

King's Cliffe Local Liaison Group Meeting

3rd December 2014

Present

Phil Watson (PW)
Heather Smith (HS)
Gene Wilson (GW)
Eleanor Nicholson (EN)
Simon Moyle (SM)
Kevin Burton
Daphne Sharpe (DS)
Chris Leuchars (CL)
Fiona Cowan (FC)

Representing

Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)
Councillor (NCC – Prebendal)
Augean
Jennings Nicholson Associates (for Augean)
Augean
Environment Agency
Easton on the Hill Parish Council
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Collyweston Parish Council

1 Apologies

Ray Mantas Environment Agency

2 Minutes from Previous Meeting

Agreed

3 Operators Update

- 3.1 **SM** Augean have a new director, Andrew Wallcock Energy & Consultation Division, he has previous experience in EFW landfill he lives locally.
- 3.2 The Section 287 Agreement for minor access improvements to the entrance to the site is nearly complete. This will increase the splays to make it easier for vehicles to turn out without crossing over the centre of the road.
- 3.3 A non-material amendment application will be submitted to make these changes.
- 3.4 It is estimated that the site has received about 3,600k of LLW so far this year.
- 3.5 Rainfall has slightly increased leachate levels but this is because of time of year and its being dealt with in consultation with the Environment Agency.
- 3.6 Currently finishing off Cell 5a & now operation's in Cell 5b have commenced.
- 3.7 **GW** reported that the Permit variation for the hazardous waste was submitted a few weeks ago. The Radioactive (LLW) permit variation is expected to be submitted by late February. The site open day was deferred to line up with this and is now expected in March.
- 3.8 **GW** The Thornaugh site update is that it is intend to dig out the waste from the old landfill area and this will be subject of an application in January 2015 to Peterborough Council. The waste will be moved to a cell already prepared.
- 3.9 This is to deal with leachate from the waste in the old landfill which was an unlined area and therefore not sealed. In respect of any leachate which has already drained into the ground, this will continue to dilute and disperse.

- 3.10 **KB** Confirmed that the EA have been involved at Thornough and there have been pits excavated to see what is there. The EA are ok with the proposal so long as it is done in a controlled manner.
- 3.11 **GW** This was also partly to see if it was odorous. Some of the material may be screened if there is usable aggregate for on site engineering purpose.
- 3.12 **SM** Waste would be moved in early 2016 after the planning permission & permit are sorted.

4 Community Fund

- 4.1 **HS** 2 applications approved so far this year:-
- 1 - Kings Cliffe Underground £6K
 - 2 - Management of Sports Ground £6K
- 4.2 **HS** Has had another application by CHAT for £2k as children are traumatised by the closure of the Middle School. This was agreed.
- 4.3 **SM** Grantscape administer the landfund tax fund – This process is working well and is much simpler then before. Applications are being dealt with and money is available and is being taken up.

5. EA Update

- 5.1 **KB** 8 Hazardous waste sites around the country have been reviewed and there is now a consistent permit template for all, meaning that the permit, conditions are now similar for all sites.
- 5.2 The EA are looking at the Augean application for the permit variation to see if any more information is required before it is judged to be “duly made.” Once it is accepted there will be detailed analysis during the determination period. Consultations will also take place. He is thinking it would be better to align the hazardous waste & radioactive permit variation waste process, partly because it would mean one consultation.
- 5.3 **FL** Commented she was not sure this is a good idea because LLW is seen with more concern than hazardous waste. Also it’s hard to comment on two documents at the same time.
- 5.4 **CL** Commented that there are two separate sets of legislations/regulations relevant to the two waste types.
- 5.5 **KB** In theory it would be all in one permit. The assessments are different for Hazardous waste & LLW.
- 5.6 **FC** Feels it would be better to be kept separate.
- 5.7 **DS** Questioned what is new as the permits are just an extension of what is already there, and it would confuse people into thinking it is fundamentally different.

- 5.8 **GW** Planning permission has established the land-use and there now needs to be a new permission covering pollution control.
- 5.9 **FC** It would be helpful if the documents were smaller as they are all put on the web-site and it's difficult to find the pertinent information in "plain English."
- 5.10 **GW** Stated that he will produce a document map or similar to assist understanding of the permit applications.
- 5.11 **KB** Will look into the issues of the most appropriate means of consultation for the permit applications.
- 5.12 **KB** Also reported that the variation to the treatment plant permit involving a lagoon to store dredging material. is still being considered as to whether it is "duly made".
- 5.13 **KB** Then went on to comment about compliance matters at the site.
- 5.14 The summer visit established everything was running well. This included dust supervision including the use of the new nets by the treatment plant.
- 5.15 He noticed today that water from the lorry wheel wash is not all being contained and this can be solved by a small clay bund. These works are therefore required.
- 5.16 Leachate levels in the permit are quite tight and despite regular pumping the company do find it difficult to not creep above the levels. There was a discussion about this today and this company have been asked to consider how they are going to stay within the limits. Recent rainfall has caused issues difficult to prevent.
- 5.17 **KB** also reported that 6 monthly monitoring of springs in the village have been undertaken and found ok.

6 County Council Update

- 6.1 **PW** reported that the MWDF partial review has been completed and the Minerals & Waste Local Plan (MWLP) was adopted in October 2014. A full review of the MWLP will now take place. This has commenced with 'call for sites' consultation with the industry & landowners. Augean have not put forward any new sites for consideration.

7 Any Other Business

- 7.1 **HS** Referred to the planned new primary school for Kings Cliffe. Local residents have raised a traffic issue and suggested a need to try to get drop off at Kings Cliffe Active. This would involve a footpath being constructed over an area of high biodiversity value. How does the meeting feel about an Ecological Impact Assessment being financed from the community fund?

GW Said it would have been considered against the terms of the legal agreement.

- 7.2 **PW** NuLeAF discussions with the NDA regarding community fund was raised PW said he was attending a meeting of NuLeAF on 10th December 2014 and he would update on this matter after that meeting.

Update Following NuLeAF Meeting

A further meeting with NDA has not yet been arranged as they are currently pursuing an extension to the LLWR site in Cumbria. Discussions on community benefits in Cumbria could be an important benchmark elsewhere for this issue. It's not known when the LLWR application will be decided.

8 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd June 2015, at 2.00pm at Kings Cliffe Village Hall.