

KING'S CLIFFE LOCAL LIAISON GROUP

LANDFILL LIAISON GROUP

MEETING 15TH JUNE 2004

PRESENT:

Phil Watson
John Sweeney
Palden Dorjé
Nick Gore
Charles Cox
Daphne Sharpe
Peter Garner
Peter Higson-Smith
Harold Gregory
Priscilla Padley
Andrew Howard
Fiona Cowan

REPRESENTING:

Northamptonshire County Council
Environment Agency
East Northamptonshire Council
Northamptonshire County Council Highways
Duddington Parish Council
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Collyweston Parish Council
Easton on the Hill Parish Council
Easton-on-the-Hill Parish Council
County Councillor
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Collyweston Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Michael Day	King's Cliffe Parish Council
Colin Gilder	Northamptonshire County Council/Atkins
Debbie Strong	Northamptonshire County Council (Area Manager, Highways)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Paragraph 3.1 Road Signs A47

- 2.1 Some signs have been erected but not at the Wansford turn. Mick Gore explained that the Highways Agency are in the process of de-trunking this road. It should have been handed to Northamptonshire County Council in July but it has been delayed until at least September, but maybe longer. The Agency will not spend anymore this year on signage, they will expect Northamptonshire County Council to deal with this in the future.
- 2.2 After discussion it was agreed that there is no longer any real problem of lorries approaching the site through Wansford and therefore this matter did not need to be pursued any further.
Paragraph 2.1
- 2.3 An assessment of the works to be undertaken to repair the road from the A47 to the site has been made.

Estimate of costs	
Haunching and cracking (no curbing)	38k
Wearing course	<u>20k</u>
	58k

- 2.4 Northamptonshire County Council has been given a small amount of money for B & C class roads resurfing. Colin Gilder has put this road forward for resurfacing but the programme of work has not yet been agreed.
- 2.5 permission for the new distribution centre at the old bomb store in the wood requires highway improvements. Nick Gore assumed that no account had been taken of this in the estimated figures.

Paragraph 6.3

- 2.6 The £2,000 per year payment which Wastego agreed to has not been received. Currently £4,000 is due with another £2,000 in July. Wastego have said they will pay this if they have an invoice. Road sweeping signs have been erected which say "road clearing in progress".
- 2.7 Concern that even when the sweeper is on the road and it doesn't deal with the fact that the road becomes slippery. It was felt that other signs should be erected which alert drivers to this. Nick Gore will discuss this with Debbie Strong.

Water Hydrant

- 2.8 Councillor Mrs Padley commented that there should now be a water hydrant on the site. She has recently seen the sweeper filling up on the highway. Phil Watson reported that Wastego had now installed a hydrant within the gate entrance and therefore there should be no need to use the one on the highway.
- 2.9 Fiona Cowan commented that the white line on the road have degraded and worn away by the sweeper and it was felt that this is a highway safety issue. Can the white lines be repainted if the road is not going to be improved? (Especially as this is a school bus route).
- 2.10 Nigel Gore confirmed that Northamptonshire County Council will pursue this "hotly" if the road is not to be improved.

2.11 Double glazing at Westhay Cottages

Phil Watson confirmed that he had written to Wastego on this matter and they had responded saying they were willing to discuss this with the residents of the cottages.

Dust

- 2.12 Concerns were raised that dust from the site is intolerable and it is not been dealt with. Dust is being created today and the bowsers were not in operation.

Palden Dorjé reported that she was on site at 11.00 am this morning and there was one bowser working on site and some machines were not working because of the dust problem.

Environment Agency Update

- 2.13 JS gave an update. The Environment Agency are taking all matters seriously and have 7 people in a team dealing with this site. The Agency are actively pursuing all elements of this site and its activities, including checking the assessment of staff competency and qualifications.
- 2.14 JS commented that it should take 2 – 3 months to reach a position of being able to make the findings of the Agency's investigations more public.
- 2.15 JS confirmed that the way the site is being managed is being seriously pursued. 2 Enforcement Notices have been served. These relate to waste being tipped outside of the engineered containment area, and to the height of the tipped materials being above agreed levels.

Wastego will be implementing a remedial action plan for the waste outside the engineered cell. Monitoring teams from the Environment Agency and independent consultants will witness the remedial works. John Sweeney commented that he understands from Wastego that the waste deposited above the contours will be subject of a planning application to the County Council.

- 2.16 JS confirmed that before Wastego can enter the next phase (Phase 3, cell 3a) information has to be compiled by Wastego for the new cell 3 which is a systematic approach to assessing what leachate will result from the wastes being imputed. This will include engineering details including adequacy of the proposed artificial liner and the clay seal, and that the waste to be imported will not damage the integrity of these safeguards. The Environment Agency will scrutinise the submitted information. The Agency have to be satisfied and agree the details before tipping into phase 3 can commence.
- 2.17 Concern was expressed about further infilling above the agreed levels. This depends on whether cell 3 is prepared and available for use. The Environment Agency will take action if the tipping continues above levels.

- 2.18 JS commented that the waste acceptance criteria (under the European Landfill Directive) were due to change on July 16th 2004 when the co-disposal of hazardous and non hazardous waste comes to an end. However, JS the Government (Defra) is consulting about waste pre-treatment requirements and it is likely that waste companies will have an extra year's grace because there are not the pre-treatment facilities available. The full "waste acceptance criteria" may not therefore be able to be implemented from 16th July 2004.
- 2.19 Environment Agency Monitoring – John Sweeney had an update on monitoring by the Environment Agency which was handed around (see copy attached).
- 2.20 Question was asked about the independency of the monitoring. John Sweeney explained that the monitoring is totally undertaken by an independent company who have their own reputation to safeguard.

County Council Update

Andrew Howard commented that he was sure that cell 3 has been moved outside of the planning permission area because it only extended as far as the second field. Phil Watson said he had checked the plans and the tipping phases and cells were within the red line boundary on the planning application. However, he would check this specific point again and also whether the company had extended outside of the permitted area.

Breach of condition notice.

Phil Watson confirmed that the Breach of Condition Notices had still not been complied with by Wastego. The County Council were considering the legal position in respect of this situation and it may be necessary for further enforcement action to be taken.

Any Other Business

Fiona Cowan commented how helpful it was that John Sweeney from the Environment Agency had attended the meeting and explained the Agency's position.

Date of Next Meeting

30th September at 2.00 pm.