

THORNHAUGH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

6.30pm, 9th January 2008 – Kings Cliffe Landfill

ACTION POINTS

Present:

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| Gene Wilson (GW) | Augean |
| Simon Moyle (SM) | Augean |
| Mr R Balam (RB) | Resident |
| Susan Marsh (SEM) | Peterborough City Council |
| Phil Hukin (PH) | Environment Agency |
| Martin Witherington (MW) | Thornhaugh Parish Council |
| Sam Cowan (SC) | Thory's |
| John Sweeney (JS) | Environment Agency |
| Cllr John Holdich (JH) | local Councillor |
| David Hill (DH) | Peterborough City Council |

Apologies: Cllr Diane Lamb (local Councillor), Robert Murphy (resident)

| ITEM | | ACTION |
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| 2 | <p><u>Augean Update:</u> <i>The business (GW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Augean have acquired two new waste treatment companies in the field of oil reclamation. The company is continuing to grow the waste treatment side of the business.• Planning application for soil being processed on-site (at Kings Cliffe landfill) will be determined tomorrow (10/01/2008) <p><i>Management (GW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Worledge was been replaced by Paul Blackler as Chief Executive at Augean. <p><i>Integrated Management System (GW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certification for the waste treatment facilities was gained just before Christmas. | |
| 3 | <p><u>Site Matters:</u> <i>Landfill operation (SM/GW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The grass has recently been cut onsite.• The site will not be open on a Saturday, unless there is a significant job.• Hazardous soils are continuing to be taken at both Kings Cliffe and SNRHW at Thornhaugh. This is being driven by the market.• Non hazardous landfill and asbestos not taken in since January 2007.• Washing of soils at Kings Cliffe can mean 80% of the material can be recovered. The remaining contaminated water is recycled through the plant. Eventually once this has been exhausted the water will be disposed off site.• The soil bund at Thornhaugh 1 Quarry entrance has been increased. This will be seeded. This is noted by RB as looking good.• Tree planting will take place opposite Home Farm. There will also be fill in points to increase screening. | |

GW/SM

- Litter was picked along the A47 before Christmas.
- Augean will be seeking permission for a micro-turbine using the gas from the landfill to power it. Only a relatively small amount of energy will be produced, which is consistent with the nature of the waste disposed of on site. The subsequent electricity provided will be put back into the National Grid and bought back. JH noted that this is referred to as “Green Energy”.
- Lighting – The light above the canteen has been switched off. MW raised the point that there are still concerns that the remaining lights are not pointing down at the ground and they are visible from the A47 and are causing light pollution to local residents. Augean agreed to review the lighting at the site and to adjust subject to safety and security considerations.
- MW asked if the site had been subject of any incursions, losses or damage.
- SM replied none. SM noted the issue; security of the site is a key consideration. MW suggested that lights controlled by sensors and infrared security systems should be investigated as a possibility. Augean to review lighting.
- MW added that the site lighting had been subject of complaint from a village resident in addition to Home farm.
- The Dust-scan monitors have been moved closer to Holme Farm as requested.
- On the 21st January 2008 the NE surface water lagoon connection works are starting.

Quarry operations (SC)

- Quarrying has finished onsite. Dry screening is continuing onsite of the limestone already extracted. However it is a summer product and so there will be little activity until the spring.

Future (GW)

- Proposals for “Bradshaw’s” land will be worked up during this year but an application has been pushed back until later in 2008.
 - RB added that the area has been excavated previously for ironstone by British Steel.
 - GW stated that the application will be for Stable Non-Reactive Hazardous waste in cells, with a possible void-space of roughly 450,000m³
 - MW queried total possible time that the site could maintain landfilling activity. GW added that there is currently 600,000m³ void-space still available in other areas of the site. Together with new application discussed above, this could amount to a lifespan of roughly 7-10 years.
 - JS added that caution should be expressed when trying to quantify a definitive time span as there are many variable factors that could affect the figure e.g.:
 - contracts that Augean win
 - the fact that the amount of waste being landfilled is slowing down
 - waste being a rapidly changing marketplace
 - restricting of the range of uses onsite
- Legislation driving producers of waste to treat waste prior to landfill.

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Environment Agency Update (PH / RS)

- Karen Chebatoris has left the Environment Agency. Work is being undertaken to identify a replacement. Currently Howard Goulbourne and Nick Simmons are taking on her role.
- The EA are currently re-organising. In particular the way in which permits are issued. There will be 4 National Centres issuing permits rather than 20 as was the previous format. This approach will bring the system up to date, speed up the determination of permits and improve continuity across the UK.
- PH team will be concentrating on industrial activities with the greatest potential to pollute such as major industry and landfills.

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Peterborough City Council Update (SEM)

Planning applications

- No planning applications have been received for this area.

Development Plan

- A second period of "Preferred Options" consultation will be taking place on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Development Plan. This extra period of consultation is required as questions of "soundness" and "deliverability" were raised at the last stage. Also a number of new sites were submitted, which needed to be judged and compared against those put forward at the previous stage.
- The consultation will take the form of a 6 week period within which the general public and stakeholders will be able to make representations. There are likely to be exhibitions in the same format as before. All documents will be available for comment.
- The documents will be moving through member processes in February/ March 2008 so currently officers are very busy writing up the final documents. Restrictions arising from elections in May and it being considered poor practice to consult over the summer holiday period means that consultation will take place in September/October 2008.
- The Government are currently consulting on a Revision to Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS12), which is seeking to make changes to the planning system. It proposes extending the lifespan of all Development Plan Documents to 15 years. This has serious implications for the minerals and waste plan as it means extending supply of minerals and waste facilities by an additional 5 years.
- MW raised the issue of site selection. SEM added that many sites identified in this area are constrained by highways issues, wildlife designations, RAF Wittering...etc. In terms of Limestone extraction this has serious implications for meeting the apportionment figure of 300,000 tonnes/year that the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) has specified.
- The Thornhaugh site is once again identified as an allocation for Stable non-Reactive Hazardous Waste as it was in the previous stage.
- SEM to discuss mineral extraction figures in Phase 7 of the site with GW at a separate time.

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Any Other Business

- Mr Balam's letter refers to extraction at "Bradshaw's" land and so will be discussed at the next meeting when the proposals have been worked up in more detail.

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Date of Next Meeting

- Thursday 5th June 2008 at 6.30pm. This could include a possible site visit at 5.30pm. The possibility of a daytime meeting will depend on MW confirming the availability of Robert Murphy.

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