



Dimmer Community Liaison Group update

Due to the continuing Government guidance on social distancing, and the limitations of video conferencing, Viridor is still unable to host a face-to-face Community Liaison Group meeting for the Dimmer site.

As a result, we have prepared the following report to update you on site activities. Should you have any further questions for us, please email these to the dedicated email address we have set up for the Community Liaison Group: DimmerLiaison@viridor.co.uk

Our intention is to hold a Community Liaison Group meeting on site once the current restrictions are lifted by the Government.

Transfer Station Report:

Update:

Mendip refuse collection has now gone to 3 weekly collections. This hasn't affected the waste transfer station tonnages. The only noticeable difference is that there are a reduced number of vehicle movements from refuse collection vehicles on Tuesdays.

The timer on the lights at the rear of the transfer station have now been brought a hour forward due the clock change

The EA attended site on 12th November for a routine visit. Their report did not highlight any issues

During the first lockdown, school visits from Carrymoor Environmental Trust were suspended. Changes in restrictions have led to two school visits carried out with strict social distancing and following government and company guidance.

Landfill Operational Report

Update:

Restoration of the site continues with the aim of completion by the end of summer 2021. Since April this year, there have been 2,924 tonne of restoration soils imported along with a substantial amount of site-based soils placed on top off cell N. There remains circa 90,000m³ to complete the profile of Cell N and the old wood chip area.

All old plant and scrap have now been removed from site with the exception of the Somerset litter stations which will be removed in the new year once the ground conditions improve.

Litter picking has been completed, however, we will review this again when all the foliage dies back prior to spring next year.



Organics Operational Report

Update:

Demand for compost has continued to be buoyant due to a resurgence in interest in gardening, arboriculture and organic farming during the C-19 pandemic.

Staffing levels at Dimmer have been unaffected by C-19 to date. A new Compost Quality & Sales Advisor, Dr Andrew (Andy) Groenhof, has been appointed to replace the outgoing Organics Sales Representative, Richard Griffith. Andy can be contacted on Richard's number (07736 374 009) or agroenhof@viridor.co.uk for Revive® compost sales or quality enquiries.

Viridor has concluded an investigation into noise from the wood shredding operation and demonstrated that noise levels can be controlled to remain below the limit set by the planning consent. Following a submission of the company's consultant's report to the EA, shredding operations will recommence in December which will bring about a reduction of lorry movements away from the site.

The site has received two odour related complaints since the last report, one of which was upheld and resolved quickly.

Dimmer Leachate Treatment Plant (LTP)

Update:

The Leachate Extraction System and Leachate Treatment Plant have been operating 24/7 throughout the quarter (treating ~60-80m³ of leachate per day). This volume is down on the previous quarter due to restrictions on with the Nano-Filtration and Activated Carbon, both of which are not used when discharging to the willow beds.

Discharge to the willow beds ceased on 03/11/2020. Tests of the treated leachate were carried out for 4 consecutive days prior to discharging to the River Cary to ensure the stringent discharge parameters were met, plus the Environment Agency were informed.

The flow within the Cary has continued to far exceed a flow rate of 31.4l/s, permitting a discharge of 150m³/day, however, we have discharged reduced volumes.

Leachate removal via tankers (~20 loads per week) has needed to continue to assist in drawdown of the leachate backlog from Dimmer Phase 1 which is known to be influenced by rainfall.

Environmental & Regulatory Matters

The EA is now resuming routine visits to regulated sites and a routine inspection was completed on 12th November.

Date of next meeting (or report if Covid-19 restrictions still in place): 18th March 2021