

Norton CMRF Community Liaison Group

Wednesday 12th March 2008, 7pm

Education Room, Hill and Moor MRF

Present

Local Member	Cllr Rob Adams (Chair)
Severn Waste Services	Ian Barber Fernando Capelastegui Mike Stass
Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council	Doug Lucas Mike Reeves
Stoulton Parish Council	Bob Marchant
Woodbury Park Residents Association	Tony Aston Peter Morgan
Worcestershire County Council	Steve Birch Simon Wilkes Simon Ford
Wychavon District Council	Jack Hegarty Geoff Carpenter

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1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Martin Baker (Whittington Parish Council) and Richard Woodward (Worcestershire County Council).

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.

3. Matters arising

3.1 **Item 4.3– Construction of the Site** - Mike Reeves requested projected dates for the construction of the site and Doug Lucas requested a projection of vehicles entering the site during this period.

3.2 **Item 8.1–Signage removal**– Tony Aston enquired about the removal of the signage around the parishes. Steve Birch advised that he had been in touch with Worcestershire Highways and they had removed all signage. It was agreed that the majority had now been removed and any signage still existing needs to be removed. Ian Barber, Jack Hegarty and Doug Lucas offered to help with this.

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3.3 Item 3.3 –Vehicle Activity section 106 – Mike Reeves expressed concerns over the agreed vehicle routes. Tony Aston felt that there was high risk of loads from Hereford and Malvern Hills districts being transported through Norton. Severn waste assured that these routes would be adhered. Severn also advised there will be safeguards in place so in any instance where they are not followed that disciplinary action will be taken, where this involves Severn Waste Service drivers.

After this discussion Mike Reeves expressed satisfaction that HGV traffic through the local rural network would be confined to vehicles collecting materials locally.

3.4 Item 5.9–Wheel cleaner– Ian Barber advised that a wheel cleaner would be on site during the construction phase.

4. Report from Severn Waste Services

4.1 PM₁₀ meters–still awaiting full month's figures to collate and present data.

4.2 Ian Barber presented the architect's artwork for the site. Everyone was happy with the proposed artwork.

4.3 Tony Aston questioned whether water tanks would be installed on the site or if they would be shared with Arrow Distribution and what systems are to be used in case of fire. There is a provisional plan for a water tank if required but no details are yet in place for the fire protection system to be used.

4.4 The trees have now been removed before the birds have nested.

4.5 Ian Barber indicated that the group would not be provided with a flow of information relating to the discharge of conditions until the Planning Authority has discharged the conditions.

5. Report from the Environmental Health Officer (Geoff Carpenter)

5.1 Geoff Carpenter distributed a report of data collected by Wychavon District Council for comparison with the independent environmental consultant's findings.

5.2 The report was based on continuous data taken in December and February and then averaged to create a single figure for each category. Peter Morgan raised concerns of the accuracy of the data, which Geoff Carpenter then explained the data further.

5.3 There were concerns with noise in particular nighttime noise levels. Ian Barber wanted to clarify that figures were based on the 8 hours between 11pm and 7am.

5.4 Odour was flagged as a concern. Geoff advised that there was no way of measuring odour and he felt there was little risk of flies and insects as the waste will be clean and controlled inside the structure on site.

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5.5 Discussion into the risk of bio aerosols. Peter Morgan was concerned as the plant is considerably closer to local residences than the example sites. Ian Barber advised that meaningful measurements could only be carried out once the site is up and running. This will be done.

6. Proposed Parish meeting

6.1 Mike Reeves requested if Ian Barber and any other representatives of the project could attend the parish meeting in April.

6.2 Tony Aston suggested possibly including stills of the site into the parish magazine/ newsletter. Mike Reeves advised they had already gone to print so they would be unable to do so but suggested as an option for the next issue.

6.3 Mike Reeves requested all the information for the next parish newsletter. Bob Marchant would also like any information in Drakes Broughton/Stoulton parish magazine. Mike Reeves agreed to forward the information.

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6.4 Ian Barber expressed his interest in attending the meeting to present the new artwork and answer any questions residents have.

6.5 Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council advised they would possibly be inviting an independent environmental consultant to the meeting. Mike Reeves will notify all representatives attending the meeting. Wychavon District Council would also like to see the environmental consultant's findings prior to the meeting.

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7. Agenda of next meeting

7.1 Doug Lucas and Mike Reeves suggested that the group should discuss ways of coming up with a more appropriate name for the site.

7.2 The Group agreed that Rob Adams and Richard Woodward will agree May's agenda and if there are any other suggestions they should be forwarded to Rob Adams.

8. Date of next meeting

8.1 It was agreed that the next meeting take place on Wednesday 21st May, 7pm, in the Education Room at Hill and Moor MRF.

9. Any other business

9.1 Devaluation of properties in the area – Doug Lucas enquired as to whom a claim would be taken up with if house prices were affected by the construction of

the site. Steve Birch advised that he had spoken to WCC Legal Services Dept and it would be inappropriate for them to comment, hence, residents should seek their own legal advice.

10. The meeting closed at 8.45pm