

King's Cliffe Local Liaison Group

Meeting 26th September 2007

Present

Phil Watson
Helen Marsden
Simon Moyle
Peter Worledge
Gene Wilson
Karen Chebatoris
Hilary Blunt
Susan Walker
Councillor Heather Smith
Fiona Cowan
Werner Schulze
Brenda Wright
Debbie Balmer
Andrew Howard

Representing

Northamptonshire County Council
Northamptonshire County Council
Augean Plc – Site Manager
Augean Plc – Chief Executive
Augean – Group Technical Director
Environment Agency
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Eastern on the Hill – Chair
Prebendal Division – County Councillor
Collyweston Parish Council – Vice Chair
Collyweston Parish Council – Highway Representative
King's Cliffe Parish Council
King's Cliffe Resident/King's Cliffe Resource Centre
King's Cliffe Parish Council

1. Apologies

Peter Higson-Smith	Eastern on the Hill
Palden Dorjé	East Northants Council - Environmental Health
Michael Day	Kings Cliffe Parish Council - Chair

2. Matters Arising

- 2.1 Highway works – Gene Wilson has been chasing this with Strutt & Parker who are co-ordinating the scheme. The committee were anxious that the signs be erected, as soon as possible. No progress appears to have been made since the June meeting. Phil Watson is to pursue with Highways and give an update in the minutes (see attached).

3. Augean Update

- 3.1 Simon Moyle – capping works on Phase 3 are almost complete. Drainage works on top of the cap are for clean water. The Lagoon in the south east corner is for clean water. A water pipe is to be installed along the west side of the highway. This will drain clean water to the watercourse south of the site and will involve about 8 weeks work.
- 3.2 Gene Wilson – A gas flare has been installed and commissioned. A planning application for a soil recovery plant has been submitted by the County Council. This has been sent to all the Parish Councils.
- 3.3 Gene Wilson said that the offer to see the same plant at Port Clarence remains open, but at the moment it has been moved to London to assist with the Olympic site remediation. He had written to Kings Cliffe Parish Council but not to all the others.
- 3.4 There was disappointment that this visit had not been arranged already. Gene Wilson will try to organise a trip to London and will email all with details and any options of dates.

- 3.5 Gene Wilson confirmed that further to the discussion at the last meeting regarding other waste treatment facilities that Augean were considering, these have not been progressed. Any plans will be brought to the Local Liaison Group first, before anything is submitted to planning.
- 3.6 Translocation of newts on the landfill site is still required. An application form is with English Nature.

4. County Council Update

- 4.1 Phil Watson confirmed that the Minerals and Waste Development Framework has reached the Preferred Options stage and this will be sent out for public consultation shortly. An extension to the hazardous waste landfill site is in the document for consideration. This is the land at the rear of the existing site as previously explained by Augean at the last meeting. The consultation period will be for 8 weeks.
- 4.2 The waste soil treatment plant application is being processed and Helen Marsden (attending the meeting) is the case officer.

Environment Agency Update

- 4.3 Karen Chebatoris confirmed that the new development will require a permit from the Environment Agency.
- 4.4 Two complaints were received regarding the odour due to the leachate removal.
- 4.5 Simon Moyle explained that there was an odour leak as leachate was being transferred between tankers. This was resolved by moving the tankers.

5. Local Community Update

- 5.1 Werner Schulze – concern was expressed that two tankers (named Cannock and Wilcox were passing through Collyweston Village. Augean don't use this company, therefore they could confirm they were not travelling to or from the site.
- 5.2 Fiona Cowan offered to complete a contact list and circulate it to everyone.
- 5.3 County Councillor Heather Smith commented that one resident feels that the value of properties in King's Cliffe has gone down and he thinks that the landfill site has caused this. She asked whether the site could be renamed to exclude "King's Cliffe" in the name.
- 5.4 There was a discussion about this. Andrew Howard feels that this is not borne out in prices. The issue of the name was thought to be one worth considering and Augean will think about this.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- 6.1 6th February 2008, 2.00pm at the King's Cliffe Resource Centre

Note attached to King's Cliffe Liaison Group Minutes dated 26th September 2007

Update on Highway Improvement Works

Helen Marsden has been liaising with Gene Wilson (Augean) and Chris Bond (County Council Highways) on this matter.

The Highway Authority considers the lack of progress on the Section 278 Highways Agreement to deliver all of the agreed and necessary highway improvement works as unacceptable. Highways consider that Augean should be required to progress and resolve this matter forthwith. The Highway Authority is not prepared to split the signage works from the highway improvements as this would require two Section 278 Highway Agreements.

On this basis, Helen has been liaising with Gene Wilson and a meeting was arranged between Augean and Strutt and Parker (agents for the Henry Cecil Trust) on the 9th November 2007. It is hoped that this will result in the Section 278 procedures being progressed urgently and Augean have taken control of the highway works necessary under the Section 106 Agreement. Augean have instructed Stirling Maynard to immediately progress the project and are pressing for a programme. Stirling Maynard approached NCC Highways on the 14th November to start the Section 278 Highways Agreement process and are currently working on technical drawings for inclusion in the agreement.

The County Council as Waste Planning Authority has informed Gene Wilson that progress on this matter cannot be left to drift and a programme for delivery must be formulated.

In the meantime your County Councillor Heather Smith has written to Danny Brennan the County Council Director responsible for Communities and Growth Management (Planning is part of Growth Management), expressing her concerns that the highway improvement works and signs have not been undertaken.

I can assure you that Helen and I will be insisting that Augean progress the Section 278 Agreement as a matter of urgency, with the works to follow as soon as possible. The Highway Authority will be dealing with this in detail.

Phil Watson
Development Control Manager
15th November 2007

