



**Dimmer Landfill
Liaison Group Meeting
19th December 2019
Carymoor Environmental Centre**

Attendees

Matthew Lawson (ML)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Pete Somers (PS)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Becky Hooper (BH)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Isobel Nash (IN)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Kevin Nicholls (KN)	-	Environment Agency
Martin Roberts (MR)	-	Carymoor Parish Council
Jim Shannon (JS)	-	Carymoor Parish Council
Mark Main (MM)	-	Carymoor Parish Council
Sally Snook (SS)	-	Castle Cary Town Council
Mike Lewis (MLe)	-	Somerset County Council
Ken Knight (KK)	-	Resident
Vicki Nobles (VN)	-	Resident

Minutes	
1.0	Apologies
	Dave Boyer, Colin Kay, Alice Radford, Mike Denman, Cheryl Oxley, Henry Hobhouse, Kevin Messenger
2.0	Minutes of last Meeting
	Minutes from last meeting agreed.
	Matters Arising
	<p>As discussed in the previous meeting, the left-hand light on weighbridge is still pointing up the lane. However, the right-hand light has been rectified to satisfaction (KK) To be looked into by Alice Radford.</p> <p>KK: The lights were on for the first time since the work on them and they stayed on until 9.30pm last night so the motion sensor is not working effectively or has been damaged during repositioning. Alice Radford to investigate.</p> <p>JS: Flood lighting on the back of the transfer station currently angled towards houses. Pete Somers to look into re-angling of lights.</p> <p>MM: Litter picking around the footpath is currently inadequate.</p> <p>ML: This may be due to the high winds we have been experiencing lately as litter picking is still occurring.</p> <p>MR: There is also litter in the trees in Mansmead Wood.</p> <p>Alice Radford to look into these litter issues.</p>

3.0	<p>Transfer Station Update</p>
	<p>The start date for the transfer station have not yet been confirmed, although the company is still working towards closure of Dimmer Landfill at the end of January.</p> <p>Still some minor snagging jobs outstanding for completion of works at Dimmer.</p> <p>Hauler appointment is in final stages and it is possible that this will have been accomplished by the next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>JS: Is this currently common knowledge in the public domain? (Hauler) PS: No as it is still in the final stages. However, the contract is set out for 7 years and the hauler has been agreed on the basis of going through Shepton Mallet as the agreed route. JS: Will all the waste from the transfer station going to Avonmouth? PS: Not all, there will be a small percentage of waste that will not meet the quality required for Avonmouth and these residuals will be going to Walpole landfill MLe: Will this be the same hauler? PS: Yes SS: Which route will these loads be taken? Pete Somers to confirm the route on this.</p>
4.0	<p>Landfill Operations Report</p>
	<p>Movements since last meeting:</p> <p>Municipal Waste 4037 vehicles: 26704.04 tonnes Soils/ Cover: 1265 vehicles: 21976.44</p> <p>Site void in current cell has been extended until Jan 2020</p> <p><u>Capping and Restoration</u></p> <p>Capping and Restoration of c.10,000m² of Cell N North is to commence in late January. Soils are currently being imported and stockpiled on site to ensure 1m thickness of restoration soils are placed above the cap.</p> <p>Capping and restoration of the remainder of Cell N North and any other uncapped areas of Phase 2 will take place once they have been filled with waste, this is likely to be Spring 2020. Soils will continue to be imported to ensure 1m thickness of restoration soils are achieved across the site and in order to create a sustainable landform which drains freely to the perimeter water courses.</p> <p>Questions regarding what the contours will be.</p>

	<p><u>Dimmer LTP</u></p> <p>Now fully operational and within Viridor’s control. Discharge to the River Cary is ongoing and effluent quality is meeting all of the required discharge consent parameters.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>KK: What are the contours going to be?</p> <p>ML: None of the landfill team are currently present to answer, but this will be set out in the permit and this will be followed.</p> <p>MM: Could we find out what the contours will be?</p> <p>ML: This is obviously also depending on the settling of the restoration soils but this will be kept topped up so that the contours continue to be met.</p> <p>JS: So, it is the case that the contours are being left open in case Avonmouth is not ready and they can continue to tip?</p> <p>KK: What Is the amount of treated effluent going into the Cary?</p> <p>ML: Treated effluent is discharged to the Cary when river levels allow. I do not have the volumes discharged to hand.</p>								
5.0	<p>Recycling Operations Report</p>								
	<p>Tonnage of recyclates received since last meeting:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="380 919 787 1056"> <tr> <td>Green Waste</td> <td>4,527.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grade A & B Wood</td> <td>553.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street Sweepings</td> <td>971.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Compost Sold</td> <td>2,159.50</td> </tr> </table> <p>Wood shredder noise monitoring completed 25th September & 17th December. Results will be received in the New Year.</p> <p>ML: Road sweepings have been up recently due to the current weather conditions.</p> <p>ML: We will have received the noise monitoring results by the next meeting. Noise monitoring had to be postponed due to the transfer station build.</p> <p>MR: Intrusive noise coming from wood shredding process. Around 5pm last Tuesday I heard this when I was walking the dog.</p> <p>ML: This is not likely to be wood shredding at that time. However, when the results come in these will be analysed.</p> <p>JS: Were two noise monitoring days due to high noise levels originally?</p> <p>ML: No, this was to clarify the noise levels from the landfill and those from the wood operation as noise from the landfill had increased on the Alford Well side of the site over time as the landfill cell gradually fills. Any additional noise from the landfill will cease when the landfill closes which will reduce the overall noise from the site. Having measured the noise from the operations separately, we will be able to calculate the noise levels from the wood operation alone.</p>	Green Waste	4,527.45	Grade A & B Wood	553.82	Street Sweepings	971.86	Compost Sold	2,159.50
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6.0	<p>Regulatory & Planning Matters</p>								
	<p>The planning application, to allow continuation of the composting operation after the Landfill closes, will be determined at the Planning Committee meeting on either 6th February or 5th March 2020.</p>								

EA report

KK: Since the last meeting 5 reports concerning smell were made to the EA. I would have notified you Matt as we discussed before but I do not have your phone number. Could I get your phone number?

