

King's Cliffe Local Liaison Group

Meeting 14th September 2005

Present

Phil Watson
Martin Bates
Sandie Parsons
Peter Higson-Smith
Pauline Bradberry
Michael Day
Palden Dorjé

Jason Hedge

Karen Chebatoris
Denzil Baldwin
Paul Blackler
Hilary Blunt
Fiona Cowan
Daphne Sharpe
Charles Cox

Representing

NCC
NCC
Duddington Parish Council
Easton on the Hill Parish Council
East Northamptonshire Council
King's Cliffe Parish Council
East Northamptonshire
(Environmental Health)
East Northamptonshire
(Environmental Health Trainee)
Environment Agency
Augean plc
Augean plc
King's Cliffe Parish Clerk
Collyweston Parish Council
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Duddington Parish Council

1. Apologies

Harold Gregory
Andrew Howard
Councillor Mrs Padley

Easton-on-the-Hill Parish Council
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Northamptonshire County Council

2. Augean Update

Personnel Changes

- 2.1 Denzil Baldwin was introduced. He is taking over from Paul Blackler in the next 3 - 6 months. Denzil is experienced in waste management operations, previously working for other companies such as Sita. Paul Blackler will continue for a while to ensure a smooth hand over.
- 2.2 New Technical Director Gene Wilson was announced, he is a specialist with 17 years experience. He previously worked for Marion Carter Associates. He starts in November 2005.
- 2.3 Adam Share has left the group (Sales and Marketing).
- 2.4 No complaints reported since the last Local Liaison Group. Still continuing to manage and control mud on the road, dust and odour. A new wheel wash has been installed much further back into the site.
- 2.5 Management Systems. Current certificate and integrated management systems have been reviewed in accordance with British Standards and this

achieved full compliance. Augean are now looking for a full integrated quality, environment and safety system. All are currently accredited separately. First certification process is 27th September 2005 (i.e. start of auditing process).

- 2.6 The Planning Application to regularise the current operations was submitted in early June, 2005.
- 2.7 Ecology surveys in connection with the application are due to be submitted to NCC.

Operations

- 2.8 Paul Blackler reported that the site was exceptionally busy on the 15th July. Some queuing of traffic occurred due to unscheduled inputs due to receiving loads which were not pre-booked. This meant that loads had to be carefully checked before being allowed to deposit waste at the site. This all resulted from the fact that on the 16th July 2005 the Landfill Directive waste characterisation acceptance criteria were introduced. More rigid controls now exist on which wastes are required to be recovered, recycled or treated to reduce amounts of hazardous characteristics. Since July 16th hazardous waste inputs to site have been reduced.
- 2.9 The Environment Agency have approved new leachate circulation system for cells 1 and 2 in Phase 1. Now able to move to complete capping, and restoration.
- 2.10 No leachate is re-circulated onto active cells as this is now tankered away.
- 2.11 Augean are pursuing remediation of phases 1 and 2. Consultants have undertaken survey work and the company are keen to get capping done this year, subject to agreement of Environment Agency and Planning.
- 2.12 Most recent landfill cell have now been completed and new cells created. Paul Blackler gave out a general invite to a site visit after the meeting to see the progress of landfill operations.
- 2.13 The installation of new windows and doors on Westhay Cottages and Farmhouse has now been completed.
- 2.14 The new planning application intends a change of use of the former MRF building for use to test and sample the hazardous wastes imported. This is where the chemist would operate. This is next to the existing laboratory and has a hard standing.
- 2.15 Peter Higson-Smith asked if the use of tyres to line cells been discontinued and what other measures are employed for protection of the clay and artificial liner?
- 2.16 Paul Blackler replied tyres have not been used since phase 1 and 2. Existing tyres on the site are being shredded under agreement from the Environment

Agency. These will be taken off site when an appropriate use is found. The quality assurance process ensures that the regulations are fully met and compliant.

- 2.17 A question was asked relating to the previous fires at the site and the possible cause by hot loads. To prevent this will the site not take industrial wastes?
- 2.18 Paul Blackler responded. The new landfill regulations are far more prescriptive. Augen have to ensure characterisation and compliance criteria are met on all loads, so all wastes are strictly controlled and monitored. Hence even though wastes from industrial sources will continue they should not be mixed with other wastes which could give rise to a hazardous reaction, including that which could cause a fire.
- 2.19 Karen Chebatoris from the Environment Agency confirmed that tyre Shredding is a one-off activity at the site.
- 2.20 Environment Agency asked how many vehicles came in on 15th July? Paul Blackler said he would find this out and let Karen know. It was as much an administrative problem as a quantity. All unbooked loads had to be checked for paper compliance.
- 2.21 Fiona Cowan request updated list of contacts.

3. Environment Agency

- 3.1 Karen Chebatoris confirmed that she has received no complaints.

4. Planning Update

- 4.1 Consultations have been undertaken on the new application.
- 4.2 The application will be reported to the Development Control Committee but it would not be going to September Committee, and the next one possible is 1st November. Depends upon the remaining consultations and on when the remaining information is submitted. This will lead to the application being re-advertised as this is a requirement under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations. The local parish councils will be notified when it is being reported to the Committee.
- 4.3 The Badger Report includes confidential information but the members of the Local Liaison Group could see this at the council offices.

5. Local Community Questions

- 5.1 Already dealt with throughout the meeting.

6. **Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 11th January 2006, 2.00 pm at Village Hall or on site if suitable accommodation is in place.