# Veolia Energy Recovery Facility, Battlefield Community Liaison Group

## Notes of meeting

Date 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014

**Time** 6.00pm

**Location** Clugston Site Office – Vanguard Way

#### In Attendance

Cllr Vernon Bushell (VB) - Chair

Joan Hughes (JH) – Senior Citizens Forum/Townswomens Guild

Mal Price (MP) – Shropshire Cllr (Battlefield Ward)

David Haston (DH) – Haston Reynolds Jeremy Jagger (JJ) – Battlefield 1403

Lynne Padmore (LP) – Uffington Parish Council Graham Lewis (GL) – Uffington Parish Council Peter Bettis (PB) – Shrewsbury Business Chamber

Neil Thompson (NT) – Environment Agency

Paul Beard (PB) - Shropshire Council

Larry Wolfe (LW) – Head of Waste Management, Shropshire Council

Mark Foxall (MF) - Technical Support and Projects Manager

Walter Hodgson (WH) – Clugston Jon Callaghan (JC) – Veolia Hilary Hampton (HH) – Veolia Miles Nichol (MN) – Veolia Phil Lucas (PL) – Veolia

Christy Robinson (CR) – Veolia Andrew Bromley (AB) – Veolia

Donald Macphail – Veolia (arrived after tour)

#### **Apologies**

Andy Bond – Environment Agency Tim Smith – Shropshire Council

Grahame French - Shropshire Council

Owen Evans - Bomere Heath Parish Council

Wendy Churchill – Senior Citizens Forum/Allotment Association

## 1 WELCOME TO CLUGSTONS OFFICES AND REFRESHMENTS

Meeting commenced at 6.06pm

## 2 INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions followed by site tour – approx. 1 hour. Following the site tour VB offered his thanks for the walk round and MP agreed.

## 3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of last meeting agreed and signed off.

#### **Matters Arising**

Veolia were to provide confirmation that facility height is correct. The group were assured by MN and WH that the structure height, is in accordance with the planning permission and that this is verified by more than one set of surveyor's measurements.

Donation cheque linked to no lost time Health and Safety incidents to be presented to charities on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## **4 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

Presentation given by MN of activities that have taken place on site since the last meeting in January. Aerial view of site shown along with pictures summarising construction progress over the last three months.

Further to Item 7 of the meeting held in January 2014. Regarding the height of the structure. A discussion was held relating to this matter showing View Point 17 from the Environmental Statement and also a recent photograph that Veolia had taken. Assurances were given by Veolia that the height of the structure matched that of the Planning Agreement. DH noted that the view point 17 picture accuracy had been disputed at the Planning Inquiry.

It was agreed that at the end of construction Veolia would take pictures to compare with the original photomontages. DH confirmed that Battlefield 1403 would also carry out this action.

DH enquired if the administration offices glazing would be opaque or translucent. MN confirmed clear glass is being installed.

DH understood that clear glass would not be installed on the northern facing side of the administration offices. MN stated that a lighting study was undertaken as part of the relevant planning condition and confirmed that the eastern end (including the visible northern facing section) of the Admin Offices would not be occupied outside of normal working hours except for meetings such as the Community Liaison Group. Therefore lights will normally be off or blinds in place.

DH – Raised a question about the cleaning of the outside of the building as the Northern face of the existing WTS is very grubby. He asked if there was a maintenance programme for cleaning the outside of the ERF. MN confirmed a maintenance programme, including cleaning, is part of the ERF

future management plan. WH confirmed a plan is being developed at the moment and when complete Veolia will receive a copy.

#### **5 COMMUNICATIONS**

No lost time Health and Safety incidents donation cheques to be presented Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30 – three charities will be present:

Shrewsbury Ark

Shrewsbury Food Bank

Street Pastors

Veolia is keeping details of all people who have contacted the company regarding job opportunities at the ERF. Veolia has recently been in touch with those showing interest and are keeping a record and informing them of all opportunities.

All Veolia jobs are advertised online. Shropshire Council looking into possibility of linking Council website to Veolia jobsite.

#### **6 ENQUIRES AND COMPLAINTS**

A question was raised about the fencing around the site. This was confirmed as the same height as the existing Household Recycling Centre 2.4m fencing. In addition to fencing there is an alarm system, CCTV and the site will be manned 24/7 when operations commence.

DH enquired regarding progress to develop Combined Heat Power (CHP). MN confirmed the facility has the ability to connect to a District heating system. JC confirmed Veolia are discussing CHP possibilities with organisations including ABP.

DH enquired what will be installed in the Exhibition Room. PL confirmed Veolia is reviewing with Shropshire Council what is to be installed in this room, which is designated for meetings and as an education room. DH mindful that this does not conflict with existing Battlefield 1403 exhibition. PL confirmed the education room would mainly relate to waste management and sustainability and that it could advise that for information on the battlefield site direct people to the Battlefield 1403.

PL confirmed that the Section 106 Agreement includes the requirement for a conservation management plan and group and that in excess of £30,000 funds are in place for conservation management measures associated with the Battlefield Conservation Management Plan. A steering group including English Heritage, Shropshire Council, Veolia and other interested parties is to be organised to discuss and implement the Conservation Management Plan and spend of associated funds. PL confirmed any individuals or organisations; in particular Battlefield 1403, that are interested in joining the

group should contact HH to express an interest.

MP asked about transport numbers to the new facility. PL confirmed approximately <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> vehicles that are managed directly by Veolia.

Discussed pricing for commercial vehicles using the site and the provision of preferential gate fees for local businesses.

## 7 AOB

PL confirmed there is a Section 106 clause relating to the provision of a Public Art Scheme. Discussion held regarding similar recent projects that have not received good feedback and the potential location of the artwork. Veolia confirmed anyone wishing to be included on the judging panel that will select the Public Art Scheme should contact HH.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting at Stafford ERF. 17<sup>th</sup> July decided. Transport required. HH to co-ordinate.

Closed 6.48pm