



**Dimmer Landfill  
Liaison Group Meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2019  
Carymoor Environmental Centre**

**Attendees**

Matthew Lawson (ML)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Alice Radford (AR)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Cheryl Brice (CB)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Steve Daniels (SD)	-	Britannia Construction Ltd
Ross Manson (RM)	-	SLR Consulting
Kevin Nicholls (KN)	-	Environment Agency
Brad Pontin (BP)	-	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
Colin Kay (CK)	-	Care 4 Cary
David Boyer (DB)	-	Resident
Vicki Nobles (VN)	-	Resident
David Reid (DR)	-	Resident

	Minutes	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Mark Main, Nick Cater, Jon Pring	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>	
	Agreed	
	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	<p><b>MR:</b> There's still a lot of rubbish in the wood</p> <p><b>AR:</b> We cleared up a lot, but then we had the storms so we had to stop. We have focused on the main road, but will go back to the wood next once the storms and wind have cleared.</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Transfer Station Update</b>	
	<p><b>SD: TFS Update</b></p> <p>The Initial build is complete, just a few fit outs left to do; a little bit of drainage, electrics, fire alarms and painting. By end of play today the concrete should be finished. It should all be complete by end of April</p> <p><b>VN:</b> Does that change the go live date?</p> <p><b>AR:</b> The delay in the build wont delay the opening of the transfer station, as the transfer station isn't due to open until later this year when the Avonmouth ERF opens.</p>	

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Landfill Operations Report</b>										
	<p><b>AR:</b> Landfill Operations Report</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="367 210 862 304"> <thead> <tr> <th>Materials</th> <th>Loads</th> <th>Tonnes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Active waste</td> <td>4,788.</td> <td>30,943</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inert material</td> <td>1,040</td> <td>17,619</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We currently have the TFS build and LTP builds happening on site. We are in our final phase in Cell N and we're calculating void on 2 monthly basis, to ensure site shuts in line with the ERF opening. Capping contractors are due to come back in April and also later in the summer. 5 gas wells were drilled and installed in southern phase of cell N. We're also Importing aggregate for internal roads and looking at moving redundant plant from the sites.</p> <p><b>SS:</b> When will the LTP be finished?  <b>AR:</b> Should be in June.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> Soils will be coming in over the next 18 months? We were told it could be up to 4 years?  <b>AR:</b> It depends on the final restoration plan. I have imported it early, so it may not need to be imported for so long. It all depends on inert availability. We have a 5-year limit, but would like to finish it within 18 months, though this can't be guaranteed.</p> <p><b>DB:</b> I asked recently about the colour of the LTP.  <b>AR:</b> We are still awaiting confirmation of a final plan.  <b>DB:</b> Who is the project manager?  <b>AR:</b> Mike Denman</p> <p><b>KK:</b> Will you still need tankers once the LTP is up and running?  <b>AR:</b> In the summer the treated leachate will go into the willowbeds. We will only tanker during maintenance and when were are in excess during the Winter or very wet periods. The numbers of tankers will reduce dramatically though. Compost will always need tankers.</p>	Materials	Loads	Tonnes	Active waste	4,788.	30,943	Inert material	1,040	17,619	
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<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recycling Operations Report</b>										
	<p><b>ML:</b> Recycling Operations Report</p> <p>The site had received and processed the following quantity of waste since the last meeting:</p> <table data-bbox="367 1318 909 1407"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Grade A &amp; B Wood</td> <td>519 tonnes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green Waste</td> <td>2224 tonnes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street Sweepings</td> <td>731 tonnes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>1678 tonnes of compost had been sold during the period.</p> <p>Bit down on previous year's numbers.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> When the Transfer Station is up and running what happens to the non-recyclable material?  <b>AR:</b> It will go to the Transfer Station and get bulked up and go to the ERF.  <b>KK:</b> Not all of the material can go to an ERF?  <b>ML:</b> They're look at installing various equipment to deal with these items at the Transfer Station but depending on the material it will either go to the ERF or to Walpole Landfill.  <b>KK:</b> Would it go anywhere else?  <b>ML:</b> No</p>	Grade A & B Wood	519 tonnes	Green Waste	2224 tonnes	Street Sweepings	731 tonnes				
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<b>6.0</b>	<b>Regulatory &amp; Planning Matters</b>	
	<p><b>KN:</b> EA Report As regards the composting operation, the site operates in accordance with planning permission ref 97/02831/CPO. Condition 1 of this planning permission requires that the permitted composting use be discontinued on or before the cessation of tipping at the adjacent landfill site. In order for green waste to continue to be sustainably transformed into compost and for the operation to continue alongside the Waste Transfer Station, Wood Recycling and Street Sweeping Recycling operations, Viridor will submit a Section 73 application to Somerset County Council Planning Department to seek the removal of condition 1 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><b>MR:</b> Why isn't the composting stopping, that is what were told? The transfer station shouldn't be in Dimmer, it should be in Yeovil.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> We have been made many promises from the county and have been let down time and time again.</p> <p><b>ML:</b> We understand that there will be the usual planning consultation for residents to feed their comments.</p> <p><b>KN:</b> At the last meeting I informed you about the fire plan and I have bought a copy for everyone to see and I can email as will if you wish. The fire plan is in a few parts: The Transfer Station and the Compost and Wood Shredding. It was agreed that the Fire Prevention Plan could be circulated.</p> <p>Viridor have made a small permit change for a change to the waste codes. There was an anomaly to cover a few extra establishments, the type of waste isn't changing.</p> <p><b>SS:</b> Is that because of the type of plastics have changed?</p> <p><b>EA:</b> No, they've just asked to take plastic from other sources.</p> <p><b>AR:</b> It was something that was missed off the permit, but it's not a different type of waste, just from a different type of industry.</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Community Issues</b>	
	<p><b>ML:</b> On the VWM website there is a sustainability section and charities can apply for grants there. Applications for charitable donations from Viridor for sums between £50 and £1500 can be made via the Viridor website (search for Charitable Giving).</p> <p>There is a FWAG Farm Plastic Recycling Collection day at Dimmer on Tuesday 30th April which gives farmers the opportunity to have their waste plastics recycled. For further details contact FWAG on 01823 660 684. There is another event at Walpole at 16th May. and other events around the county.</p> <p><b>JS:</b> We talked about accidents at the last meeting on the main road. We approached highways and they came back with a negative response. We then challenged this.</p> <p><i>Response from Gary Warren, SCCC:</i> "In respect of the Dimmer Lane junction, any requests for STOP signs could only be approved by Secretary of State, but this was relaxed in 2016 on the grounds we would adhere to the visibility distance criteria, which in a 30mph speed limit is 30 metres. Having carried out an assessment, the visibility available falls short of this so we are unable to approve this."</p> <p><b>SS:</b> Apparently since this, there has also been another accident, including one involving a lorry. There have been 5 accidents since last April and the police are not interested as it doesn't roll into their statistics. 2 of these were tractors, so it's not just Landfill traffic.</p> <p><b>ML:</b> Having experienced problems myself, I can understand why there is this issue.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> Can Viridor get any traction with highways?</p> <p><b>SS:</b> Can we team up with Viridor to look into this?</p> <p><b>AR:</b> We reinforce the speed limit around our site.</p> <p><b>JS:</b> Can we register VWM's concerns with the Highways?</p> <p><b>VN:</b> Can you at least register an issue with SWP? Maybe they can then pursue highways?</p> <p><b>MLe:</b> Can you ask highways to measure either side for that junction the speeds etc?</p> <p><b>ML:</b> Did they do that when they put the limit in?</p> <p><b>MLe:</b> They just had a consultant in to put in a speed limit he thought was suitable. They</p>	

