

EnviroSort Community Liaison Group Meeting

**Wednesday 3rd March 2010, 7pm
EnviroSort, Norton**

Present

Local Member	Rob Adams (Chair)
Severn Waste Services (SWS)	Fernando Capelastegui Mike Stass
Worcestershire County Council (WCC)	Steve Birch Vincent Connor Andrew Davies
Wychavon District Council	Jack Hegarty
Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council	Christine McGovern
Whittington Parish Council	Martin Baker
Woodbury Park Residents Association	Peter Morgan
Environment Agency	Ian Jones Martin Quine Lee Williams

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1.0 Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Richard Woodward (Worcestershire County Council), Doug Lucas (Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council) and Ian Barber (Severn Waste Services).

2.0 Notes of the previous meeting, Wednesday 9th December 2009

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

3.0 Matters arising

3.1 There were no matters arising

4.0 Report from Severn Waste Services

- 4.1 Fernando Capelastegui confirmed that the works programme is now complete with only minor snagging works continuing.
- 4.2 Fernando Capelastegui advised that due to the recent very cold weather, landscaping and planting has been slightly delayed therefore completion will be mid April. The tree planting has been slightly amended due to the position of cables and manhole covers, therefore they will be positioned in a slightly different location. Rob Adams questioned whether the quantity of trees has changed, Fernando Capelastegui confirmed that the number will remain the same, only the positioning will change. The only other modification would be the use of soil conditioner in place of bark.
- 4.3 The official opening is scheduled for 16 March at 2pm. As the numbers of guests is limited for the grand opening there will be more visits available the following day (17 March).
- 4.4 Mike Stass advised that there will be representation from local schools in the forthcoming weeks following the grand opening. Steve Birch added that it is a flag ship site and it is important to ensure that local schools, and educational authorities are involved.
- 4.5 Fernando Capelastegui confirmed that the works to Woodbury Lane are not complete. Antiskid road surfacing on the B4084 is now complete and installation of traffic signage is currently taking place and is scheduled to be completed by 5 March.
- 4.6 Fernando Capelastegui confirmed that the mechanical and electrical equipment is now complete. Commissioning of the equipment has recommenced following the completions of repairs to damage caused by the water pipe failing.
- 4.7 The phasing in of direct deliveries from Worcester City and Wychavon is now complete. On average EnviroSort is receiving approximately 200 tonnes of recycling a day. The figure is expected to increase later in the year when Wyre Forest, Bromsgrove and Malvern Hills change their collection system.
- 4.8 Fernando Capelastegui advised that SWS are looking into the feasibility of bio-aerosol sampling and are happy to undertake the sampling at a cost of several thousand pounds to ensure that all parties are content. Although consultants and companies that have been approached have advised that it would be a miss-use of financial resources, as Bio Aerosol monitoring is usually only recommended for Composting Plants. Lee Williams representing the Environment Agency wouldn't recommend that SWS undertaken the sampling, but would look to ensure that the sampling is carried out in an appropriate manor.
- 4.9 Rob Adams expressed gratitude to the SWS offer to undertake the

testing and highlighted an ongoing concern for elderly and vulnerable individuals in the nursing home opposite. Peter Morgan supported this adding that many of the residents have breathing difficulties.

- 4.10 Peter Morgan advised that it was important to have baseline monitoring. Furthermore Mike Stass advised that should Bio Aerosol monitoring progress outside the plant it would be important to take readings inside the plant as well, to provide a gauge.
- 4.11 Steve Birch added that the Bio Aerosol Monitoring would only provide a snap shot and may not provide a meaningful piece of information - it was important to spend money wisely.
- 4.12 Martin Baker requested a site visit, in which Fernando Capelastegui advised that everyone requesting a visit could do so following the grand opening on 16 March. The group agreed that meeting at an earlier time for the forthcoming Community Liaison Group would enable the group to view the plant in operation, thus, it was agreed that the scheduled meeting time would be brought forward to 5.30pm, as the plant is operational until 6pm.
- 4.13 There was general consensus from Rob Adams and Peter Morgan that the Bio Aerosol monitoring should be undertaken once all Collection Authorities are delivering to the facility and it is receiving its maximum tonnage. Therefore it should be added to the Agenda for discussion at the next liaison group.

5.0 Agenda for next meeting

Bio Aerosol Monitoring.

6.0 Date of next meeting

5.30pm Wednesday 16 June 2010 at EnviroSort.

7.0 AOB

- 7.1 Lee Williams confirmed that as part of the Environmental Permit that has been issued, the plant will be inspected unannounced, on a monthly basis. The following contact details are available should a member of the public need to contact the Environment Agency: Martin Quine is the Environment Officer currently responsible for regulating the site - his direct telephone number is: 01562 534 125 - this number should be used for general enquiries regarding the site. The Pollution Incident Hotline Number is 0800 807060. This number should be used for reporting any incidents related to the site. It operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.
- 7.2 Rob Adams advised that Stoulton Parish Council have been in contact with reference to a potential increase of litter on highways

in proximity to EnviroSort, as they recognise that the highways are usually very clean. Steve Birch will verify responsibility with the Highways Department.

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7.3 Peter Morgan reported that a HGV was witnessed departing the facility on 2 March at 4.12pm in an unauthorised direction. Fernando Capelastegui explained that often vehicles use the entrance as a turning area, but will investigate this incident further.

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7.4 Fernando Capelastegui advised that rather than remove all the brambles at the rear of the plant, they will remain and saplings will be planted in specified clearings.

7.5 Peter Morgan is happy with the lighting following dialogue with Fernando Capelastegui.

7.6 Mike Stass advised that Schools should call EnviroSort on 01905 761680 to arrange visits, following a query from Christine McGovern.

7.7 Rob Adams passed on a Doug Lucas' appreciation for providing regular updates, especially regarding the Permit Operators licence, for 5 articulated HGV's. The intention is to park only one HGV at the Woodbury Lane site. Fernando Capelastegui advised that the Cab and Articulated trailer would be parked in the yard on the right hand side of the plant.

8.0 Close

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.