

EnviroSort Community Liaison Group Meeting

Wednesday 07 October, 19:00
EnviroSort, Norton

Present

Local Member	Rob Adams (Chair)
Severn Waste Services	Michael Hornby Gracian Orts Kate Stott
Worcestershire County Council	Vincent Connor Andrew Davies
Whittington Parish Council	Martin Baker
Norton Juxta Kempsey	Tony Bennett
Stoulton Parish Council	Maurice Robinson

Action

1.0 Apologies for absence

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Richard Woodward (Worcestershire County Council), Fernando Capelastegui (Severn Waste Services), Valerie Lewis (Stoulton Parish Council), Janet Taylor (Woodbury Park Residents Association) and Catherine Williams (Environment Agency).

2.0 Notes of the previous meeting, Wednesday 10 December 2014

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

5.12 – Cllr Adams advised that no Councillors visited the facility following invitation from Tony Bennett and Martin Baker at Whittington Parish Council and Norton Juxta Kempsey Parish Council Meetings.

Cllr Adams reported that the white noise reversing alarms were noticeably quieter than the standard reversing alarms, following a visit to the facility.

3.0 Matters arising

- 3.1 Cllr Adams will forward contact details of the new Manager at Norton Hall Nursing Home to Andrew Davies to invite to the next meeting.

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4.0 Report from Severn Waste Services

Planning Permission

Gracian Orts presented the SWS Report:

- 4.1 The application to amend the planning permission to extend the operating and maintenance hours was granted on 26 March 2015.
- 4.2 The additional operating hour (22:00 – 23:00) has been utilised since 22 June and continues to date. The additional Saturday operating hours (through to 17:00) has yet to be used.
- 4.3 Michael Hornby advised that it likely to be used for the Christmas catch up.
- 4.4 The option to maintain the facility through the night has not been utilised. However, SWS have remained within the facility to complete maintenance activities on 3 or 4 occasions since permission was granted. These works concluded between 01:00 – 02:00 hours.

Plant Upgrades

- 4.5 Michael Hornby advised that work to install the glass breaker commenced in mid-September. Initial work is occurring in conjunction with the plant operating. The main upgrade will result in the facility closing on 13 October. The upgrade work will continue on a 2 shift basis until the work is completed. The facility is due to reopen on 4 November 2015.
- 4.5 Agreement has been made with the contractor for glass breaker installation works will be carried out between 07:00 and 19:00.
- 4.6 The kit is designed to break and sieve glass at the beginning of the sort process.

Martin Baker raised concern over any elevated noise levels associated with the glass breaker.

Michael Hornby advised that removing glass from the beginning of the sorting process should reduce overall noise levels within the facility.
- 4.7 Martin Baker was keen to tour the facility following installation of the glass breaker.
- 4.8 Installation of the glass breaker should reduce vehicle movements associated with removing glass from an estimated 8 to 5 skip loads per day.
- 4.9 Michael Hornby advised CLG members that the plant was in operation during the meeting.
- 4.10 The specification to upgrade the sprinkler system is nearly complete. The revised system will offer full roof and under cabin protection. When finalised and agreed with SWS insurers the installation will commence.

Operational Issues

- 4.11 Michael Hornby advised that following trials of removing glass particles from exiting vehicles rumble strips have been doubled in length to ensure a full tyre rotation to flex out any glass fragments. This has resulted in more glass being removed before vehicles exit the facility.
- 4.12 The rumble strips are being used in addition to the existing speed bumps to shake any loose material to reduce the chance of material littering the highway: Michael Hornby advised that the rumble strips have made a noticeable improvement.
- 4.13 CLG members raised concern over any increase in noise levels from vehicles travelling over the rumble strips.

Education Officer

- 4.14 Michael Hornby introduced Kate Stott the new Education Officer who joined SWS on 5 October. The role is primarily to encourage recycling and promote the facility.
- 4.15 SWS confirmed to Cllr Adams that the role included promoting the new Energy from Waste facility at Hartlebury.
- 4.16 The group suggested including a section / update from Kate Stott within the SWS Report.

5.0 Planned Changes to Operations

- 5.1 Discussed under the SWS Report.
- 5.2 Should any individuals wish to visit the facility Michael Hornby stated he was able to accommodate visitors to the facility upon request to EnviroSort on 01905 761680.

6.0 Glass on the Highway

- 6.1 Martin Baker highlighted the continuing glass issue on the B4084 and added that his bicycle suffered a puncture on Woodbury Lane.
- 6.2 Martin Baker advised that the drain on the B4084 affects the suspension of refuse collection vehicles and glass fragments collect in the road dip and on the grass verge / pavements.
- 6.3 Martin Baker advised that the glass issue is worse on dry days and would like Wychavon District Council to sweep monthly.
- 6.4 Wychavon District Council advised that the B4084 is swept 4 monthly on the highways sweeping schedule. This would not include the pavements which are not swept in villages.

- 6.5 Vincent Connor asked all CLG Members and residents who may witness any litter / glass on roads and footpaths to report the problem 'on the day' to either:

Worcestershire County Council – 01905 768264
or
Severn Waste Services - 01905 761680

7.0 Complaints

- 7.1 A copy of all the reported complaints from 21 July 2014 was distributed to the group by Vincent Connor.
- 7.2 Gracian Orts advised that he wrote to Mrs Harbourne on 25 June regarding noise complaints 1237, 1238 and 1239 – no response has been received back.
- 7.3 SWS suggested that noise may be emanating from the new unit under construction on the industrial estate rear of Molten Metals.

8.0 Doors left open

- 8.1 Michael Hornby explained that ordinarily the door sensors are triggered by vehicles entering and leaving the reception hall.
- 8.2 In some circumstances the internal forklift truck within the building may inadvertently trigger the door sensors.

9.0 Extractor fan noise

- 9.1 The air conditioning fans in the roof were inadvertently left on overnight on 21 October 2014: A noise assessment of these fans has not yet been conducted by Worcestershire Regulatory Services.
- 9.2 Michael Hornby advised that the extraction fan that removes plastics will be insulated prior to use to reduce any perceived noise intrusion and is a Planning Condition. However this fan has not been used.

10.0 Matting / flooring to minimise skip noise

- 10.1 Michael Hornby advised keeping the matting secured to the ground is proving challenging.

Two – three vehicle movements is enough to dislodge the matting.

- 10.2 Michael Hornby advised that the matting is 12mm thick.
- 10.3 Tony Bennett suggested rubber rollers on springs.
- 10.4 Michael Hornby was happy to receive and investigate suggestions to minimise skip noise.

10.5 No recent noise complaints have been received regarding skips dropping / being exchanged.

11.0 Agenda for next meeting

Standard agenda, plus opportunity for agenda additions from CLG members.

A draft agenda will be circulated in January 2016.

12.0 Date of next meeting

An e-mail will be circulated in January, to arrange a meeting in February 2016.

Cllr Adams reminded all CLG Representatives that they are welcome to invite Parish Councillors to view EnviroSort as the plant has now been upgraded with new Glass Breakers. Tours can be arranged via 01905 761680.

13.0 Any other business

No other business was discussed.

14.0 The Meeting closed at 20:00