

THORNHAUGH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

10.00pm, 5th June 2008 – Kings Cliffe Landfill

ACTION POINTS

Present:

Gene Wilson (GW)	Augean
Simon Moyle (SM)	Augean
Susan Marsh (SEM)	Peterborough City Council
Phil Hukin (PH)	Environment Agency
Martin Witherington (MW)	Thornhaugh Parish Council
Beverly Murphy (BM)	Resident
Sam Cowan (SC)	Thory's

Apologies: Cllr Diane Lamb (local Councillor), Cllr John Holdich (local Councillor), Mr R Balam (resident), Mr N Simmons (Environment Agency)

SEM mentioned that she had contacted Bunny Guinness at Sibberton Lodge who has expressed an interest in joining the group. Bunny confirmed her interest but indicated that she had a prior commitment for the 5th June and was unlikely to be able to attend on this occasion. However, she wished to be informed of the date and time of the next meeting.

ITEM		ACTION
2	<p><u>Augean Update:</u> <i>The business (GW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Augean have acquired Astec, a waste treatment company dealing with laboratory smalls. The company is continuing to focus on growing the waste treatment side of the business.• The planning application for soil treatment at Kings Cliffe landfill has been approved since the last meeting.• A planning permission at the Port Clarence site has gained planning approval for a waste recovery park.• The planning application for the gas turbine scheme at Thornhaugh has been approved (30 May 2008). BM asked where that was being located on site, and GW identified the area on the Thornhaugh plan. SM also showed BM and MW where exactly it is on site during the site visit after the meeting. <p><i>Management (GW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Snaith has joined the company as Development Director. <p><i>Integrated Management System (GW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Integrated Management System will be rolled out to all Augeans' new acquisitions over the coming months.	
3	<p><u>Site Matters:</u> <i>Landfill operation (SM/GW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighting – The lights are on an automatic system controlled by the remote monitoring centre. They are switched off at night, but should the cameras pick up any movement, the monitoring centre can turn them on.• Tree planting has been completed along the A 47 boundary, and a the gap opposite the property of BM has been infilled. BM mentioned that there was an accumulation of piping along the A 47. SM/GW will investigate and get it cleared.	SM

- The leachate wells within the restored area of Phases 3 and 6 have been reduced to close to ground level and earth bunds placed around them which have been seeded.
- SM explained that a reconfiguration of Phase 5 had taken place to enable Augean to accept the full range of wastes it was permitted to take.
- SM also set out the plans for Phase 7, namely that PJ Thory would be excavating material from this area for reuse as inert material. This would create a suitable profile for the development of Phase 7 in the future.
- The soil bund running along the NE boundary of the site and the A47 has been seeded.
- Augean gained planning permission for a micro-turbine using the gas from the landfill to create electricity which is supplied to the National Grid. MW expressed concern as to how this will be connected to the grid. SM/GW would look in to this with the consultant designing the system for Augean.
- The NE surface water lagoon connection works have been completed.

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Quarry operations (SC)

- Quarrying has finished onsite. Dry screening is continuing onsite of the limestone already extracted.
- P J Thory are investigating the removal of material in Phase 7 to be blended with the stockpiled material in a large project they have running. This project should mean that all of the stockpiled material on site will be used.

Future (GW)

- MW queried what was happening with Phases 1 and 2. GW explained that the site was permitted to take Municipal Solid Waste(MSW) but restricted as to what types eg. some putrescible waste but not food wastes.
- Proposals for “Bradshaw’s” land are still being worked on as there are HRA issues to be dealt with. The proposal would be to take the same range of wastes as currently accepted on site. Once a proposal has been finalised, GW would show the liaison committee members prior to an application being made. SEM explained that PCC have strict criteria which any application must meet before going to committee. Concerns from local residents are taken into account as part of the process eg. objections.

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Environment Agency Update (PH)

- PH explained that the Environment Agency had carried out some re-organisation and Nick Simmons was now responsible for regulating Thornhaugh and Kings Cliffe, supported by Howard Goulbourne.
- The EA have a good working with SM and feel the sites are well managed.
- PH/SM then explained that Phase 5 had been re-configured. The gypsum had been excavated and placed in with the soil and the former gypsum cell would now accept non-hazardous waste of a type as previously described. This had been agreed with the Agency.
- PH said that there were minor non-conformances relating to leachate levels and a general discussion took place about leachate wells and levels. PH explained that this was not a problem, that the Agency had no concerns at the site and that Augean operated to industry best practice.
- MW asked if he could have a copy of the monitoring plan for points close to Home Farm and also any results from the monitoring carried, in particular air, groundwater and gas. GW explained there was extensive

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perimeter monitoring carried out and would be happy to supply MW with a summary report of the monitoring information close to Home Farm at each meeting. In the mean time GW would send a letter to BM/MW explaining what is monitored for and what the results for groundwater, dust and gas have been.

- A discussion about the conflict of land use around the site ensued focusing on planning policy. This was because it is intended to have waste consultation areas over and around sites (generally 250m. radius) in active or proposed waste management use the purpose of which is to prevent development which might otherwise compromise that use as such sites are hard to find. The same applies to mineral sites. These areas will be set out in the Site Specific Proposals Development Plan Document of the Minerals and Waste Development Plan.
- BM stated that the main conflict now seemed to be between PCC and Home Farm residents over this issue, as there were no issues with the site, except that it shuts on the given date. SEM explained that there was a need for PCC to indentify facilities for the period up to 2026 dealing with a range of waste management activities for the PCC area. Also quarrying activities supplying raw materials for building must be identified.

5 **Peterborough City Council Update (SEM)**

Planning applications

- Planning permission was granted on 30 May 2008 for the gas turbine. There had been a late response from Thornhaugh Parish Council expressing a noise issue. There had been no individual responses. BM asked where it was to be sited and SM explained it was going where the existing flare is located. SEM explained a condition had been included regarding maximum noise levels. Also that she had been on site and the overriding noise was that from the generator by the site office.

Development Plan

- The Development Plan Preferred Options 2 exhibitions will take place over a six week period commencing on 8th September 2008. The exhibition for the Thornhaugh area is most likely be at Wansford where the exhibition took place on the Preferred Options 1. However, none of the exhibition sites or publicity has been finalised yet. The exhibition will be an open day with relevant officers in attendance. There will be a 6 week period to make comments/representations. There are no changes proposed for Thornhaugh 1 quarry. There is a possibility of an inert landfill at Thornhaugh 2 quarry. No new limestone quarries have been identified. The government is encouraging online consultation.

6 **Any Other Business**

- MW raised the potential for a noise issue if 2 generators with different frequencies, ie the exhaust emissions, were used to power the offices and gas turbine. He was not objecting, just making Augean aware.
- BM mentioned that the Guinness's would like to be involved in the liaison group meetings. They live at Sibberton Lodge.

MW expressed an interest in visiting the farmhouse at Cooks Hole. SM to arrange. SEM also asked to be informed of this visit as she was interested in attending.

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SM took BM, MW, PH and SEM on a site visit.

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Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 12th November 2008 at 10.00am.