

4th Liaison Meeting between Milton Parish, FCC Environment and the Environment Agency
Wednesday 27 April 2016, 5,30 pm, FCC Landfill Site

Minutes

Attendees: Tracy Harnwell (Weighbridge), Richard Harnwell, Dave Denton (Site Manager) – all FCC Environment. Darren Smith (Infinis), Louise Greenwood (Environment Agency) Hazel Smith, Jane Coston (after the site walk), Dave Webster and Anna Bradnam – all Milton Air Quality Working Party.

Apologies: Keith Lamb (FCC), Emma Knight (SCDC), Gordon Downie, Suzy Webster and Kay White.

Welcome and safety briefing, site walk:

1. An additional leachate tank had been installed and the filter replaced and there was now very little odour around the leachate tank area, which was an improvement since the last visit. It was noted that a leachate tanker was waiting at the office, presumably to empty a tank after our visit.
2. Since the meeting in October, when it was reported that clay had been exported for about a week, no further clay had been exported from the site. It was anticipated that very little more clay would be exported. Most landfill sites were closing as local authorities were working to minimise waste to landfill.
3. On the landfill area, the *Miscanthus* had been cut and was awaiting baling, on the old/stabilised site, on the field by the A14 and between the current cells and the clay stockpile. Harvest was being managed for FCC by Hannah Beckett.
4. FCC were currently filling cell 21A, which was now almost full. The marker posts showing the intended final waste level were about 1 metre above the current level. Vertical and horizontal wells had been installed in cell 21A to the west of the roadway. Nets were being used to reduce litter blow and odour suppressant spray was being used on the southern flank of the cell (towards the A14) and on the north east flank of the clay stockpile.
5. A new cell would be excavated in the next few months, in the area west of the road and between the existing cells, which would square off the cells. Current on-site surface water drains would be re-routed to accommodate new areas of run-off.
6. We returned to the office where Jane Coston joined us and introductions were made. JC offered to show FCC staff the original plans and archaeological surveys of the site.

Update October 2015-March 2016

Reports from Milton residents of any recent odour incidents – there had been no serious odour incidents since the last meeting on 20 October 2015. Over this period there had however been a number of odour reports on the Milton Air Quality log on 25 January, 16 March, 21 March and two on 9 April 2016. DD had warned AB by email on 15 March about forthcoming drilling work on 22 March for about a week, which would potentially cause odour. Generally speaking, air quality was much improved since the residents had first raised their concerns with FCC in spring 2014. The staff were thanked for the improvements they had made and LG/SH were thanked for their monitoring.

FCC – David Denton reported that they were currently still filling cell 21A and will start to engineer a new cell in the next three months. It was agreed DD would email AB when the work was starting, to arrange a site visit to see how a new cell was prepared. This work was unlikely to cause odour. Early warnings of forthcoming potentially smelly work, with an indication of expected duration, helped to build understanding with residents.

Environment Agency - Louise Greenwood reported that since October 2015 EA had undertaken two inspections on 8-22 March and on 27 April. FCC had been audited in December/January. There had been no major issues or breaches but there had been some odour issues and actions for FCC. On 8 March it had been noted that the front flank of the fill face had been left too steep for coverage to be effective. On 22 March they had found work being done to address the slope but they were concerned by the methods being used. On 27 April the flank was found to be much improved. Over this period EA had received 3 odour complaints, one on 17th, and 2 on 21st March but none of these were confirmed as being caused by the landfill site.

ACTION – LG would email AB any CAR reports that were eligible to release.

FCC – reported that they had received a complaint about litter on site, at the site entrance and on neighbouring fields from a neighbouring landowner. FCC staff had undertaken a thorough litter pick of the entrance road, the four fields in question and the ditches surrounding them. The farmer had written to thank them. It was noted that at this visit, the site and its surroundings were very clean and free of litter. It was felt that FCC had made a huge effort to clear litter but Amey Cespa (the Household Waste Recycling Centre) were not making an equivalent effort to keep the HWRC site tidy and free of litter.

FCC staff asked if Amey Cespa could be asked to make more of an effort. Customers using the site often dropped litter on the entrance road and did not clear it up. Erecting high netting around the HWRC would help to reduce wind blow and a regular litter picks throughout the working day would help to reduce the amount of litter escaping from the site and onto public roads and private land.

ACTION - AB agreed to contact the manager at Amey Cespa to request a more pro-active and collaborative approach with FCC to litter control at the HWRC site.

Fly-tipping FCC reported frequent fly-tipping incidents outside the site gates after the HWRC had shut (12 occasions in 18 months) mainly of domestic white goods but also of garden waste and general domestic waste. Staff had cleared the waste in order to get the site gates open. CCTV had been tried in the past but wires had been cut and cameras stolen. They did not report to the police. The landowner usually has to clear fly-tipping but ownership of the entrance road was unclear,

One of the bollards on the road had been knocked over. FCC had put it upright (to avoid a dangerous hole) but the bollard needed to be replaced.

ACTION – HS would report this to County Highways.

FCC website was working well and included:

- Site description
- Monthly updates posted to October 2015, then January to March 2016
- Milton Community Liaison Committee Mins October 2015 posted
- Contact details

Date of next meeting - Dave Denton would email AB to advice when work was ongoing for a daytime visit – to see the engineering of the new cell. There would also be a meeting in October 2016. This would be an opportunity to look at the geological and archaeological plans.

The meeting closed at 6:50 pm.

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