

**Suffolk EfW Community Liaison Group
Meeting minutes**



Great Blakenham Village Hall
Tuesday 24 May 2011
6.30pm-8.30pm

Attendance:

Cllr Roy Barker (RB), Mid Suffolk District Council
Cllr John Field, (JF) - Chair
Desma Girling (DG), resident
Simon Harding (SH), Bury St Edmunds resident
Sophie Meudec (SM), resident
Trevor Messenger (TM), resident
Penny Pearson, resident
Pamela Robinson (PR), Great Blakenham Parish Council

Observers:

Cllr Lisa Chambers (LC), Suffolk County Council
Manda Henry, (MH), Suffolk County Council
Cliff Matthews (CM), SITA UK
Emma Smyth, (ES), SITA UK
Anthony Durston (AD), SITA UK (minutes)

Presenters:

Daniel Smyth, (DS), RPS Group (Planning consultant to SITA UK)

Apologies:

Cllr Michael Blakenham (MB), Mid-Suffolk District Council
Shirley Fairburn, (SF) Gt Blakenham Parish Council
Cllr Sandy Martin, (CllrSM) Suffolk County Council
Mr Derek Lockwood, (DL) resident
Munaveer Wafgstaff, resident

Discussion	Actions
<p>1. Minutes and actions from the last meeting</p> <p>Minutes from the last CLG meeting were approved by the group.</p> <p>New members of the group</p> <p>New members of the CLG, Pamela Robinson from Great Blakenham Parish Council and Trevor Messenger from Claydon Parish Council, were welcomed to the group.</p> <p>PP confirmed that she had obtained floodlights from the former highways depot for potential use at a community tennis club.. This means these items can be reused for the community rather than disposed of.</p>	

<p>Planning application update</p> <p>ES confirmed that the planning application is still on schedule to be decided by the committee on the 21st July 2011.</p> <p>ES confirmed that a further traffic analysis is being carried out at Lodge Lane to ensure the traffic modelling that was carried for the planning application is robust.</p> <p>AD to provide step-by-step instructions to the group on how to access the planning documentation on the Suffolk County Council planning web site. This follows difficulties the group had in accessing the documentation on the site.</p>	AD
<p>Traffic on Lodge Lane</p> <p>PP complained about the traffic on Lodge Lane saying that the number of parked lorries now makes it very difficult to drive up Lodge Lane during the day. PP believes this situation has worsened since the closure of the former highways depot.</p> <p>ES suggested that it is very likely that businesses are taking advantage of the Highways Depot site being closed and using the Lane for additional parking. Once the SITA facility is in construction phase, parking will reduce because we will need access to the site. SITA UK to meet Eagle Freight to discuss how access will work going forward.</p> <p>JF said that Suffolk County Council and the District Council need to enforce restrictions that are not currently being enforced.</p> <p>DS explained that although Lodge Lane is a private road, there is a right of access to the Highways Depot.</p>	SITA UK
<p>RB to follow up this issue with Karen Bolton, Enforcement Officer.</p>	RB
<p>Presentation on the export of heat from the EFW facility</p> <p>Dan Smyth from RPS group gave a presentation that had been prepared by Cliff Matthews, SITA UK.</p> <p>A briefing note with the main points of the meeting will be prepared, circulated to the group, and made available on the Suffolk EfW web site.</p> <p>Key points from the presentation were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exporting heat (in addition to producing electricity) greatly improves the efficiency of an energy-from-waste facility, however, it is challenging to set up. 	AD

- Both SITA UK and Suffolk County Council are keen to find a user for heat generated by the facility.
- Individual houses can not connect up to the energy-from-waste facility to receive heat / hot water. A new housing development could, however, be developed to receive heat from the facility. It is easier to plan this in at the development stage rather than retrofit the supply of heat to a housing development.
- Because heat is produced constantly, a main user is needed who would have a constant demand throughout the year with a significant requirement worth of heat. Once this baseload has been established, smaller and potentially seasonal users of heat can be added, which further improves the efficiency of the plant.
- Exporting heat can cost around £3million to set up and this investment has to be recouped from the sale of heat, which is why a long term contract is needed.
- SITA UK and Suffolk County Council are meeting with DECC (Department of Energy and Climate Change) to try to find a suitable user for heat. A report on the outcome of this meeting will be given to the CLG.

Any other business

None

Date and time of next meeting:

Tuesday 21 June 2011 at 6.30pm