



**Dimmer Landfill  
Liaison Group Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Carymoor Environmental Centre**

**Attendees**

Matthew Lawson (ML)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Cheryl Brice (CB)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Pete Somers (PS)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Alice Radford (AR)	-	Viridor Waste Management
Mike Denman (MD)	-	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
Henry Hobhouse (HH)	-	District Council
Mike Lewis (MLe)	-	Somerset County Council
Ken Knight (KK)	-	Resident
Vicki Nobles (VN)	-	Resident
Colin Kay (CK)	-	Resident

<b>Minutes</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	Sally Snook, John Bentley, Kevin Messenger, Dave Boyer.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>
	<p>Amendment:</p> <p><i>Original Statement:</i>  <b>KK:</b> <i>You've put new lights at the weighbridge, they face towards the industrial estate. It's blinding and has caused me to have an accident. When will they be on?</i></p> <p><b>KK:</b> I wasn't the one that was injured, it was one of my visitors. I'd also like more clarification of when the lights on the weighbridge will come on. Saying they're sensor-driven isn't enough information. The new lights are higher and shine directly onto the direction of the lane and on to the industrial estate. It would be safer if they were angled to face down.</p> <p><b>PS:</b> That's right, they're sensor-driven. Myself or one of my team will come out and have a look at the direction of the lights and their impact when its dark.</p> <p><b>MM:</b> Raised that there was a comment made by AR that there were no complaints from him regarding the road sweeper noise. Although he hadn't formally complained, it's still a nuisance for him.</p>

	<b>Matters Arising</b>
	None
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Transfer Station Update</b>
	<p><b>PS Pre-read</b> Main building works have been completed, some slight remedial repairs are taking place inside the shed and around the surrounding area.</p> <p>Area has been agreed to allow education visits to view operations of the transfer station without impacting on visitor safety.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>PS:</b> Avonmouth is due for completion around the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, but the first waste may not go in until the middle of November.</p> <p><b>VN:</b> Are you preparing for a delay in closing the landfill? <b>AR:</b> We are doing monthly surveys of void, we are aiming to fill the landfill by the end of November. But we are being flexible in case the date is pushed back for the ERF.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> Will you dig more void? <b>AR:</b> No, the void is already there.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> What is the average delay in your other ERF's? <b>AR:</b> Each build has been different.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> Are the ERF's all the same? <b>AR:</b> They follow a similar design but are built by different companies.</p> <p><b>HH:</b> Will there be an educational area at the transfer station here so that they can see what happens at the ERF? <b>ML:</b> We can ask the question and maybe give Carymoor some information for them to pass on.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> Most of the waste will be black bin bags? There won't be lots of metal going in. <b>HH:</b> Different types of waste go into the burners. The one at Lakeside has a metal remover.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Landfill Operations Report</b>
	<p><b>AR Pre-read</b></p> <p>Alice Radford is back at Dimmer as unit manager.</p> <p>Tonnages since last meeting: Incoming- Cover material: 5,936.07 tonnes from 343 vehicles. Municipal waste: 25,653.69 tonnes from 3992 vehicles.</p> <p>Capping from last meeting completed. More capping due to start at the beginning of October dependent on area ready for capping.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>KK:</b> Towns drivers keep parking in the passing bays. <b>AR:</b> We're continuously telling the lorry drivers they can't park there. <b>ML:</b> If we know who the drivers are, we can sanction them.</p>

**MR:** Will you do a thorough litter pick when the site closes?

**AR:** Yes, we will complete a full litter pick along with a tidy up of all of the equipment on site.

**VN:** Who are the restoration team?

**AR:** Clive Barber heads up a team that manages the restoration programme across all our sites where soil importation is required. MD is a Project Manager responsible for delivering capital projects for the Dimmer site, including any capping and restoration schemes.

### **Restoration & Aftercare**

**MD:** Because the site is shutting earlier, we haven't filled to the lateral extent that was originally agreed with the Planning Authority. We therefore need to agree a revised restoration profile with the Planning Authority which is sympathetic to the local surroundings and which also provides a long term sustainable landform for drainage. Viridor's Planning team have a meeting coming up with the Planning Authority to discuss.

**KK:** Will you then be able to give us an idea of how many vehicles there will be?

**MD:** Yes, once we have the restoration plan agreed with the planners.

**MR:** Will the land use be agriculture?

**MD:** It's highly likely it will be as this is what is currently approved.

**MD:** The LTP is almost about to be commissioned and handed over from the contractors. We are currently testing and once these tests are satisfactory and reaching the discharge consent level we will discharge to the Cary. The consent is given by the EA and the LTP cost around £3 million.

