

Norton CMRF Community Liaison Group

Wednesday 23rd January 2008, 7pm

Education Room, Hill and Moor MRF

In attendance:

Cllr Rob Adams (Chair)	Local Member
Ian Barber	Severn Waste Services
Fernando Capelastegui	Severn Waste Services
Doug Lucas	Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council
Mike Reeves	Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council
Bob Marchant	Stoulton Parish Council
Martin Baker	Whittington Parish Council
Tony Aston	Woodbury Park Residents Association
Peter Morgan	Woodbury Park Residents Association
Steve Birch	Worcestershire County Council
Ian Holebrook	Worcestershire County Council

Also present:

Mike Stass	Severn Waste Services
Jack Hegarty	Wychavon District Council
Martyn Hencher	Worcestershire County Council

1. Apologies for absence

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1.1 Apologies were received from Norton Hall Nursing Home and from Javier Peiro (Severn Waste Services).

2. Notes of the previous meeting, Wednesday 28th November 2007

2.1 The notes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2.2 Further comments from Peter Morgan will be kept on file.

3. Matters arising

3.1 **Item 3.1 – Speed limit on the B4084** – Rob Adams had spoken to Jon Fraser regarding the review.

3.2 **Item 3.2 – Vehicle movements** – there will be 85 vehicles visiting the site per day.

3.3 **Item 3.6 – Access to the site** – Ian Holebrook had spoken to the Planning Authority regarding the inconsistency between Planning Condition 6 and the Section 106 agreement. A written response from the Planning Authority was circulated.

- 3.4 **Item 3.7 – J7 Action Group signs** – Rob Adams had spoken to Ken Munn regarding the signs. Many have now been removed. Members reported that there were some remaining near the Swan at Whittington and on Broomhall Way, Worcester.
- 3.5 **Item 4.6 – Drainage** – there was a discussion about the effects of the current flooding. This had rendered the site inaccessible for around 2 hours. The worst of the flooding is further along Woodbury Lane. Drainage in the area was altered around 4 years ago but the water still backs up, leading to flooding.
- 3.6 **Item 5 – Questions to the Environmental Health Officer** – a written update from Geoff Carpenter was circulated.
- 3.7 **Item 8.2 – Parish meetings** – Ian Barber is talking to the architect with regard to producing composite pictures of the facility, including topography and adjacent buildings. Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council is considering holding a public meeting in March, or whenever work starts if this is later. The Parish Council had received quotes of £350-400 for a model of the site. The event would be more of an open evening than a formal presentation. Severn Waste requested to attend to answer any questions parishioners might have.
- 3.8 **Item 8.3 – Woodbury Lane** – there will be no closure of Woodbury Lane during the development.

4. Report from Severn Waste Services

- 4.1 Since the report was written, a submission relating to Condition 40 (materials and finishes) has been made.
- 4.2 The Company is looking to hire a couple of PM₁₀ meters. One would be placed towards the site access and one at the back. This would measure the effect of the railway line. Tests would be carried out for around a month.
- 4.3 Work on site is now unlikely to begin before March. It is still hoped to achieve the original end date.
- 4.4 The previous owner removed some scrub vegetation from the site. Severn Waste may now take down some trees on the Woodbury Lane frontage. This would need to occur before the end of February to avoid the bird-nesting season.
- 4.5 The site is being reviewed to reduce the risk of trespass by travellers.
- 4.6 It was clarified that Severn Waste will carry out the work on the public highway, after permission from Worcestershire County Council is received in the form of a Section 278 agreement.

5. Planning conditions

- 5.1 Peter Morgan had collated a list of the planning conditions that were of greatest interest to residents. A larger asterix denoted a greater level of interest. The Group had already discussed some of these.

- 5.2 It was commented that the areas around MRFs are often grimy, but this is because these sites are also associated with other activities. This is the case at Hill and Moor, where the MRF is located next to the landfill site. Severn Waste is currently drafting protocols for monitoring potential nuisances to ensure they are controlled.
- 5.3 At Hill and Moor a mechanical sweeper is used to clean the access road up to the roundabout on the Wyre Piddle Bypass. The Waste Management Licence for Norton will include requirements to keep the surrounding area clean, as do the Planning Conditions.
- 5.4 Good operations, such as moving recyclable materials quickly into the site, will reduce any possible problems. This is also why the Company made a commitment to keep everything inside the building.
- 5.5 It was questioned whether the doors would need to be opened every time a lorry arrived or departed. Severn are looking at a canvas 'mega door', which is similar to a roman blind. The Company has also made a commitment to fit white sound reversing alarms, rather than beepers. These are currently used at Hill and Moor and are 5 decibels quieter.
- 5.6 Ventilation will extract exhaust fumes from the building. Vehicle engines will be off when bales are being loaded. There is plenty of provision for vehicles to wait in the yard if necessary, so there will be no queuing on the road. There should be no litter, as the lorries will only discharge inside the building.
- 5.7 Severn intends to have the noise and dust mitigation schemes ready as soon as possible. It is not known whether these will be ready for the proposed Norton-juxta-Kempsey parish meeting in March. Wychavon will be consulted on these, and they will also be discussed with the Environment Agency.
- 5.8 Any dirt deposited on the highway during the construction will be the contractor's responsibility to clean up.
- 5.9 Ian Barber was asked to look into whether a wheel cleaner will be deployed on the site during the development.

**Ian
Barber**

6. Agenda of next meeting

- 6.1 This will include
- Report from the Environmental Health Officer (Geoff Carpenter)
 - Proposed parish meeting

7. Date of next meeting

- 7.1 It was agreed that the next meeting take place on Wednesday 12th March, 7pm, in the Education Room at Hill and Moor MRF.
- 7.2 An earlier meeting could be convened if there was any significant development.

8. Any other business

8.1 **Road signage** – Tony Aston said that there were currently over 60 signs around the Woodbury Lane/B4084 junction, and asked if unnecessary signage could be removed. Severn Waste supported the principle. Jack Hegarty and Rob Adams agreed to look into the sign at Arrow. Steve Birch offered to talk to Worcestershire Highways regarding a destroyed junction sign, and arrange a site visit with Tony Aston and Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council.

**Steve
Birch**

8.2 **Gantt chart** – Mike Reeves asked if Severn could provide a Gantt chart with slightly more detail over the short-term (3 months). Mike was asked to clarify what groups of activities he would be interested in.

**Mike
Reeves**

9. The meeting closed at 8pm