

Veolia Energy Recovery Facility, Battlefield Community Liaison Group

Notes of meeting held on Wednesday September 18th 2013 – Start time: 6pm

Clugston Site Offices – Vanguard Way

In Attendance:

Cllr Vernon Bushell (VB) – Chair
 Ben Sissons (BS) - Clugston
 Larry Wolfe (LW) – Head of Waste Management, Shropshire Council
 Mark Foxall (MF) – Technical Support and Projects Manager
 Grahame French (GF) – Planning Manager, Shropshire Council
 Jon Callaghan (JC) – Veolia
 Hilary Hampton (HH) - Veolia
 Phil Lucas (PL) – Veolia
 Miles Nichol (MN) – Veolia
 Christy Robinson (CR) – Veolia
 Andy Bond (AB) – Environment Agency
 Joan Hughes (JH) – Senior Citizens Forum/Townswomens Guild
 Owen Evans (OE) – Bomere Heath Parish Council
 David Haston (DH) – Haston Reynolds
 Jeremy Jagger (JJ) – Battlefield 1403
 Lynne Padmore (LP) – Uffington Parish Council (left after site tour)
 Graham Lewis (GL) – Uffington Parish Council (left after site tour)
 Wendy Churchill (WC) – Senior Citizens Forum/Allotment Association

Apologies:

Donald Macphail (DMC) – Veolia
 Ivan Watkiss (IV) – Coopers Sausage Rolls
 Peter Bettis (PB) - Shrewsbury Business Chamber
 Walter Hodgson (WH) - Clugston

1	Welcome to Clugstons Offices & Refreshments	
	Meeting commenced at 6:14pm	
2	Introduction	
	Agreed site visit to be conducted, followed by meeting	
3	Site Safety Rules followed by tour of the site	
	Site safety rules summarised by BS	
	Site tour and summary of development progress provided by BS	
	Meeting resumed at 6:52pm	

4	Minutes of last meeting and matters arising	
	<p>Previous minutes sent out 7th August 2013. Confirmed as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Attendees requested that the minutes be sent out earlier in future.</p> <p>Matters arising: Chimney design external damper – after design assessment the external damper has now been accommodated inside the chimney – stack diameter has been changed to 1.9m with 2.7m diameter connecting flange.</p> <p>Landscaping – March site planting and July weed spraying completed.</p> <p>DH raised concerns relating to the failure of standard trees planted by Veolia contractor. DH considered 70% had failed.</p> <p>GF confirmed such tree planting is subject to 5 years of aftercare and Shropshire Council is looking to formally review in consultation with advisers. If there is a need for replacements, this will be actioned. Not ideal climate this year – there is a mechanism within the planning for failures to be replaced.</p> <p>DH - 1 year has been lost that cannot be recovered.</p> <p>Miles Nichol (MN) – The Contractor that planted the area has come back with less failures than those levels of loss described by DH – Veolia will look at what has happened, speak to Contractor and inform planners about what we can do to maximise chances of growth. MN confirmed that the replacement trees in question are scheduled to be planted in November</p>	Veolia Action
5	Progress Report	
	<p>Veolia Construction Progress Report provided by BS</p> <p>Aerial pictures and work schedule discussed.</p> <p>Tower Crane will be dismantled approximately 7th October.</p>	
6	Project Update	
	<p>Boiler enhancement discussed. JC confirmed that since contract bid submitted over 6 years ago technology has developed, Veolia has therefore procured a higher specification of boiler. This will generate more energy than first forecast.</p> <p>LW – There have been on-going discussions with Veolia regarding boiler enhancement, which culminated in a report to cabinet on the 26th June. This was a closed door meeting which excluded press and public due to commercial confidentiality of certain items.</p>	

	<p>GF – no issue in planning condition, which allows 95,000t. Original planning application circa 90,000t. The need for a degree of flexibility was identified due to calorific content of some waste; there is no change to grate/size/capacity.</p> <p>PL confirmed there are performance guarantees to ensure that the Council cannot be worse off, as a result of this improvement.</p> <p>LW – from an environmental perspective the modification is an improvement.</p> <p>VB - constituents have concerns regarding increase in traffic movements.</p> <p>LW explained could mean 1 or 2 extra trips per week.</p> <p>PL – existing facility currently accepts significant numbers of vehicles including waste vehicles and EWF development does not cause as much of an increase in traffic movements that people might suspect. Boiler enhancement increase does not have a significant impact on the number of vehicle movements. A Section 106 routing agreement is in place to only use Battlefield link road, with no movements in Harlescott apart from vehicles collecting waste from households. The new facility will have separate entrances for large waste collection vehicles and members of public visiting the Household Recycling Centre.</p> <p>PL – Confirmed expect 60-70,000 tonnes of Shropshire Council residual waste to be delivered</p> <p>DH – will the shortfall be made up of trade waste?</p> <p>PL – A facility is required for Shropshire Commercial waste – otherwise it will have to be transported significant distances which will have a potential impact on commercial waste costs in Shropshire.</p> <p>VB – waste traffic movements to site need to be monitored.</p> <p>PL – the majority of vehicles coming in will be managed by Veolia and the company has internal procedures to deal with any drivers not complying with the Section 106 agreement requiring the use of Battlefield Link Road.</p> <p>JC – Peter Bettis – project questions. We are not intending to go through this now – answers provided to all attendees to read and can pick up at next meeting.</p>	
7	Communications	
	<p>HH confirmed next communication update for local resident leaflet under process. This will cover items discussed at tonight's meeting and the meet the buyer event held at Shrewsbury Town Football Club.</p>	

	<p>HH has meetings with Clugston on regular basis. Clugston will be making donations to local charities linked to no Lost Time Injuries (LTI's) on site. Each time 100,000 LTI free hours reached a donation will be made, £500 from Clugston and £500 from Veolia - local charities suggested:</p> <p>Shrewsbury Ark (Homeless Charity) Shropshire Food Bank League of Friends</p> <p>CLG will make final decision on charities to receive funds. Suggestions from CLG members for charities that may be suitable for a donation to be sent to HH.</p> <p>VB – Requested a shortlist to be circulated at next meeting</p> <p>MF requested that the high level of Health and Safety performance shown on the Project to date be recorded in the minutes.</p>	Veolia Action
8	Enquiries and Complaints	
	<p>PL – no complaints or issues regarding the development received since last meeting. Transformer supplying power to the existing waste management operation was relocated with no interruption to service.</p>	
9	AOB	
	<p>DH – Any update on district heating?</p> <p>MN – report to be prepared under S106. Currently discussing with potential customers, Veolia will compare demand requirement with supply available, no specific scheme development to report to date.</p> <p>DH – Mercedes dealership planning application has made no reference to district heating.</p> <p>JC – confirmed Veolia are in dialogue with a couple of local companies at present.</p> <p>PI – Veolia has recently confirmed that after a number of years of negotiation it will be providing a scheme in South East London, we therefore continue to pursue such initiatives and will do so at Battlefield.</p> <p>GF – Veolia are required as part of their legal agreement to optimise energy production</p>	
10	Next Meeting	
	<p>Wednesday – 15th January 2014. Invitations to be sent out with minutes.</p>	