

## Notes from CLP Meeting 20/1/2020 – Meeting 13

**Matters arising from Meeting 12** – It had been requested that Veolia attend the meeting so there were three representatives – Marine Avisse, