.1 Apologies were received from

Mike Reeves	Norton Parish Council
Bob Marchant	Stoulton Parish Council

3. Minutes of the last meeting, Monday 24th September 2007

3.1 Paragraph 3.17 – Terms of Reference – Peter Morgan felt that the minute did not fully reflect the discussion and should be amended to read: “Jack Hegarty was proposed as Chair. However, Jack is attending the meetings in the capacity of independent observer and therefore felt that he should not chair the meeting. Jack Hegarty and Cllr Rob Adams would discuss the matter.”

- 3.2 Paragraph 5.6 – Update on the project – it was agreed that the minute be amended to read: “The CMRF will also require a Licence or PPC permit as deemed appropriate.”
- 3.3 With these amendments the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 3.4 A discussion then took place on how best to draft and agree the minutes so that they can be made available to a wider audience in the shortest timeframe. It was agreed that the draft minutes would be produced within one week of the meeting and circulated to members to comment and respond back to the Secretariat within 5 working days. Following this the draft minutes can then be issued and placed on the appropriate websites. The minutes will still be formally signed off at the next meeting.

4. Matters arising from last meeting, where not already on the agenda

- 4.1 There were no matters arising.

5. Report from Severn Waste Services

- 5.1 The Progress Report and a copy of the planning conditions were circulated prior to the meeting. The planning conditions had been collated into three groups

- Absolute conditions (which cannot change)
- Conditions precedent (which must be discharged before commencing development)
- Conditions subsequent (which must be discharged before commencing operations)

- 5.2 Ian Barber explained that some of the conditions fell into two categories (e.g. Conditions 6 and 18 fall into both absolute and conditions precedent categories).

- 5.3 Submissions have already been made in respect of:

Condition 3 – Section 278 works – highways and traffic management

Condition 6 – signage – right turn on exit

Condition 14 – Green Travel Plan

Condition 30 – ecology / Great Crested Newt survey

- 5.4 Great Crested Newts are not present at the site and Natural England has no further comment to make. There is therefore no requirement to include a pond in the landscaping proposals, so the Company will be submitting revised proposals to discharge Conditions 31 and 33.

- 5.5 Condition 17 – Noise alleviation and mitigation – Ian Barber confirmed that background noise assessment has been done. Mitigation measures may include insulating parts of the building or specific pieces of equipment. The Company have appointed Noise Consultants who will be visiting the site within the next two weeks with a Wychavon Environmental Health Officer

(EHO). The EHO will be responsible for setting the noise limits and determining who/where the sensitive receptors are.

- 5.6 Noise is one of the major concerns expressed by local residents and therefore it was agreed that the EHO would be invited to the next meeting to discuss the noise implications of the facility.

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- 5.7 Ian Barber circulated the latest construction programme. The actual physical start on site is likely to be mid February 2008.

6. Highways

- 6.1 As agreed at the last meeting, a representative of Worcestershire Highways would attend to answer any questions. This would normally be Roy Fullee, a Highways Liaison Engineer, but as he was unavailable Jon Fraser was attending the meeting instead. Roy will attend future meetings if required.
- 6.2 A query was raised regarding Condition 3(i) – the weight restriction on Woodbury Lane. Jon Fraser confirmed that the advanced warning sign is to remain.
- 6.3 Doug Lucas commented that on Condition 3(ii) – installation of vehicle activated signs – it would be impossible to turn right into Woodbury Lane if travelling from the Pershore direction.
- 6.4 Jon Fraser commuted that installation of vehicle-activated signs is a common occurrence and that the wording of the signs would reflect what was actually happening. Ian Barber stated that the message proposed is “Slow Vehicles Turning” which would be correct in both directions.

7. Other issues raised since last meeting

- 7.1 Members had been invited to formulate questions prior to the meeting. These had been summarised by the Secretariat and circulated with the agenda.
- 7.2 Martin Baker expressed concern over the 40mph speed limit on the B4084 and asked if there were any plans to reduce this to 30mph. He stated that there are already 5-6 accidents per year on the Whittington stretch of the B4084 and this is likely to increase with more lorries. He also queried traffic numbers and times of day.
- 7.3 Highways are undertaking a review of speed limits across the County, in line with the Local Transport Plan and Government guidance. Routes are being prioritised and the B4084 will be in the second phase. It is expected the Worcester-Pershore stretch will be reviewed within the next 12 months. The police will be consulted as part of the process but the final decision on speed limits rests with the County Council.