ML: I will give you my number at the end of the meeting. How do you know about the reports Ken?

KK: It is on the log.

ML: Which log is that?

KK: The public access log from the EA.

ML: Did you make these complaints?

KK: I made 2 of them.

SS: I made one.

JS: And I made another.

KN: Described the process of dealing with complaints. These complaints go to the national centre and then to Kevin. Kevin calls Matt Lawson and discusses the process that is currently occurring. Finds out what processing is occurring on the site. They also check the local weather. On an occasion recently when a complaint was made it was found the wind was travelling in the opposite direction so the smell was not proven to be coming from the compost practices.

KK: Due to the topography of the area we frequently get circular winds. A fact that the EA has recognised and I feel this has not been considered in the matter you are talking about.

KN: I appreciate this but the compost must still be allowed to continue with best practice in place and continual monitoring is done on this site by third parties, I believe weekly. Is that correct Matt?

ML: Yes, we have weekly third party odour assessment on the site boundaries and a monthly off-site assessment.

KK: Really? I see Graeme (the person who undertakes the audits) once a month.

ML: We alternate between offsite and on-site audits.

KK: Three days of smell is unacceptable as it does not take three days to turn a windrow, does it?

ML: No, but you do have the number for the landline here so you could have called to report the issue.

KK: I did call the landline and spoke to a woman that wasn't Alice Radford.

ML: Sorry that the message did not get through.

KN: provided a picture to show the new treated effluent in comparison to what it looked like before. Confirmed that leachate is only discharged into the Cary in the winter months and to the willow bed in the summer. Willows hold 140 cube per day, which is the same amount allowed to be discharged on the permit.

KN: There will be another EA report to be sent out in the new year.

MLe: Is the effluent into the river monitored?

KN: Yes, there is a duty to monitor river upstream and downstream each month and report this to the EA and have to notify EA if there is a breach within 24 hours of the breach. However, there is probably more monitoring than this but that is not reported to the EA.

MR: What constitutes a breach?

KN: This would be stated on the permit which I do not have to hand.

MR: I wish to have a copy of what is considered a breach.

7.0	Community Issues
	<p>Update on the work of The B3153 Traffic Working Group:- Specifically the B3153 Dimmer Lane Junction:</p> <p>Gary Warren, Senior Traffic Engineer, South Somerset Area, has given the following response: <i>In respect of agreed actions following the meeting with Jim Shannon, all of which will form part of our 2020/21 budget allocation which is received in April</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The junction marking will be refurbished.</i> • <i>Junction warning signs on both approaches will be ordered.</i> <p><i>Any queries relating to SIDs can be directed to my colleague Nick Cowling who can be contacted at transportdata@somerset.gov.uk I have included a copy of the frequent Q&A sheet and also the agreement for your information</i></p> <p>The working group is looking to contact local landowners to ask them to cut hedges back along the roadside. Meetings have been held with Viridor to support the implementation of SIDs in the locality.</p> <p>Landfill Tax Credits Scheme Anyone intending to apply for funding from Viridor Credits is advised to do so before the landfill shuts in January.</p> <p>Footpaths Dave Boyer has asked that Viridor investigates replacing the footbridge in the southwest corner which connects onto the MacMillan Way. AR has in hand.</p> <p>SS: I don't think it is good enough to leave road makings until April 2020. The lack of road markings is currently an accident waiting to happen and I am sick of hearing lorries coming to a screeching halt outside my house at the end of Dimmer Lane. This has been reported to Highways England and MLe is going to look into the council getting this done rather than Viridor to speed up the process.</p> <p>JS: I am pushing for SIDs in a meeting with the local council in the new year. I will wait for the conclusion from this meeting.</p> <p>ML: Also looking into getting the hedges cut along the B3153.</p> <p>JS: I have been tasked with finding out who owns the hedge on the opposite side of Dimmer lane.</p> <p>SS: That is my hedge, so I am willing to trim that back.</p> <p>MR: I would like to be notified when the landfill is closed and the transfer station is operational. Suggested by email.</p> <p>PS: Yes, we will let you know.</p> <p>VN: Issues with getting into site for this meeting with the queuing. Found some cars overtaking despite this not being allowed.</p> <p>ML: Yes. I understand I waited for 30 minutes to get in this morning. People should adhere to the highway code and not overtake. Due to one weighbridge being closed the queue is worse at the moment but this should be sorted by the time the transfer station opens.</p>

8.0	AOB
	N/A
9.0	Date of next meeting(s)
	Thursday 26 th March 2020 at 14:30 Confirmed and booked with Carymoor Environmental.