

Minutes (names redacted)

Date: 14th August 2017	CC:
Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Representatives from Veolia • 2 Representatives from Kirkby Action Group (KAG) • 1 Representative from Waste Management at Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) • 2 Representatives from the Planning Department at Nottinghamshire County Council • 1 Representative from the Environment Agency (EA) • 2 Representatives from Waste Management at Ashfield District Council (ADC) • 4 Local Councillors, one representing the MP for Ashfield • Veolia - minute taker 	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Local Councillor
Name of meeting: Welshcroft Close Community Liaison Group (CLG)	

1. Welcome and Introductions

Round the table introductions
No comments on the Terms of Reference

2. Welshcroft Close Operational Report (Veolia)

Overview of the facility – the Transfer station takes residual (general) waste from Ashfield District Council (red lid) and Mansfield District council (green lid). The waste is then shredded on site to 30mm which is the specification for refuse derived fuel. It is then baled in 1m cubes weighing roughly 1.3 tonnes each, and wrapped 12 times (this is double the specification for export), and then transported to Germany.

During the commissioning phase there have been no breakdowns to date.

Since the initial meeting with representatives from Kirkby Action Group (19th July), and following guidance from the Environment Agency the facility has been modified to alleviate any issues. The stack (chimney) has been modified, the carbon in the facility filter has been changed from 50% carbon to 100%, the odour suppression system has been increased and fogging takes place as and when required.

It was noted positively that all the suggested improvements have been put in place.

Questions were asked and answered, these covered all improvements being implemented to date, tonnage not decreasing over summer, there not being any trade waste contracts in place, that the site will be suitable to cope with the new housing development, and the capacity of the site being suitable.

3. **Review of complaints received since last meeting (19th July 2017)**

- **Environment Agency** - There have been no complaints received since the 20th July and all the upgrades have remediated the problems. If required there are further upgrades that can be initiated.

- **Nottinghamshire County Council, Planning Group, Monitoring and Enforcement** - Monitoring and spot checks have been taking place since the start and there is nothing to report back.

- **Veolia** - 4 observations made by members of the public via the online reporting sheet, 1 noting odour while walking past, 2 noting flies and 1 praising the facility, no further observations since the 28th July. The Kirkby Action Group will continue to draw attention to the observation reporting form on the Veolia website.

Comments were made about odour issues on Sundays, which was unusual as there have been no reports made for odour detected on sundays.

Regarding flies and rat issues for residents, an independent pest control company regularly service the site and have found no links to this, nor have there been any reports of rats at the local recycling centre. No vermin issues have to date been reported to the local council.

Questions were asked about Airborne 10 with links to breathing difficulties, and odour abatement methods being introduced too late. The initial period of disruption has passed and the company are doing well to address any problems. It was added that along with the other improvements in place the site is now fogged at night and if there are any problems in the future there are further remedial methods that can be explored.

4. **Enquiries from local interested parties**

As most of the issues raised (regarding odour and flies) have been dealt with, the facility being built so close to residential housing was questioned. The planning proximity principle was explained.

Further questions were asked about whether another site had been considered in Mansfield, it was confirmed that while various plots of land were looked and discounted due to various reasons; planning had not been put in for any other site and the land in question near the Mansfield Recycling Centre wasn't available for sale and so it was not progressed.

It was asked whether an airlock system could be retrofitted, and answered that it is not something that is common in the waste industry and that the space needed would be extensive. The fast action doors with shorter opening times, and spraying Airbourne 10 were part of the odour abatement system in place.

5. Discussion

The Kirkby Action Group will arrange a suitable method to feedback the information from the CLG meeting. It was suggested that smaller CLG meetings held quarterly work better than large public meetings. It was noted that it would be beneficial for Veolia staff to attend the next public meeting to show that people work there, it's not just a corporate badge.

It was asked what residents should do if there are further problems before the next meeting? Any issues can still be reported via the Veolia site (www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire/Welshcroft), to Nottinghamshire County Council or the Environment Agency. Minutes from the CLG meeting once approved will be available on the Veolia Nottinghamshire website.

It was suggested that the Chairperson remain as the Veolia Nottinghamshire General Manager, all were consulted and it was agreed..

It was requested that any complaints against the parameters of odour, flies or vermin, be reported as swiftly as possible as the site management team are keen to get real time data so it can be looked at asap for a solution. Please can any complaints be reported directly to the Veolia reporting page as complaints to the EA may not be actioned as quickly. MOP's are not encouraged to keep diaries of incidents, but to report them to Veolia.

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th November, 2pm at the Materials Recovery Facility, NG19 0FL
(in 3 months time - Mid November avoiding Monday/Friday).

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Meeting Action Points

- MSDS safety handling document for Airborne 10 to be supplied.
- Fogging agent technical data be circulated.
- Question asked - Will the carbon filters will absorb the fogging agent? To be confirmed
- Feasibility study be done to explore retrofitting an airlock system.
- Technical specification of the filtration system requested, along with any other technical specifications so future enquiries can be answered.
- Veolia technical department to be invited to next meeting