

## Meeting record

Subject	Eco Park Community Liaison Group
Date	Wednesday 15 February 2017
Location	Sunbury Golf Centre
Recorder	Sam Brownjohn

## Present

Name	Initials	Organisation	Title / Role
Ken Snaith	KS		Resident, Chair
John Seaman	JS		Resident
Karen Howkins	KH	Charlton Village Residents Association	Resident
Peter Francis	PF	LOSRA	Resident
Richard Hewitt	RH	Shepperton Residents Association	Resident
Malcolm Robertson	MR		Resident
Tracey Cocker	TC	Environment Agency	PPC/RSR Officer
Chris Lowe	CL	Environment Agency	PPC/RSR Officer
Gareth Swain	GS	SUEZ recycling and recovery Surrey	Regional Manager
Jean-Claude Sartenaer	JCS	SUEZ recycling and recovery UK	Project Director
Jorge Hau	JH	SUEZ recycling and recovery UK	Technical Coordinator
Emma Jordan	EJ	SUEZ recycling and recovery UK	Communications Manager
Sandra Dunn	SD	Spelthorne Borough Council	Councillor
Richard Parkinson	RP	Surrey County Council	Waste Group Manager
Richard Walsh	RW	Surrey County Council	Councillor

## Distribution

<p>Participants and: Alan Stones and Stephen Jenkins (Surrey County Council Planning); Richard James (Environment Agency); Tracey Wilmott French (Spelthorne Borough Council Environmental Health), PCSO Colin Gibbons (Surrey Police), Cllr Mike Goodman (Surrey County Council), Sandy Muirhead (Spelthorne Borough Council).</p>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
2.1	Tim Evans, Julia Bachmann, Brian Catt, Peter Crews, Colin Barnard, Andrea Koskela, Peter Hughes.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Approval of minutes from previous meeting</b>	
3.1	JS queried if the power supply for critical systems was uninterrupted in the event of power cut or other issue with the grid connection. JCS confirmed that it was.	
3.2	Referring to the chargeable waste scheme at Surrey CRCs (item 4.4), KH queried the scheme in light of a statement by DCLG. RP said the DCLG had misinterpreted the law and the charging scheme is legal.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	
4.1	Item 4.1 – EJ confirmed the Eco Park communications plan for 2017 is in development.	EJ
4.2	Item 4.3 - KS noted he had seen the log updated by site security, of vehicles not following the correct routing arrangements.	
4.3	Item 4.6 - JS felt it was unreasonable that information from the ambient air quality monitoring station was reported annually and not available to residents more frequently. RP confirmed it was always intended that an annual report would be compiled by the consultants managing the monitoring station. CL added that air quality targets are annual so information can only be available once a year's monitoring has completed (this will be in April and a report will be prepared following this).	
4.4	Item 5.5 - JH confirmed the AD tank headspace could hold 550m <sup>3</sup> of biogas.	
4.5	Item 6.4.2 - KS had reported a fly tip in Sheep Walk recently to the emergency number but it had not been cleared. RP will ask highways colleagues to investigate.	RP
4.6	Item 8.1. EJ confirmed Mr Walter received the most votes of the candidates to join the CLG and will be invited to attend the next CLG meeting.	EJ
4.7	Item 9.1 - PF considered the use of the term gasifier instead of incinerator a political, rather than technical decision. JH noted this has been discussed with the technical subgroup since it began in 2015 and the group had agreed it wasn't possible to reach a consensus on this issue.	

<b>5</b>	<b>Technical Subgroup Update</b>	
5.1	<p>PF gave an overview of the recent meeting. The sub-group were informed that details of the dust collection system for the pre-treatment hall were awaited and SUEZ has provided M+W with samples from another facility. The design of the interim odour control system has not yet been finalised and PF believed planning permission would be needed. The maintenance programme for the odour control and fire systems is being prepared.</p> <p>PF noted his prior safety concerns around the flare are being addressed through HAZOP.</p> <p>He observed that the planning application for detailed design changes showed there would be noise from the equipment within the plant and was concerned a revised noise assessment had not been shared.</p> <p>The sub-group were informed that commissioning of the AD plant is due to start in April.</p> <p>PF noted residents will be advised to expect several large loads of equipment for the gasification facility which will have to come through Charlton Village.</p>	
5.2	JH responded explaining the dust collection system and odour control system had been developed, but SUEZ hasn't received details of these from M+W yet. The interim control system isn't permanent so will not require planning and the final system will require the EA's approval.	
5.3	JH noted the planning permission includes an appropriation condition regarding noise modelling, if noise levels are exceeded once the plant is operational, SUEZ will have to address this to ensure compliance.	
5.4	KH suggested the CLG weren't informed of the scrubber delivery (which washes flue gases from the gasification facility) until after it was delivered on the 14 February. EJ confirmed an update was put on the Eco Park website that morning and information sent to the CLG ahead of the delivery, and as soon as the timing was confirmed to SUEZ. GS noted there had been no complaints from residents about this delivery.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Update (see attached presentation)</b>	
6.1	<u>Construction</u>	
6.1.1	JCS updated the group on progress since the last meeting noting that the CRC has been completed. The AD tanks have been clad, a lot of equipment has been delivered and installed including the scrubber for the gasification facility. A large number of concrete slabs have been poured to form the foundations of the gasification facility and a number of fire walls have also been erected. The infiltration basin is now complete and has been filled with water.	
6.1.2	JCS informed the group 72 additional piles are needed for the foundations of part of the gasification facility due to a change in the position of some piping. Work will begin w/c 20th of February and take around a week. The same noise restrictions will apply as before, with work taking place between 8am-5pm.	
6.2	<u>Planning Applications</u>	
6.2.1	EJ confirmed a link to the planning application for non-material amendments was emailed to the group. This application is currently being determined. KS did not	

