

3rd Liaison Meeting between Milton Parish, FCC Environment and the Environment Agency
Tuesday 20 October 2015, 5 pm, FCC Landfill Site

Minutes

Attendees – FCC - David Denton, Jamie Lister, Darren Smith, Tracy ?
Infinis – Ian McFall, Richard Harnwell
Environment Agency – Louise Greenfield
MAQWP – Hazel Smith, Anna Bradnam, Susanne Webster, Gordon Downie

Apologies - Kay White, Emma Knight SCDC, Keith Lamb FCC

Welcome and safety briefing - Attendees signed in and were issued with hard hats and hi-visibility waistcoats.

Site visit – since our last visit, FCC had been filling cell 21A which was now level but would be filled further creating a mound. Horizontal wells were being put in as the waste built up. Membrane had been installed against the flank of cell 21. The odour suppressant spray was being used continuously at the north east of the site, even though the site seemed relatively odour-free at the time of our visit. Odour was detected around the leachate tank and this was identified as being released from a perished filter. Leachate was being pumped into the tank at the time. FCC had been permitted to export clay from the stockpile at the north of the site but clay had only been exported for about a week, when it was dry and this had not caused any problem for residents.

When new vertical wells were being drilled in August there were odour incidents in Milton but David Denton had warned us in advance. It was not clear if these wells were in cell 21 or on the stabilised part of the site.

Update May – Sept 2015 - AB reported that there had been a significant improvement in air quality in Milton during the summer, compared to summer 2014. Residents, including KW thanked FCC for working to achieve a major improvement in the atmosphere around Milton.

DD reported that the FCC team had worked quite hard to achieve the current improvements. The reduction in fugitive odours was attributed to the fact that they were installing sacrificial wells into operational cells more quickly than they had done previously.

LG reported that FCC were now putting gas infrastructure into the tipping area as soon as it was being filled.

There had been a number of odour incidents reported over 14-16 October but the source was unclear. AB alerted LG on 16th Oct who visited the site that day. On 19 Oct LG reported that there were no odours coming from the Landfill site. The odours were coming from the Amey Cespa site to the north, from their composting operation.

Review of CAR forms

07/07/2015 – Soil was being placed on cells 19A and 19B. Odour had been detected around the leachate tank, in the area where odour had been detected at the last liaison meeting. FCC had been asked to identify the source. Litter picking had been undertaken.

25/09/2015 – Tipping area was now cell 21A which was tidy and well covered. Cell 21 was almost complete and a control layer would be laid at the beginning of October. No odours off site. Some localised odour noted near the tipping area.

It was disappointing to note that the odour around the leachate tank reported in July was notable at this site visit.

LG reported that the improvements had enabled EA to reduce their visit frequency to once every 2-3 months.

HS noted that when proposed work on the junction between the A14 and A10 commences, FCC may lose one or two external monitoring boreholes at the south-east corner of the site perimeter. LG observed that some of these boreholes were no longer being monitored, so this would not be a problem for FCC.

FCC website has been established and includes

- Site description
- Odour Management Systems - monthly updates have been posted May – Sept 2015, at the beginning of each month, explaining the engineering work being undertaken. It has been very helpful to see the ongoing work programme.
- Milton Community Liaison Committee Minutes for March and May 2015 posted.
- Contact details

DD estimated a closure date in 2017-2018.

Next steps

AB would draft Minutes and circulate to all concerned for approval.

AB would post an update on Milton Chat.

LG would ask EA colleagues to send a report of the odour incident 14-16 October to AB

LG identified the source of odour around the leachate tank was likely to be a filter – could this be checked please?

Date of next meeting the second half of April 2016, to be arranged by email.

The meeting closed at 18:00

AB, 21/10/2015