

EnviroSort Community Liaison Group Meeting

Wednesday 9th September 2009, 7pm
Hill and Moor Site Office

Present

Local Member	Rob Adams (Chair)
Severn Waste Services (SWS)	Fernando Capelestegui Mike Stass
Worcestershire County Council (WCC)	Richard Woodward Vincent Connor Andrew Davies
Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council	Doug Lucas Christine McGovern
Whittington Parish Council	Martin Baker
Woodbury Park Residents Association	Peter Morgan

Action

1.0 Apologies for absence

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Steve Birch (Worcestershire County Council) and Jack Hegarty (Wychavon District Council)
- 1.2 Tony Aston confirmed resignation from the group; Peter Morgan will look to recruit possible replacement.

2.0 Notes of the previous meeting, Wednesday 6th May 2009

- 2.1 The notes were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Thanks from Rob Adams to Jack Hegarty for Charing the previous meeting.

3.0 Matters arising

- 3.1 **Item 7:2** – FC will supply the Air Monitoring Data to the Environmental Protection Manager (Geoff Carpenter) upon request. Peter Morgan can then request a copy of the data direct from the EPM.
- 3.2 **Item 4.4** – DL inquired about publication of information regarding additional recyclables. RWw confirmed recycling guide would be

distributed between now and March 2010 dependent on the collection authority area.

4.0 Report from Severn Waste Services

Soil Bunds have been removed and the construction is substantially complete. Some drainage is still outstanding, along with adding topsoil and erecting fencing and gates. These will be completed within the next few days.

The new substation for EnviroSort has been significantly installed with low voltage cables to be installed this week.

Negotiations are ongoing with E.ON and Severn Trent regarding the supply of power and water to the site. Only minor disruptions were caused to Woodbury Lane due to instillation works.

Gas supply instillations work completed.

No reports of any security incidents or Health and Safety issues.

5.0 Environmental Permit

A draft issue of the permit is expected imminently with the final permit expected shortly afterwards.

6.0 Section 278

The works to Woodbury Lane are completed.

Remaining section 278 works, signal installation and antiskid road surface on the B4084, will be carried out once WCC have clarified several minor matters regarding the signal installation.

DL requested inclusion of 'Slow' signs which was confirmed by FC.

7.0 Local Collections

RWw confirmed that Wychavon District Council have two collection vehicles which could come though Norton and deliver material to the EnviroSort facility over the period of a fortnight.

8.0 Bund

DL has received negative comments with regards to the visual impact of a fence that has been erected, at appears to be in an unusual position due to the gradient of the land and appears at an incorrect position. FC confirmed that the fence would only have been erected as per planning permission, and that once landscaping has been completed it should be visually satisfactory.

9.0 Noise attenuation fencing

Following liaison with Mark Bishop: DL confirmed that the 2.5 meter attenuation fence has not been approved as yet.

DL concerned that the plans have not been discussed; FC advised that because it was the last condition it still needs to be discharged by the planners.

10.0 Air Pollution Monitoring

10.1 DL confirmed that Wychavon District Council completed a back ground check on Air Pollution which will be used as base statistics – new readings can then be compared back to originals.

DL requested clarification on SWS policy in reference to monitoring air pollution. Requesting use of Bio-Aerosol Monitors on site. FC confirmed that they will respond to complaints when they arise, in order to avoid any premature financial expenditure. Furthermore Bio Aerosols are not currently monitored at Hill and Moor. DL requested further guidance from Geoff Carpenter.

10.2 Noise Pollution: Geoff Carpenter's report indicated that up to 5DB above background levels was acceptable, above 10DB would be perceived as a nuisance level. PM is aware where readings should be taken from and will monitor as he is local to site. FC advised that he takes noise pollution seriously and advised that the EnviroSort roof incorporates internal fans at an extra cost in order to reduce noise levels which could have otherwise been emitted through venting in roof.

11.0 External Doors

Mike Stass confirmed that the External Doors would be automatically operated in conjunction with the weighbridge operator and sensors on site. The default position of the doors would be 'closed'.

12.0 Reversing Alarms

FC & MS advised that white noise would be emitted as a reversing sound on SWS vehicles on site. White noise is safer than standard alarms as it is more directional, and has a wider frequency spectrum, therefore causing less noise nuisance due to improved dissipation and dispersal over distance.

13.0 Landscaping

13.1 PM requesting update on topsoil levels: 300mm of topsoil should have been added. FC will check and report back.

SWS

14.0 Vehicle Movements

- 14.1 FC confirmed that districts will use various vehicles including transits, 17 tonne, 26 tonne, and 32 tonne vehicles. These vehicles would access EnviroSort along with the 44 tonne vehicles entering from SWS bulking bays. However, any road legal vehicles could technically enter the site. 12-13 vehicles would leave site with bulked materials for recycling daily.
- 14.2 Only Worcester City, Wychavon and Malvern Hills District would deliver directly to EnviroSort. The remaining Districts and Herefordshire would use Bulking facilities.
- 14.3 Current projections show 26-40 vehicles daily delivering material to site, once the site is fully operational and taking deliveries from all 6 Districts and Herefordshire both direct and via bulking facilities.
- 14.4 Worcester City do not have GPS tracking device installed in vehicles. DL queried take up of offer from SWS of payment for hardware and installation of GPS. RWw confirmed he made offer to Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon on behalf of SWS and currently no authorities have taken up the offer.
- 14.5 FC confirmed that a CCTV camera will be able to monitor the direction of vehicles entering EnviroSort.

15.0 Tonnage Input

FC advised that EnviroSort would take less than 75,000 (est.) tonnes in the first year.

16.0 Agenda for next meeting

Geoff Carpenter will be invited to attend the next meeting regarding Noise and Air Pollution Monitoring.

17.0 Date of next meeting

7pm on 9th December 2009 at EnviroSort

18.0 AOB

DL advised that temporary 'no left turn' sign at Main Entrance has been removed. FC confirmed that he will install a permanent sign.

SWS

PM concerned with angle of lighting around site, as adjacent businesses have previously caused light pollution problems. FC advised that the lights are not correctly set at the right angle and they will be correctly set.

SWS

Devaluation of properties due to construction and operation of EnviroSort: WCC have not responded; planning authority should

DL

have taken into consideration - DL will pick up again with Simon Mallinson.

19.0 Close

The meeting closed at 8pm