	<p>didn't necessarily consider the T junction.  <b>JS:</b> I will look at further information regarding the speeds.  <b>MLe:</b> We can go back to Highways and also SWP.  <b>KK:</b> Will be beneficial to go to SWP, when we had the issue with the laybys, SWP got the signs put in within with week, whereas Viridor hadn't done anything. There are still 2 passing signs missing.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> Why was the email reminding us of the site speed limits sent?  <b>AR:</b> A few people did not adhere to the speed limits or the traffic management plan after the last meeting.  <b>SS:</b> Asked for clarification of the way out.  <b>AR:</b> Turn right out of the Carymoor car park, go up the lane and then at the end go left, around weighbridge and workshop then follow one-way system out.  <b>KK:</b> Questioned the 10mph section of the email, as he believed it started at the CA site?  <b>AR:</b> The limit on the email was slightly wrong, the 30mph ends at the civic amenity centre, then becomes 10mph just before the traffic lights.  <b>KK:</b> Some of the dust carts are coming in at over 30mph  <b>ML:</b> Some of the industrial estate traffic speeds as well.  <b>KK:</b> Camp road is a contested private road, it has been brought up in previous conversations with Viridor.  <b>AR:</b> The queue is there as you can't see properly to overtake. When the Transfer Station opens the queue won't be as bad. We re inforce the speed limit on our site to everyone.</p> <p><b>SS:</b> Did NC contact anyone about the goods for resale at the recycling area? We're not happy that it's been stopped.  <b>ML:</b> on behalf of NC: main reason it's not here is because of space and health and safety. Although they're looking at opening some of these in the future around the county.  <b>DB:</b> It used to be there, but it was slightly misused and not run properly and that was why we thought it'd shut.  <b>ML:</b> They are looking at opening at some HWRC's but probably not at Dimmer.  <b>SS:</b> Can it be integrated into Dimmer?  <b>ML:</b> It depends if it's financially viable.  <b>KK:</b> I think saleable stuff is going to Priorswood</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	AOB	
	<p><b>KK:</b> What's happening with roadsweeper noise?  <b>AR:</b> We are looking at reducing the hours we use the roadsweeper. We're permitted to use it from 8am at the moment, but we can look at pushing this back to 10 am going forward or what the local community would seem suitable times?  <b>KK:</b> The level of noise is still showing as being over the limit. Someone has already come to monitor this.  <b>AR:</b> It takes some time to get the data.  <b>KK:</b> His machine was 1.5db less than mine 62.5db, but your limit is 55db. The sweeper you have been using since is much smaller is that because of the results?  <b>AR:</b> We haven't changed the sweeper because of the results, it's been due to supplier availability.  <b>KK:</b> the new sweeper is coming in at 55db.  <b>AR:</b> We can use the most recent sweeper if it's coming up as quieter.  <b>KK:</b> You measured the noise from my veranda instead of from the yard.  <b>AR:</b> We will look at using the quieter machine going forward and also change the operating times if required by local residents.</p> <p>It was agreed that from the next meeting pre reads will be distributed with the agenda. Also if meeting attendees have any arising questions before the next meeting, they are encouraged to email them in before the meeting.</p>	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Date of next meeting(s)</b>	
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	