**KK:** By what percentage will the amount of tankers be reduced by?

**MD:** It should be completely reduced as long as the plant is performing as it should.

**AR:** The compost will still require tankers, but the landfill will only need it in future for contingency purposes.

**MD:** Answered VN's question about the LTP visit and would be happy to arrange a visit.

**KK:** How does it tell you when to discharge?

**MD:** There is a gauge within the River Cary which reads the river level and sends a signal to the plant when river levels are high enough to start discharge.

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### **Recycling Operations Report**

#### **ML Pre-read**

Quantity of waste and compost sold since last meeting (tonnes):

Grade A & B Wood:	711
Green Waste:	6035
Street Sweepings:	620
Compost Sales:	1866

	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>ML:</b> Just to add, we've had very little need for road tankering services since the spring, due to rainfall run-off from the green waste composting area being used in the composting process to add water during the sanitisation phase.</p> <p><b>HH:</b> When's the regulation committee meeting being held to determine the planning application?</p> <p><b>ML:</b> We haven't been given a date yet.</p> <p><b>HH:</b> You will have to close the compost operation when the transfer station opens.</p> <p><b>ML:</b> Because we have already made a planning application, we can carry on until we have a decision from Somerset County Council, and if it's turned down, we can carry on operating whilst we appeal.</p>
6.0	<p><b>Regulatory &amp; Planning Matters</b></p>
	<p><b>ML Pre-read</b> Somerset County Council have yet to reach a decision as to the proposed continuation of the composting operation after the Transfer Station opens.</p> <p><b>KN Environment Agency Report</b></p> <p>We have received a Ground Water risk assessment reports. A Six-yearly report that analyses the ground water. There two reports for this site; one for Dimmer 1 (restored part of the landfill) and one for Dimmer 2 (part which is currently being tipped and due to be restored).</p> <p>A CQA report has confirmed the capping works that have taken place on Cell M &amp; Cell N south. The rest of Cell N, along with the woodchip and the valley side will be capped next.</p> <p>The EA have received three complaints, 1 for noise and 2 for odour. We have been in contact regards to the noise regulation.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>ML:</b> Now the construction of the transfer station has finished, we are able to undertake noise monitoring for the wood operation. We have arranged for our consultants to come in next Wednesday to undertake some testing, Although MM is unavailable then. JS has offered to do it on his property.</p> <p><b>MM:</b> It would be more beneficial to do the testing on my property rather than in the lane.</p> <p><b>ML:</b> We can flexible on the testing to accommodate your availability but will need to also look at the consultant's diary as well.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> What were the odour reports?</p> <p><b>ML:</b> If anyone does report odour issues to the EA in future, if you can let us know at the same time, we will be able to attend to the issue quicker, as the notification from the EA sometimes takes time to reach us.</p> <p><b>KK:</b> How often do you check the wind direction?</p> <p><b>ML:</b> We check daily using the site's meteorological station. And the direction of travel of the water vapour emitted by the compost windrows is a very good indicator as to the wind direction. The composting process is managed in accordance with the BSI PAS 100 standard which requires certain time/temperature/aeration requirements to be met in order to control pathogens and prevent the compost windrows becoming anaerobic and giving rise to malodour. Aeration of the windrows is imperative at all stages of</p>

	<p>composting and especially during the sanitisation phase when, on rare occasions, aeration has to happen when the wind is blowing from the ESE.  <b>KK:</b> Expressed his opinion of odour management at the site.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Community Issues</b>
	<p><b>ML Pre-read</b>  Viridor has consulted internally on safety issues pertaining to the Dimmer Lane and the B3153 junction along with other issues relating to the B road. The safety of the local roads is important to both Viridor and the local community and Viridor will commission and pay for a Road Safety Audit to help support the call for safety improvements. Dates for this work to commence have yet to be agreed with the company's consultants.</p> <p>With the Waste Transfer Station construction complete, the company is to conduct further noise monitoring of the wood operation to better understand the effect on the wider environment. Although currently operating within planning guidelines for noise emission, the aim is to further reduce noise levels where practicable and monitoring will be conducted later this month, weather and machinery permitting.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b>  <b>MR:</b> The footpath around the Landfill site, is it going to be cleared?  <b>AR:</b> We have a schedule in place to manage the sections that come under our responsibility.  <b>MR:</b> It's getting difficult in places to walk through as there are brambles etc. in the way.</p> <p><b>JS:</b> I'm the Current chair of the B3153 Traffic Working Group. Who would be the best person at Viridor who we could discuss the issues with the junction with?  <b>ML:</b> That would be me.  <b>JS:</b> Can we have a meeting please?  <b>ML:</b> Of course, we can. Let's put something in the diary.  <b>JS:</b> MLe is also trying to organise a meeting with county highways.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	AOB
	<p><b>VN:</b> Can you remind the lorry drivers that they need to take more care at the junction with Dimmer Lane. There have been a few instances where they've just pulled out in front of oncoming cars.  <b>AR:</b> Yes, we will do that.</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Date of next meeting(s)</b>
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December.