

**Suffolk EfW Community Liaison Group
Minutes**



Great Blakenham Village Hall
Monday 25 October 2010
6.30pm-8.00pm

Attendance:

Cllr John Field (JF), Suffolk County Council
Cllr Michael Blakenham (MB), Mid-Suffolk District Council
Cllr Shirley Fairburn (SF), Great Blakenham Parish Council
Mr B Earthy
Desme Girling (DG), local resident
Penny Pearson (PP), local resident
Sophie Meudec (SM), local resident
Munaver Wagstaff (MW), local resident

Observers:

Cllr Lisa Chambers (LC), Suffolk County Council
Cllr Roy Barker (RB), Chair of the Suffolk Waste Partnership and Mid-Suffolk Portfolio Holder for Waste
Bryn Griffiths (BG), Suffolk County Council (replacing Paula Boyce)
James Dowell (JD), SITA UK
Anthony Durston (AD) SITA UK
Rebecca Eatwell (RE), PPS Group (temporary chair)

Presenter:

David Archibald (DA), RPS (Planning & Environmental Consultancy)

Apologies:

Cllr Kathy Pollard (KP), Suffolk County Council
Mrs Carole Edwards

Discussion	Actions
1. Welcome & introductions	
Cllr. Roy Barker was introduced as an observer	None
Following the last round of exhibitions, seven members of the public have expressed interest in joining the community liaison group.	
2. Election of a Chair for the Group	
The chair of the Executive Group of Creating the Greenest County and Regional Director for the RSPB was approached to Chair the CLG but due to other commitments declined the role.	
The Environment Agency has been approached.	
Local headteachers have been approached to see if one of them would be interested in taking the role of Chair.	PPS to follow up
The 'Greenest County' Board is investigating other potential chairs	



for the CLG.	
3. Minutes and actions from the last meeting	
<p>Minor spelling corrections were made to the draft minutes. The SITA Isle of Man report had been distributed to members of the group.</p> <p>RE explained that following the previous meeting it had been decided that SITA's existing Kirklees energy-from-waste facility was the best option for a reference facility visit for the CLG. The group discussed suitable dates for the visit and AD agreed to come back to the group with dates that the facility was available for a tour. Great Blakenham Parish Council is also to be invited to attend the visit.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>AD to circulate dates</p>
4. Project update	
<p>JD provided an update on the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PFI contract was signed with the Authority on 5 October 2010. • Public exhibitions have taken place across the county. • Three presentations about the project have taken place since the CLG meeting. These were with the Greenest County, Suffolk Waste Partnership and Mid Suffolk District Council. • The planning application is due to be submitted in December 2010. <p>RE also mentioned that a Statement of Community Involvement will be submitted with the planning application, which will outline all the comments received from members of the public and how these have been addressed / taken into account.</p>	
5. Presentation on projected traffic movements to and from the site:	
<p>David Archibald, a traffic consultant from RPS (Planning & Environmental Consultancy) provided a presentation on projected traffic movements to and from the energy-from-waste facility. The surveys showed that there would be an overall reduction in traffic going to and from the facility compared to when the site was operating as a highways depot, however there would be an marginal increase in HGV movements.</p> <p>DA explained that baseline data had been gathered by carrying out a traffic survey, which was undertaken at the gate of the highways depot. Traffic flows shown in his presentation were based on the average of a five day period.</p> <p>JD to check when the baseline traffic survey was carried out.</p>	<p>JD</p>



<p>SM asked how long it would take for a vehicle to deposit waste at the energy-from-waste facility. It was explained that it would take around ten minutes and there would be five tipping bays in the building, which means that five vehicles could deposit waste at the same time, if needed. It was also explained that there is queuing space on site for HGVs to wait if all the bays are full.</p> <p>SF raised a concern about the size of the HGVs that would deposit waste at the facility compared to the size of HGVs that used the transport depot. SF also raised a concern about lorries crossing Bramford Road in the event of problems on the A14.</p> <p>MW raised a concern about the size of bulkers bringing waste to the facility.</p> <p>Action: provide a detailed breakdown of numbers of HGVs / bulkers</p> <p>JF requested information on traffic junctions. JD to check whether this is possible.</p> <p>RB asked if vehicles that currently go to the landfill site had been taken into account in the traffic surveys.</p> <p>DA confirmed that these vehicles had been taken into account and would effectively be re-routed to the energy-from-waste facility.</p> <p>DA explained that vehicles would use the Suffolk lorry route network to reach the site, with the exception of vehicles collecting waste in Claydon, Bramford, Sproughton and surrounding areas.</p> <p>A discussion followed about monitoring lorries to ensure they stick to main routes and avoid the use of smaller short-cut routes. The community liaison group will be one forum where any issues can be reported. SITA UK also described procedures in other areas that ensure any problem drivers are dealt with effectively.</p> <p>DA explained that the figures he presented in the traffic survey assumed a worst case scenario, i.e.: that all the proposed developments had been given the go ahead and no reduction had been included for vehicles that currently deposit waste at Mason's Quarry, which will switch to the energy-from-waste facility.</p> <p>MB asked about the payloads of vehicles.</p> <p>It was explained that weights are approximately 7 tonnes for a</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p>
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<p>refuse collection vehicle (RCV) and 20 – 22 tonnes for bulkers.</p> <p>DA explained that even if all developments were to go ahead the traffic network could comfortably accommodate the extra vehicles. Only a few junctions would be near capacity (operating at 90 – 95 per cent of their capacity)</p> <p>JF asked about the impact on queue length if junctions reach 90 – 95 per cent capacity.</p> <p>DA said that in practice this would equate to around five vehicles.</p> <p>MB asked for details of the number of traffic movements that were projected if 400 additional houses were developed in the area. DA suggested that these figures would be included in the Snoasis planning application which is available on the Mid-Suffolk Council website.</p> <p>RB requested a breakdown of all traffic movements and total numbers of vehicles</p> <p>SF asked would happen if the A14 is blocked by an accident.</p> <p>It was explained that a contingency plan was in place in the event of an accident on the A14. DA said that vehicles would follow a route approved by the Highways Agency if incidents occur. DA to circulate contingency plan</p> <p>DG asked what contingency plans would be in place if an incident occurred. Would there be sufficient parking spaces at the site for example?</p> <p>SITA UK confirmed that there would be capacity for 40-60 lorries at the site, if there ever was a major incident.</p> <p>MB requested a breakdown of how 260,000 tonnes of waste is broken down into the number of waste collection vehicles.</p> <p>DA explained that projections were based on existing payloads. ACTION -provide information on payloads to the group.</p> <p>MB requested that 'carbon footprint' is added as a future topic for the CLG, so that the group can understand the effect of managing residual waste through an energy-from-waste facility (taking into account transport etc) compared to landfill.</p> <p>BW said that the carbon benefit of the energy-from-waste facility over 25 years will equate to 'turning off the electricity in Ipswich</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>ACTION: add carbon footprint to list of future topics.</p> <p>Action – noted.</p>
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<p>for two years’.</p> <p>JF requested that in future, the group should receive information several days before the community liaison group meeting, to ensure they have time to properly scrutinise the information in advance of the meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Date / time of next meeting</p> <p>6.30 pm on 22 November 2010 at Great Blakenham Village Hall</p>	
<p>7. Any other business</p> <p>RB requested a presentation from either EDF or SITA UK on how electricity generated at the energy-from-waste facility would be fed into the National Grid.</p> <p>RB requested further discussion on potential community benefits of the energy-from-waste facility and requested further information about the SITA Trust.</p>	<p>PPS to ascertain speaker / date.</p> <p>PPS to ascertain speaker / date.</p>