



**Dimmer Landfill
Liaison Group Meeting
13th December 2018
Carymoor Environmental Centre**

Attendees

Matthew Lawson (ML)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Alice Radford (AR)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Cheryl Brice (CB)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Graham Pickersgill (GP)	-	Britannia Construction Ltd
Ross Manson (RM)	-	SLR Consulting
Kevin Nicholls (KN)	-	Environment Agency
Martin Roberts (MR)	-	Carymoor Parish Council
Ken Knight (KK)	-	Resident
Jim Shannon (JS)	-	Carymoor Parish Council
Mike Lewis (MLe)	-	Somerset County Council
Sally Snook (SS)	-	CCTC
Alan Gibbons (AG)	-	Ansford Parish Council
Colin Kay (CK)	-	Care 4 Cary

	Minutes	Action
1.0	Apologies	
	Mark Main, Dave Boyer, Rachel Fisher, Jon Pring, Graeme Buckman, Robert Hawkins, Pete Walker	
2.0	Minutes of last Meeting	
	Agreed	
2.0	Matters Arising	
ML	We have sent litter pickers out to the B road.	
AR	The restoration plan will involve the landfill being restored to farmland.	
MR	Will we get to see the restoration plan?	
AR	Yes, once this is complete, it will be shared. It was originally done in 1991, then in 1999. It would be nice to see the final plan so we can comment.	
MR		
KK	I sent an email regarding the road sweeper: <i>I have just read through the minutes of the 13th September meeting and can find no reference to the issue that was raised by me concerning excess noise that the road sweeper that you are now using creates. I informed you that I had taken readings of 60dB plus which is far above current conditions set for your wood-chipping operation.</i> <i>It is clear by the continued use of this machine that my comments seem to have fallen on deaf ears. I am most disappointed.</i> <i>Equipment used. Recently calibrated NO5CC hand held noise meter IEC651TYPE 2. Noise condition set by Somerset County Council. 55db Leq 15mins.</i>	
AR	Due to the recent weather, we have to operate the road sweeper so that we are within our planning requirements and we operate it within our allowed hours.	
KK	There is a condition on your wood chipping, do you know what your limit is? It's 55db measured from my premises. The road sweeper this morning was running out at 70db, normally it's at least 60db. The road sweeper starts at 7am and it can be heard in	

