

## **Veolia Energy Recovery Facility, Battlefield Community Liaison Group**

Notes of a meeting held at on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at the Food Enterprise Centre, Vanguard Way, Battlefield Enterprise Park.

### **In attendance**

Walter Hodgson (WH) - Clugston  
Donald Macphail (DMc) - Veolia  
Gavin Twyford (GT) – Veolia  
Phil Lucas (PL) - Veolia  
Miles Nichol (MN) - Veolia  
Cat Slaytor (CS) – Veolia  
Christy Robinson - Veolia - Minutes  
Andy Bond (AB) – Environment Agency  
Mark Foxall (MF) - Shropshire Council  
Lynne Padmore (LP)  
Graham Lewis (GL)  
Joan Hughes (JH)  
David Haston (DH)

### **Apologies**

Marc Nye (MNY) – Chair  
Owen Evans (OE)  
Graham French  
Peter Bettis

Start time: 7.15pm

### **Notes**

Previous minutes agreed with no objections.

### **Update**

Construction Presentation with update from WH. Main points were:

- Clugston's offices have been established.
- Stabilisation of soil – (mix of lime and cement). Limited amount of import/export materials.
- 12 Metre's of foundations have been dug to the base of the bunker – now working on wall construction.
- Explanation of ground stabilisation.
- A Tower Crane, 35/40 metres high.
- Photo's shown of office and car park set up – parking for 110 cars for workers on site.
- Capping beam to stabilise the top of the piles to allow excavation.

### **Drainage issues presentation from Miles Nichol**

- Existing drainage from HRC Foul water from within the Transfer Station and offices, under weighbridges.
- Single Environmental Permit.
- ERF site has a permit.
- MN explained the surface water drainage (shown in light blue on presentation).
- Rainwater drainage at a lower level than the rest of the site (4 metre's below the activity area).
- Drainage for the ERF, proposed red lines, all routed into detention basin holding 8000 metres cubed.
- ERF and Battlefield (existing Transfer Station) operating under 2 permits. ERF permit from EA (Andy Bond inspecting) – Granted Summer 2010.
- Existing Transfer Station permit in existence for at least 10 Years (EA – Steve Cawthron)
- Discharge to sewer – permits closed off now – agreed with Severn Trent representative.
- Foul drainage connection – Severn Trent manholes identified on slide. The EA have been on site to look at the procedures we have adopted.
- Connection point – new manhole halfway along two points (top right of slide).
- Gravity – not pumped. Any spillage (foul water) can be stopped. All liquids to drainage pumps used internally for cooling within building, bottom ash quenching.
- Trade effluent (discharge permit) Not applied for yet, apply after built (spring next year).
- When plant operational – any spillage/leak oil etc – gravity drain to interceptor, valve to control liquids before discharge to river.

### **Waste and recycling tonnages PL presentation**

- Articulated lorries from all over Shropshire will bring the waste (not bin lorries). Less waste will be processed – more vehicles in, less out, energy produced at EFW. There will not be an increase in vehicle movements.
- Explanation of the current collection service, recycling and waste.
- Maybe changes to green collections in Shrewsbury (to include food), which will increase recycling tonnage (taking waste away from landfill and ERF).
- 8mgw of electricity to power 10,000 homes. 1mgw will be used within the facility.
- Small amount of commercial waste will be incinerated – benefit to Shropshire council.
- Explanation of why cardboard was taken out of collections. Trial cardboard collections in Whittington, public not sure what to put out.
- Tonnage expecting to reach capacity at 90,000 for life of the contract (full capacity).

### **Communications**

2<sup>nd</sup> update leaflet has been delivered to 5,000 homes, covering a 2 mile radius. Businesses will be written to separately.

A Meet the Buyer event, was advertised in the Shropshire Star to introduce local businesses to Clugstons and held last month. Approx 20 firms attended for discussions with Clugston.

### **Questions from the group**

Q: Is the foul water pumped from one tank to another?

A: No – Gravity Fed.

Q: 300,000 capacity tonnes at Four Ashes – why can't Shropshire take waste to Staffordshire?

A: Capacity available at Four Ashes is only 40,000 at most – not enough for Shropshire's waste.

Q: What is the height of the crane?

A: 50 metre's high starting at -11 metres.

Q: Any progress regarding CHP?

A: Utilising extra energy, other companies around site – CHP ready, off take facility, pressure/turbine to feed.

Exploring and reviewing every year. Will become more attractive as time goes on. Heat may bring business to the Enterprise Park. The potential customers have to have a constant heat demand 7 days a week. Discussions planned to take place with ABP and others locally

Q: Landscaping

Transportation of Ash issue. What trees will be planted as replacements?

A: Information about replacement trees will be given at next meeting.

Q Archaeology – metal detector survey investigations – any findings?

A Yes – nothing found. Report to be circulated to 1403 once available. Archaeologist attending site.

Q Conservation Management Plan. Will there be a meeting set up?

A Shropshire Council and English Heritage are responsible for initiating the meeting. The main stakeholders are VES/Shropshire Council/English Heritage and Battlefield 1403.

Meeting ended at 8.34pm.

**Date of next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> May – 6pm – to be combined with Clugston's site visit (meeting point Main Gates).**

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