

King's Cliffe Local Liaison Group Meeting

12th October 2018

Present

Phil Watson (PW)
Gene Wilson (GW)
Roy Mantas (RM)
Simon Moyle (SM)
Fiona Cowan (FC)
Eleanor Nicholson (EN)

Representing

Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)
Augean
Environment Agency
Augean
Collyweston Parish Council
Augean

1 Apologies

Kevin Burton - Environment Agency
Michael Day - King's Cliffe Parish Council

2 Operators Update

2.1 **GW** Augean had a complete restructure and have gone back to a "functional structure"

2.2 Jim Meredith – New CEO.

2.3 The Business is trading well.

2.4 **GW** Change to the Development Consent Order. It related to the volumes allowed into the treatment plant. The new limit for the treatment plant is 200,000 tpa. although the overall annual maximum of the soil 250,000 tpa. remains. This was dealt with by DCLG.

2.5 The Augean annual open day is tomorrow 13th October 2018.

2.6 **SM** Phase 6b is filled. Phase 6c has been engineered and started infilling. Phase 10 to be engineered by May 2019. This will give 140,000M³ of void. The clay will be used to cap Phase 5a, 5b and 6.

6,182 tonnes of LLW has been deposited since January 2018. The previous year was 4,969 tonnes.

The soil washing plant is being used and this produces hardcore which currently isn't allowed to be used for haul roads, which bizarrely means they have to import this. In the future the aim will be to use hardcore from the washing plant but this will need a permit variation.

The permit compliance performance is good and the Environment Agency have been to site in the last two weeks.

3 Environment Agency Update

Hazardous Waste

3.1 KB We carried out the annual site inspections last week for the ENRMF landfill and for the soil treatment plant. Operations continue to be to a good standard and there were no actions set from this visit. Despite the dry summer, dust emissions on the landfill site and soil treatment plant are at acceptable level and are being managed effectively.

- The extension to the dredgings lagoon at the soil treatment plant has been constructed to a high standard and is now in use. We approved the engineering CQA plan for this prior to construction to ensure the design was to the necessary standard.
- We have not received any complaints about site operations this year. In fact the last complaint was made in 2013.
- We continue to review the environmental monitoring data on a quarterly basis. This comprises data from groundwater testing, landfill gas monitoring, dust monitoring, leachate levels and analysis of the leachate. Leachate levels across the site are generally low but the operator needs to remain vigilant as there are a few wells where levels are elevated. Groundwater quality remains good and there is no impact from the site on this. Data from dust monitoring is compliant with the permit levels and is generally low.
- We are changing site officer, Adam Pawson will taking on the EPR compliance aspects of the site regulation and Kevin Burton will be the back-up.

LLW

3.2 RM Visited the site with a landfill expert and NHS job experience officer. Checked how LLW is being managed. Reception through to final disposal. No concerns emerged.

3.3 RM Feels that the competency of the staff is very good and had improved. Also considered it from a compliance perspective and how the customer defines and categorises the waste. It was felt that the standards applied at the site were best practice. Monitoring data shows no elevated levels of radioactivity. Information supplied by the Augean Independent consultant was appropriate and the Environment Agency has undertaken its own annual assessment to check, although this is at a lower level than when the development first started.

3.4 GW The operatives wear monitoring badges and none of those have registered any radioactive readings so far.

3.5 **FC** Reported that she is not aware of any local concerns, but welcomed the offer by RM to come to speak at a Parish Council meeting if that would be useful.

3.5 **SM** End date for the site is 2026.

4. **NCC Update**

No matters to report.

5. **Community Fund**

5.1 4,969 tonnes of LLW deposited in 2017. This provided £24,845 for the Community Fund.

FC Difficulties in finding match funding often causes bigger projects to not progress when this is required for some grant funding schemes.

6. **Any Other Business**

None

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

September/October 2019