



**Dimmer Landfill
Liaison Group Meeting
20th June 2019
Carymoor Environmental Centre**

Attendees

Matthew Lawson (ML)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Cheryl Brice (CB)	-	Viridor Waste Management
James Rosewell (JR)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Alice Radford (AR)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Kevin Nicholls (KN)	-	Environment Agency
Martin Roberts (MR)	-	Carymoor Parish Council
Jim Shannon (JS)	-	Carymoor Parish Council
Sally Snook (SS)	-	CCTC
Kevin Messenger (KM)	-	District Council
Henry Hobhouse (HH)	-	District Council
Ken Knight (KK)	-	Resident
David Boyer (DB)	-	Resident

Minutes	
1.0	Apologies
	Nick Cater, Colin Kay, Mark Main, Vicki Nobles.
2.0	Minutes of last meeting
	Agreed.
	Matters arising
	KK do you have planning to operate a sweeper after 8am? ML we will cover it under community issues.
3.0	Transfer station update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative from the transfer station project. • Completion has been delayed until July. They're just finishing off the last bits on the build of the transfer station. <p>DB will there be a gradual handover? AR as soon as waste goes into the transfer station, the landfill must cease taking waste.</p> <p>MR when will the transfer station open? AR around November.</p> <p>KK you've put new lights at the weighbridge, they face towards the industrial estate. They are blinding and have caused me to have an accident. When will they be on? AR They are sensor-driven.</p>

	<p>MR can they be adjusted, as we have dark skies here? ML we will pass the comments onto the project engineers.</p> <p>DB we thought the lights would be moved further onto the site? ML there are lights now on the bridge, but the existing lights may be moved. DB so the rumours about the lights being moved aren't true? AR we will liaise with the transfer station team to ask them if this will happen and will communicate this out.</p>
4.0	Landfill operations report
JR	<p>Pre-read I have finished my secondment at our site in Croydon and I am now back at Dimmer landfill, as the unit manager.</p> <p>Waste input/export to Dimmer Landfill for the previous 3months March – May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste inputs 33,451 tonnes of waste. This was delivered by 4,741. traffic movements. • Waste export: (Leachate removed from site) 12,004 tonnes. this was exported by 472 traffic movements. <p>Engineering works since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed Capping of 12,745m2 Cell N South. • 3 Gas wells installed, connected to the gas main and under extraction. • Ongoing works to install gas main creating a ring main around the landfill. <p>Since the report was sent out:</p> <p>Drilling rig is on-site to drill on the last area that was capped and installed 6 gas wells.</p> <p>MR how long will it take to cap it all off and restore? JR capping will hopefully be done by spring next year. The final restoration plan isn't confirmed yet, so we don't know how long it will take. MR we were promised that someone from restoration would be at this meeting to discuss the proposals for restoration. JR hopefully we'll get someone from the team to attend the next meeting, we will at least get you an update. DB we would like to have some say about what the site could be used for. Carymoor also has a vested interest.</p>
5.0	Recycling operations report
ML	<p>Pre-read Processed volumes of waste since last meeting:</p> <p>Grade A & B wood: 810 tonnes. Green waste: 3,426 tonnes. Street sweepings: 706 tonnes. Compost sales: 2,923 tonnes.</p> <p>There has been no change since the last meeting, in the waste that is recycled, or in the way that the waste is treated / processed.</p>
6.0	Regulatory and planning matters
ML	<p>Pre-read The Section 73 planning application discussed at the last meeting has been submitted to Somerset County Council Planning Department. The application seeks the removal</p>

<p>KN</p>	<p>of condition 1 of planning consent ref 97/02831/CPO, to allow the composting use to continue without time limitation. Questions or comments should be addressed to Viridor’s Planning Manager, Grant Scott, via email to gscott@viridor.co.uk.</p> <p>ML has spoken to Grant Scott since the pre-read went out. He has not had any queries so far.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>DB are you aware that the window for comments has closed to the authority? ML if you have any further questions, you can still contact Viridor. Next committee dates will be in July or September. KK what happens if you do not get permission and what happens to the compost? ML some of the green waste could be moved to another Viridor site, and the remainder to third-party sites. Though the mileage that the waste travels would increase dramatically. DB surely if you put it in a central location, waste miles would decrease? ML we take green waste from the South and East of the county. The market for compost is price-sensitive as transport is a significant portion of the cost. So multiple composting facilities enable all compost to be marketed and a wider range of customers to be served.</p> <p>EA Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viridor has applied for variations to waste codes and the application has been accepted. • We have received the sites’ monitoring data. It includes emissions and surface data. • We have been informed that James Rosewell has returned as the unit manager of Dimmer landfill. • We have also been notified of capping and management of the willowbeds, and some new gas wells. • Viridor was allowed to use an alternative leachate lagoon. It is no longer using the lagoon, which is now being used again for surface water.
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Community issues</p>
<p>ML</p>	<p>Pre-read</p> <p>The FWAG farm plastic recycling day on 30th April received 24 loads of source segregated plastics from farmers, totalling 14.54 tonnes, of plastic that were bulked up and sent off-site for recycling.</p> <p>Further to the discussion about the safety of the B3153, where it meets the Dimmer Lane junction, and JS’s email dated 30.05.19, ML has asked for feedback from Viridor’s transport division and any safety comments will be fed back at the next meeting. The introduction of vehicle activated signs (VAS) would be a sensible approach to improving the behaviour of speeding drivers in the area.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Since the pre-read, ML has been in touch with our waste collection teams regarding the safety of the junction. We have received an email stating that they have safety concerns as well and that there was an accident involving one of our lorries at the</p>

