

15th Liaison Meeting between FCC Environment and Milton Air Quality Working Party

Wednesday 19th October 2022, 4.30pm on MS Teams

1	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Anna Bradnam District and County Councillor, Milton Parish Council, MAQWP (Chair) Roisin Bennet FCC Environment, site manager Nigel Wilson Infinis, Regional gas manager Su Ruthven Infinis, Head of Health & Safety Deborah Jeakins Cambs County Council, County planning Naomi Henson Environment agency, Regulatory officer for Milton FCC site Hazel Smith Chair of the Milton Parish Council and Milton resident Jane Coston Vice Chair of the Milton Parish Council and Milton resident Suzanne Webster Milton resident</p>
2	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Adam Smith Cambs County Council, Group manager: waste management Kay White Milton resident</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the 14th meeting, held on 24th March 2022:</p> <p>Minutes were recirculated earlier this week. RB asked for an additional day or two to review and feed back.</p> <p>Agenda point 4: NW noted that the dates were correct at the time of the last meeting but have since slipped. RB will cover this in the FCC operational update in today's meeting.</p> <p>All other parties agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the last meeting.</p> <p>Action: RB to communicate any amendments to AB by the end of the week.</p>
	<p>Review of action points from the last meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) RB to review minutes from the 13th meeting & confirm to AB if ok to publish<ul style="list-style-type: none">- C/fwd; will confirm with the 14th meeting minutes later this week2) AB/SW to finalise the Minutes from the 12th & 13th liaison meetings and then AB to send them to the Parish Clerk to be published on the Parish web page<ul style="list-style-type: none">- AB/HS think this was done, but will check & confirm3) DJ to speak to the case officer about the ambiguity around the sites in the revised restoration plan & any flood prevention measures that could be added in<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Done. A diagram was presented which shows resurfacing at the entrance; this should help to prevent flooding in future4) RB to review the latest version of the restoration plan for screening, road resurfacing & other flood prevention measures<ul style="list-style-type: none">- C/fwd. DJ confirmed that the flooding was raised with the case officer but follow-up is required to ensure there is a plan to prevent it happening in future5) RB to consider adding the 3rd leachate tank into the forthcoming application<ul style="list-style-type: none">- C/fwd.6) RB to follow up again with the National Highways Agency about the fencing<ul style="list-style-type: none">- C/fwd. Issue has been raised several times, but nothing has been done.7) AB to ask National Highways Agency about trees along the A14 boundary<ul style="list-style-type: none">- C/fwd. RB to raise with fencing issues in point 6 above8) AB to follow up with County Highways regarding recutting of the Butt Lane grips<ul style="list-style-type: none">- C/fwd.

4	<p>FCC operational update since 24th March 2022: Restoration soil was delivered over several days in September but is now on pause. Work is mainly taking place in the South-East corner (by the roundabout) but the soil is also being used to fill in areas of fill-level differentiation and there is a stockpile in the South-West corner currently for future works.</p> <p>Waste started coming into site on 5th September, currently around 20 – 35 lorries per day, mainly trade & industrial waste. End date for waste is dependent on how quickly the final cell is filled but the site aims to finish receiving waste in 2024 and restoration soil in 2026, with an expected closure date in December 2026.</p>
5	<p>Milton residents - odour incidents reported: No reports to the Village Log or from Milton residents since the last meeting.</p> <p>JC noted that there has been no smell apparent when driving past the Amey Cespa site (further up the A10 and a potential cause of odour in Milton when the wind is from the North) for almost a year now and hopes that this is not being masked whilst new houses are being built and sold nearby. DJ confirmed that the site team has requested planning permission for various improvements to reduce odour emissions permanently on the site and have partly decommissioned some areas whilst investigative work is being done. This has reduced the odour emissions from the site but not eradicated them entirely.</p>
6	<p>FCC Environment: RB confirmed no odour complaints received since the last meeting and that the management team is pro-active about potential odour issues on site, performing daily odour checks and holding fortnightly meetings with Infinis.</p> <p>Forthcoming works include disconnection of pipework whilst restoration soil is placed, but downtime for both leachate and gas emissions will be kept to a minimum by stock-piling soil until there is enough to cover the whole of the designated area in one go.</p> <p>RB reiterated the point from the prior meeting: “FCC had got agreement from the National Highways Agency that a closed board fence would be erected along the whole of the A14 side of the site following the recent works, but National Highways have since put fencing around a few of the boreholes only so the site is now much more open than it was previously”. RB has contacted National Highways several times but they have not been helpful in their response. DJ suggests persisting with it and offered to share contact details.</p> <p>Action: DJ to share National Highways Agency contact details with RB</p>
7	<p>Environment Agency: NH confirmed no odour complaints received since the last meeting. EA has issued 7 compliance assessment reports (CARs) that are now on public record:</p> <p>31-12-2021: Annual performance report; no compliance breaches, 2 actions to address 24-03-2022: Quarterly data submission Nov '21 to January '22; one compliance breach where leachate level was too high and an action to bring it down to compliance limits by mid-April. No other compliance breaches, 7 actions to address. 21-04-2022: Follow-up re: assessment of settlement behaviour; actions all complete. 30-04-2022: Quarterly data submission Feb 22 to April '22; leachate levels still above compliance limits, deadline extended to September '22. No other breaches or actions. 29-06-2022: Leachate audit; no compliance breaches, 16 actions to address</p>

	<p>09-09-2022: Site inspection; no compliance breaches, 1 action to address</p> <p>31-07-2022: Quarterly data submission May '22 to July '22; leachate levels still above compliance limits, deadline remains the end of September '22. No other compliance breaches, 4 new actions to address.</p> <p>There were a lot of actions contained in the reports, but most were requests for further information which has since been provided and not compliance issues.</p> <p>AB raised a specific point from the CAR dated 29-06-22: <i>"13. Confirm with laboratory that the collection and transport of unrefrigerated samples is suitable for the determinands being tested"</i>. RB confirmed that the Environment Manager has since responded that the collection and transport is suitable.</p>
8	<p>Household Recycling Centre (HRC)</p> <p>AS declined the invitation to attend this meeting on the basis that he has no update to provide whilst the Waste Disposal Authority awaits a response to the Milton HRC planning application for the Minerals and Waste Planning team.</p> <p>DJ confirmed that the HRC has applied for planning permission which will decouple it from the FCC site but it has not yet been approved due to it being located in green belt land. A consultation has taken place and the Milton Parish Council and general public were given the opportunity to respond, which the Milton Parish Council did on 24th March 2022 objecting to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any increase in the size of the landfill area b) the use of green belt land <p>Milton Parish Council will also have the opportunity to speak at the forthcoming Planning meeting if they wish to.</p> <p>JC asked for regular updates on plans and progress. DJ said that County Planning would not automatically provide updates but that they would respond to email requests from the Parish Council and provide 6-monthly updates at this meeting and JC agreed.</p>
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>
	<p>Round-up - Summary of actions.</p> <p>Actions c/fwd from the prior meeting are noted under point 3 above.</p> <p>Actions from today's meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) RB to review the minutes from the last (14th) meeting and communicate any amendments to AB by the end of the week. 2) DJ to share National Highways Agency contact details with RB <p>JC asked for the action points to be included on the Agenda and that the Agenda be circulated a week in advance of the next meeting.</p>
10	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 4.30pm on MS Teams.</p>