<p>ML KK</p> <p>ML KK</p> <p>AR</p> <p>KK</p> <p>AR KK</p> <p>SS</p> <p>ML</p> <p>MLe</p> <p>ML JS</p> <p>KK</p> <p>ML</p>	<p>Lovington. Can you do a noise test in the surrounding areas and you are out of your limits. Can you hear the council road sweepers?</p> <p>This is a special area due to the terrain being in a bowl which means the acoustics circulate easier. The situation hasn't changed at all, in fact it's worse as it starts earlier in the day.</p> <p>We have a legal obligation to sweep the road.</p> <p>Other sites have wheel washes, this site is taking in more soils recently. If you had a wheel wash you wouldn't have to have sweep the road.</p> <p>We do have a legal obligation to clean the road and we are working within our planning requirements. We have looked at installing a wheel wash, however it would not be feasible with the site layout and also it's quite noisy.</p> <p>If you had a wheel wash you'd have to work with in 45/55 db. There were never any noise limits until the wood shredding came in and the county put in the noise limit for that.</p> <p>We could get in an external contractor to test</p> <p>You have already had a noise tester out and the measure produced wasn't correct, as it didn't match my machine, which is a professional machine.</p> <p>There have been a few accidents at end of Dimmer Lane. The B3153 traffic management working group and contacted Gary Warren and replied saying a stop can't be installed. Can VWM support the group with this?</p> <p>If Somerset County Council were amenable, there is a possibility we could part fund one. He asked JS/SS if they could investigate costs</p> <p>Can VWM give support to the community and contact Alan Jones from SCCC. He's already been in contact with Tiger Barn Cattery. It would be helpful if VWM said that not just HGV's but local traffic too</p> <p>VWM could write an email to Gary Warren</p> <p>Will send an email from Gary Warren so that VWM can respond.</p> <p>Raised again about the missing passing bay signs, and lorries are parking in the bay by the site again</p> <p>Will include this with the stop sign email.</p>										
3.0	Transfer Station Update										
<p>GP</p> <p>JS GP</p> <p>SS GP AR</p> <p>KK AR</p>	<p>All the groundworks have been completed and the building frame has gone up. In the new year the roof will go on and building will be cladded.</p> <p>Then the internal of the building will be fitted out; concrete floors, Fire alarms, ventilation systems etc. Once this has been done the external finishes can take place. It's anticipated this will be completed by 4th March.</p> <p>All demolition has taken place and also most of the noisy stuff. Also, there won't be any more cranes on site.</p> <p>When's the acoustic fence going up?</p> <p>The fence will have to go in at the end, once all the work is completed.</p> <p>When will waste be started to be taken?</p> <p>Not sure, that doesn't come under our remit.</p> <p>When Avonmouth opens and the landfill shuts.</p> <p>What happens if you have problems with ERF?</p> <p>At Dimmer we will manage our void consumption based on updated on progress of Avonmouth. We have regular updates from ERF to make sure if dates change we can plan our intake accordingly. The landfill will only close to municipal waste on the commencement of the transfer station.</p>										
4.0	Landfill Operations Report										
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<p>MM AR KK AR SS AR</p>	<p>Pump testing has started in the Northern phase of the site. We are awaiting void figures, but we expect them to be in line with the site closing in November 2019.</p> <p>Will the landfill then fully shut? There will then be a period of importing soils, but no active waste. We have 18 months to import soils you have 18 months to do re-contouring? Yes, we have 18 months to bring in the soils for establishing the contours.</p> <p>On DB's behalf, raised that he had sent an email regarding the LTP: <i>Please accept my apologies for not attending today, I had intended to raise the issue of the huge buildings and towers/silos being constructed on the leachate site – and specifically whether any form of landscaping will be undertaken to camouflage these ugly developments from being a blot on our landscape? Maybe someone could raise this on my behalf.</i></p> <p>Currently, the look is green to coincide with the local area, we are awaiting a response from the project manager on what it will look like at the end.</p>									
5.0	Recycling Operations Report									
<p>ML</p> <p>JS (on behalf of Mark Main) ML</p> <p>JS</p> <p>AG ML</p> <p>AG ML</p> <p>NC</p> <p>ML</p>	<p>Quantity of waste received for recycling since last meeting:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="367 693 951 848"> <thead> <tr> <th>Waste</th> <th>October-December Input (Tonnes)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Grade A & B Wood</td> <td>979</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green Waste</td> <td>4018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street Sweepings</td> <td>883</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We're recycling more than we were last quarter. Road sweepings are up due to the weather.</p> <p>MM was promised that someone would come out to do noise testing for the wood shredding. The transfer station, wood shredding & road sweeper noise, have all been a problem for him. He can hear this from his property and testing hasn't happened yet.</p> <p>We have received a communication from Mark Main about the noise from the wood area. The noise from the transfer station work meant we couldn't monitor the wood area. Once the transfer station construction has finished, we can then do the noise testing. The noise fence should improve the situation though.</p> <p>The noise has been a shock, but I am happy the monitoring will take place after the transfer station build.</p> <p>You mentioned last time about the drinkware trial? We've taken in about a third of a tonne. We have demonstrated that in a fortnight it will break down. At the moment it's not cost effective and unless a collection service can be offered bio degradable cups don't offer a reasonable switch for plastic. Also, we can't take in drinkware that contains food 2 weeks is incredibly quick Yes it is. If anyone knows of any catering establishments that would want to take part in the trial, then ask them to get in touch.</p> <p>VWM need to tell people they can't put biodegradable cups in their (SWP kerbside / HWRC) kitchen / green waste. Yes, this won't change. Viridor is only taking biodegradable cups from commercial establishments.</p>	Waste	October-December Input (Tonnes)	Grade A & B Wood	979	Green Waste	4018	Street Sweepings	883	
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6.0	Regulatory & Planning Matters									
KN	<p>We received a request from VWM regarding the LTP construction, requesting that the lagoon at the top end is to be used for leachate to be collected. This has been happening for around 3 weeks.</p> <p>As part of the transfer station planning, we have a received a fire prevention plan. The idea of this plan is that the fire can be put out within 4 hours. The normal procedures can be found on gov.co.uk. Regarding sprinklers, these are ineffective with rubbish as the fires</p>									

	tend to be slow burning and this creates a lot of steam as the fire is extra hot. Shevs (smoke and exhaust ventilation system). This is done by localising the waste in one section. Greater Manchester Fire Brigade are leading the way on this and testing has been done in Gloucestershire. They add a washing liquid substance which penetrates the waste and puts it out quicker.	
ML	Targets the fire and not just spreading over the waste.	
SS KN	Is it under pressure as well as spreading? This allows then to get in and target the right place	
JS KN	How's the waste managed? Waste alternates between the bays, which means cleaning etc can be done more	
KK ML KK KN KK KN MR KN	What are the bays for 3 day's waste It's partitioned with concrete Is it like a firewall? Yes, you can put the hands on the back of the firewalls as it stops heat so well Has there been fires up and down the country? Yes, the waste industry is changing rapidly Will it be a public document? Yes, as soon as it's been confirmed	
7.0	Community Issues	
KK AR KK ML	The new driver induction system doesn't seem to be working, Wordsworth are using Dimmer Lane as stopping point and also as a toilet facility. We will liaise with Wordsworth drivers again and ask them to not stop on the passing points. We will also communicate that there are suitable welfare facilities at site should they wish to use them. They are parking in passing bays to do this. It had stopped, but is happening again We will remind them they need to behave themselves on the public highway and they can use facilities on our site.	
8.0	AOB	
AR	There was a request to put in litter fencing against the wood around Cell N, this has now been completed.	
9.0	Date of next meeting(s)	
	21st March 2019	