junction. The transport manager considers that the white line along the centre of Dimmer Lane where it meets the junction should be realigned, so that lorries approach the junction square onto the give way line. Also, with the transfer station, there will be artics turning into Dimmer Lane and turning right out of the lane. We would support a stop sign or even traffic lights.

JS we tried to get a stop sign but Highways refused.

SS there have probably been about five accidents. We have trimmed the grass around the junction to try and improve visibility.

ML we want to have a joint approach to the highways and will forward on to JS.

SS we want any changes to happen before the transfer station starts operating.

JS it could be part of a wider project for reducing speed along the B3135.

ML is the council receptive to putting the signs up?

JS we would like to ask Highways for this.

SS CCC have put money aside, along with other councils for these signs.

HH before you run artics, please can you look at the width restriction on the Clanville side? You cannot get two lorries past each other. Are there any options for a one-way system or any other traffic management plan?

MR when will you get a response from the wet waste team?

ML we are still waiting for all the drivers to respond.

AR we do ask at the weighbridge as well.

DB the local community fought against the transfer station for years because of the traffic on the B3135. VWM said it was not an issue and now they are bending over backwards.

MR it should not have been built.

DB there was an issue recently, where two lorries got stuck and caused a jam in the lanes.

DB apparently there is sludge being moved in from Walpole?

AR that was digestate from Walpole, to provide nutrients for the restoration plan.

DB how long will it be taken in for? Because it smells.

AR we take it in as and when it is produced. It will not be permanent. It depends on the restoration plan.

KK who approved this?

AR the Environment Agency.

HH have you pasteurised it?

AR yes, but we cannot put it on farmland at the moment as it contains starch bags. We are looking at how to remove the bags so that the digestate can be put on farmland.

DB are you saying it does not contain plastic?

KN no, it only contains starch. They are putting in new machinery at Walpole, to remove plastics and the starch bags.

AR we have stockpiled the digestate and will wait for more decomposition before we put it on the land.

8.0 AOB

KK what is the current situation with the road sweeper? I requested the noise report last time but it was not ready. Do you have a copy now? I emailed and requested it before the meeting.

AR we have reduced the operating frequency. We also want to know what the best times are for us to sweep the road for you.

KK I still want to see a copy. The noise has improved but is still louder than the limit. It is louder here because of the shape of the landscape.

	<p>JR we operated a road sweeper this morning. KK it sounded quieter. Will I see the report? AR we will have to ask permission for it. KK this has been going on for two years. There are quieter road sweepers on the market. AR the road sweeper that we use operates in residential areas. KK I will contact Terry Murphy to see the report. AR we are trying to work with you in terms of reducing the hours. When is the best time for us to operate the road sweeper? KK Mark Main has also heard it. AR we have not had any complaints from MM. JR when is the best time for us to operate the road sweeper for you? KK that is not the point. It is just the noise. ML we have consulted our planning department. We were operating within our planning and we would like to go above our planning and work with you. KK you are going above your noise limit. JR there is not a sound limit on landfill operation. The road sweeper is part of the landfill operation. KK you have a noise limit on your woodchip operation. JR we have to sweep the roads. But we want to work with you, to sweep at better times that suit you. KK I will take it further and I want the report.</p> <p>DB JR are you here just until the transfer station opens? Or will you take over the transfer station? JR I got seconded to another site, but I am now back at Dimmer. The transfer station role is a completely separate role.</p> <p>DB will this meeting stop once the landfill closes? ML it is still up for discussion who would run the meeting, but we would try to keep it going. DB how can we make sure it keeps going? MR is there something in the SWP and VWM contract? ML we will look into it, but there will be a transition as the site changes.</p> <p>HH SCCC failed to tell the district council about the planning until the application closed. Someone should have told us it was going to be raised. ML we mentioned it at the last meeting. MR SCCC had not published the application properly. SS no neighboring parishes were notified.</p> <p>KK will the lorries be 40-tonne lorries that go out of the transfer station? JR yes, small lorries will go in and big lorries will go out straight to the ERF. SS large lorries will have to go through Clanville.</p>
9.0	Date of next meeting(s)
	Thursday 19 th September.