- 7.4 The meeting was reminded of a previous village speed limit initiative implemented by the County Council, whereby the speed limit through Stoulton was reduced.
- 7.5 Ian Barber distributed copies of an extract from the planning permission, which gives an indication of vehicle movements. He confirmed that 84 HGVs in and out per day are the correct numbers for Norton CMRF. A graph from the planning application illustrating the times of vehicle movements at Hill & Moor MRF was distributed.
- 7.6 Peter Morgan disagreed with the vehicle movements, stating that he had detailed calculations based on realistic and actual loadings which clearly show that the figures produced by Severn Waste were false and that vehicle numbers would be substantially higher advice that the numbers would be higher.
- 7.7 Peter Morgan raised the issue of Chairs for future meetings. Severn Waste Services were keen for the local Councillor to chair all the meetings, with Worcestershire County Council acting as Secretariat. This was modelled on the Hill and Moor Community Liaison Group, which had operated in a similar manner for a number of years. The proposal for Cllr Rob Adams to chair the meeting had come from Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council and the Company was supportive of that proposal. It was agreed that Cllr Rob Adams would be Chair for future meetings.
- 7.8 Peter Morgan had asked for a review of issues from the Hill and Moor Community Liaison Group. However, the CMRF is a completely different facility to the landfill site so the issues raised would not be compatible. It was suggested that Peter contact members of the Group or its Chair, Cllr Liz Tucker, to find out how effective the Group was at resolving issues of concern for local residents. Tony Aston had already spoken to Cllr Tucker and she was supportive of the Hill and Moor Liaison Group. It was agreed that Peter Morgan talk directly to Cllr Tucker to obtain her views.
- 7.9 Tony Aston had raised the issue of an air quality survey. The three major concerns for local residents are traffic, noise and air quality. He asked how the process will be monitored and how transparent the process will be. Tony commented that residents have lived with Morganite for a number of years and had issues with odours.
- 7.10 Peter Morgan expressed his concern over bio-aerosols.
- 7.11 A general discussion took place regarding air quality and how best to monitor it. The Environmental Health Officer will be able to advise on air quality. Air quality is also an issue included within the Local Transport Plan and Highways would be happy to help if further understanding is needed. Ian Barber was asked to report back to the next meeting on this issue.
- 7.12 Ian Barber addressed the meeting regarding odour control and how the Group could play a positive role for the wider community in helping to

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address the issue of contamination of source segregated materials and the need for ensuring materials are clean when they arrive at the facility.

7.13 Doug Lucas stated that the routing map issued at the inaugural meeting was not compliant with Condition 6 of the Planning Application, which states that the means of vehicular access to the development hereby approved shall be from the B4084 and Woodbury Lane to the east of the application site only. An extensive discussion took place and it was agreed that Cllr Rob Adams and Doug Lucas would meet with Simon Mallinson (Head of Legal Services) and Mark Middleton (Head of Planning) to discuss the issue.

7.14 Doug Lucas commented that he was keen for the Parish Council to work with the County Council and Severn Waste Services to deliver an exemplary facility of which the village could be proud.

8. Agenda of next meeting

8.1 It was agreed that members should feed any questions into the Secretariat prior to the distribution of the agenda.

8.2 A question was raised as to how Arrow Distribution and Morganite keep local neighbours informed and how any issues are resolved. Tony Aston advised that there are no formal liaison groups but that a good relationship is enjoyed with both companies and any problems/issues are normally dealt with swiftly.

8.3 It was agreed to invite Wychavon's Environmental Health Officer (Geoff Carpenter) to discuss Noise / Air Quality / Odours to the next meeting.

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8.4 Planning Conditions – Peter Morgan was requested to prioritise and feed comments back to the Secretariat for discussion at the next meeting, time permitting.

8.5 It was agreed that future meetings would finish by 9pm. Any items not discussed would be carried forward to the following meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

9.1 The next meeting was arranged for 7pm on Wednesday 28th November 2007 at the Education Room, Hill and Moor MRF.

10. Any other business

10.1 Stoulton Parish Council requested that the J7 Waste Action Group signs be removed. It was agreed that the J7 signs should be taken down. Doug Lucas agreed to help remove the signs.

11. The meeting closed at 9.10pm