



**Dimmer Landfill  
Liaison Group Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Carymoor Environmental Centre**

**Attendees**

Matthew Lawson (ML)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Mike Griffin (MG)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Ben Smith (BS)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Bernie Newton (BN)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Kevin Nicholls (KN)	-	Environment Agency
Mike Lewis (MLe)	-	Somerset County Council / SSDC

<b>Minutes</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	Sally Snook (Castle Cary Town Council), Jim Shannon, Martin Roberts (Vice-Chairman Cary Moor Parish Council), Vicki Nobles, Andrea Michalikova (VWM), Clive Barber (VWM).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>
	None (last meeting prior to Covid pandemic). An Operations Update Report was issued to the group on 18 <sup>th</sup> June.
	<b>Matters Arising (from Update Report)</b>
	<p>Letter from Castle Cary Town Council of 24<sup>th</sup> June was discussed: -</p> <p>MG: The Transfer Station (TS) deluge tank and outlets were signed off by contractors and Fire Service during commissioning of the TS and so Operations was under the impression that the system would work. The FS worked around the faulty valves and were able to extract water following a brief delay.</p> <p>Storage volumes of fire water were below permitted amounts and the fire water was tankered away to off-site treatment works the same day.</p> <p>The TS SHEV system, alarms, all functioned correctly and allowed the fire to be fought by the FS as per the design of the building. The doors did not malfunction as they are designed to open in conjunction with the SHEV system.</p> <p>MLe: Could the steam have prevented the fire being fought?            MG&gt; No, the building has a SHEV system which monitors temperature and activates the alarm, key holder, and opens the doors, roof, and wall louvres to dissipate heat so that the fire can be fought and the majority of the building saved. The cause of the fire has not been established, however, it is suspected it was related to batteries. The fire is thought to have spread to second bay by embers blowing over the top of the dividing bunker wall.</p>

	<p>MLe: Communication to general public on the day was good – incident alert sent to Dimmer Liaison group via email.</p> <p>MG: FS to be invited back to re-check systems once repairs have been made. Building to be cleaned starting 28<sup>th</sup> June for three weeks, then repairs will be made and then EA will re-inspect.</p> <p>Waste currently being transferred at CRL via pre-agreement. Waste was reduced and managed in the TS prior to the fire so as to remain compliant with the limits on the volumes of waste detailed in the Fire Prevention Plan. Viridor updated EA with mass balance at site TS and CRL following the fire to confirm that waste was being transferred to the ERF and not accumulated.</p> <p>ML: Regulation 61 Notice – The company has received the notice and is awaiting a request from the EA for further information.</p> <p>BN: The Landfill Willow Beds are not being used as the LTP is treating the leachate sufficiently to allow discharge to the river Cary. Some exports to a third-party works have been necessary recently due to PPM being completed. Weekly monitoring of discharge continues – no issues. Draw down of phase one leachate has commenced.</p> <p>MLe: Which parts of the VWM business are transferring to Biffa?</p> <p>ML: The Organics (green, wood and street sweepings waste operations) and Dry Waste Collections businesses are due to transfer to Biffa in August/September. Following the sale, Biffa and Viridor will have separate Environmental Permits. The Biffa Organics business will continue to service the SCC contact. It is our intention to carry on holding Liaison Group meetings with VWM chairing/arranging/minuting and Biffa personnel attending to provide an update on the Organics/Collections operations. This will be subject to approval by Biffa.</p> <p>Email from Cary Moor Parish Council:- The statement was acknowledged, and it was noted that the question relating to the cause of the fire had been discussed earlier in the meeting.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Transfer Station Update</b>
	No further update – keen to clean building ASAP, check structure, repair, and recommence taking waste on a reduced basis.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Landfill Operations Report</b>
	<p>Restoration continuing with old wood chip area filled with soil, and restoration soil placement should be complete towards the end of the summer followed by seeding.</p> <p>A 40-year postrestoration care period will then commence – less leachate expected from phase two as the area is capped.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recycling Operations Report</b>
	The thermal imaging camera destroyed in TS fire and so will need to be replaced.

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Regulatory &amp; Planning Matters</b>
	KN had circulated a copy of the EPR Compliance Assessment Report, produced following his site visit to the fire damaged TS, prior to the meeting.  KN: answered/clarified points made as the meeting progressed.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Community Issues</b>
	Covered by the two emails received.  MLe: Is Viridor able to financially support community projects?  The Viridor Credits Scheme has closed in the Castle Cary area following the end of landfilling at Dimmer. Further information about the charities and organisations that Viridor supports can be found at:  <a href="https://www.viridor.co.uk/sustainability/social/charitable-giving">https://www.viridor.co.uk/sustainability/social/charitable-giving</a>
<b>8.0</b>	AOB
	None
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Date of next meeting(s)</b>
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at 14:30 at Carymoor Environmental Centre