

Veolia Energy Recovery Facility, Battlefield Community Liaison Group

Notes of a meeting held at Bolingbroke House, Battlefield on 23 October 2012

In attendance

Marc Nye (MNY) – Chair
Walter Hodgson (WH) - Clugston
Donald Macphail (DMc) - Veolia
Gavin Twyford (GT) – Veolia
Phil Lucas (PL) - Veolia
Miles Nicoll (MN) - Veolia
Cat Slaytor (CS) – Veolia - Minutes
Andy Bond (AB) – Environment Agency
Grahame French (GF) – Shropshire Council
Mark Foxall (MF) - Shropshire Council
Jeremy Jagger (JeJ)
Peter Bettis (PB)
Joyce Jagger (JoJ)
Lynne Padmore (LP)
Graham Lewis (GL)
Owen Evans (OE)
Joan Hughes (JH)

Apologies

Wendy Churchill

Notes

MNY welcomed the group to the first meeting of the group since planning was granted in January 2012.

DMc explained that the purpose of the meeting was an open forum for all parties to share concerns and for Veolia/Clugston to update. DMc stressed that it was important to engage with local residents as Veolia wanted to be good neighbours. He suggested that the group met quarterly during construction.

Update

MN explained that this was a three year project and we were in the early stages of construction. The site vegetation strip would take place and cabins for the workforce would arrive and then the main body of the work would begin in January 2013. The facility is due to be operational by September 2015.

PB outlined the areas of concern from his point of view which were:

- Emissions and smoke from the chimney
- Top up waste from outside the area
- The destroying of valuable waste that could be recycled

- Members of the public segregating waste at home, only for it to go in the incinerator
- Contamination of the local water table

These issues were discussed in brief by DMc, WH, AB and GF. DMc explained that there was a lot of information that could be presented about any areas of concern and suggested that each topic should be the subject of subsequent meetings.

It was confirmed the next meeting would discuss drainage issues and waste tonnages expected over time. – **Veolia Action**

A number of issues were then raised by other members of the group which included:

- Would we be using the railway to bring waste in?
- Would we be bringing waste from outside Shropshire?
- Site safety during construction and operation of the facility
- Planned maintenance
- How do you get the heat to the houses?
- Numbers and access arrangements for vehicles?

DMc explained that the size of the facility was 90,000 tonnes and that we were not expecting any significant increase in articulated vehicle movements.

GF confirmed that there is a legal access route agreement in place with Veolia to ensure that vehicles will use the primary access routes to the site via the Battlefield link road roundabout.

AB explained the regulator procedures with regards to shutting down the plant.

WH explained the types of materials that would be delivered during construction to the site and how the workforce is managed.

All of the issues raised (bulleted above) will be fully explained over the subsequent meetings.

Communications

CS gave details of the first leaflet sent to residents, which was delivered in October to approximately 5,000 homes in the area.

DMc confirmed that the first CLG meeting had been arranged before development details were shared with the press.

Meeting ended at 8.25pm.

Date of next meeting: 22 January 2013 – 7pm

If there are any issues about the site in the meantime, members of the group can contact Catherine Slaytor at Veolia on 01743 452162.