	<p>notice the link to the detailed documents and was disappointed that the CLG were not given the opportunity to see these prior to submission, however KS noted he had correspondence from EJ explaining the link had been provided. He also had a response from Alan Stones (Head of Planning at Surrey CC), in which he stated the amendments were very minor and the planning authority did not consider it necessary to inform residents. KS requested it be noted that he is disappointed residents were not given this opportunity, having read the submission he acknowledged the changes were minor but would have liked the opportunity to review before submission.</p> <p>RW suggested SUEZ should notify the CLG when planning applications are submitted.</p> <p>EJ explained that SUEZ share details of planning applications once they have been validated by the planning authority as it is at this point that the application is confirmed as complete. EJ sent a link to the validated planning application to all members of the CLG and the documents were viewable online, and will continue to do this for future applications.</p>	
6.3	<u>Bulking facility operations</u>	
6.3.1	GS explained that the interim solution of using the RBF during construction had successfully handled the significant additional seasonal material over the Christmas period and also successfully handled the residual and food waste from Spelthorne and Runnymede that would usually go directly to the Lakeside energy from waste facility during its shutdown.	
6.3.2	Seagulls are being controlled by a specialist pest control contractor with a number of measures including the use of birds of prey. SUEZ are also considering other options.	
6.3.3	GS explained that SUEZ are handling the kerb side collected dry mixed recycling from Runnymede at the RBF before bulking for processing.	
6.4	<u>Community recycling centre operations</u>	
6.4.1	Parking spaces were temporarily reduced whilst some works were carried out during the period when the site was less busy, to minimise disruption to site users.	
6.4.2	GS is looking at options for optimising the service during the busy summer period. The 2017 resident's scheme has recently been introduced to ensure only Surrey residents use the facility and new stickers are being distributed at the front of the site. As more residents are registered, waiting times will reduce. There has been a drop in DIY hard core and soils material since the charging scheme was introduced.	
6.4.3	SD noted on a recent visit to the CRC several containers were out of use which could cause additional queuing at weekends. GS was not aware of this but will check with the site. SD enquired if additional capacity for green waste would be provided during spring and summer and GS confirmed it would.	GS
6.5	<u>Communications</u>	
6.5.1	EJ noted the Eco Park website was updated in December with new photos and information. There will be a further edition of the e-newsletter to update residents subscribed to this.	

6.5.2	EJ provided an update on the enquiries and complaints received since the last meeting (see attached presentation). A Hawthorn Way resident had complained about glare from lighting used in the temporary car park for construction staff, the lighting was subsequently adjusted which resolved the issue to the resident's satisfaction.	
7	<b>Surrey County Council Update</b>	
7.1	RP noted that since introducing charges, tonnages have fallen and sites across Surrey are less busy, receiving in the region of 108,000 tonnes of waste annually. Construction waste has reduced. SCC have been monitoring fly tipping, which has also reduced in the same period.	
7.2	RP referred to recent media coverage of Surrey CC's financial situation. A paper has been submitted to the Council's scrutiny board regarding cost saving measures.	
7.3	RW thanked GS and the member of SUEZ staff who had helped save a member of the public's life during an incident at the CRC.	
7.4	RW noted that since the speed limit on Charlton Lane was altered from 30mph to 40mph speeding had reduced.	
7.5	RW informed the group a consultation on issues and options for the Surrey waste plan had taken place, closing 25 November. Details are available on the Council's website.	
8	<b>CLG vacancy – expressions of interest</b>	
8.1	<p>EJ confirmed Mr Walter of Hawthorn Way had received the most votes in an electronic poll. EJ will write to him to invite him to join. KS offered his details if Mr Walter wished to speak with him.</p> <p>In response to questions from MR, EJ confirmed six people voted in the poll, with Mr Walter receiving four votes. MR and KH raised objections to the process for filling the vacancy and were concerned that not all of the information provided by the residents expressing an interest had been passed on to the group. EJ confirmed she had summarised the information submitted by residents, noting that some had provided more details than others on their background and reasons for wanting to join the group.</p>	
9	<b>Questions</b>	
9.1	<p><i>Don't you think that it was disrespectful to the Chairman and CLG Committee not to inform them of the Planning Application that was submitted, with the closing date 03 February specially as Suez use us in the Community Involvement as a method of communication. Should not an explanation of the plans been given to the committee.</i></p> <p>This question has been addressed during the meeting.</p>	
9.2	<p><i>Are the 2 pipes that are pumping out waste water along the motorway temporary, if so for how long, and is that why the vegetation was all cleared, so as to help prevent flooding.</i></p> <p>JCS explained that the two pipes are temporary and are pumping out excavation water, this is done under permit from the EA which allows 700m<sup>3</sup> water a day to be pumped to the ditch.</p>	

10	AOB	
10.1	SD enquired as to when the March update would be available. EJ confirmed it would be available early in the month and apologised that the February update had been delayed.	
10.2	SD enquired when the whole project would be finished. EJ explained the AD facility was due to begin commissioning in April and the gasification facility in late summer. Commissioning has two main phases, first each part of the facility is tested to ensure every part works as designed and following this, testing will be undertaken processing waste. As issues are identified during commissioning, tests are repeated until each facility is operating safely and efficiently, and meeting the required performance standards. Regular updates will continue during commissioning to keep the group informed of progress towards full operations.	
10.3	JS enquired about the amendment made to the infiltration basin. JCS confirmed this was a minor amendment regarding the shape of the pond.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
11.1	Monday 15 May 2017	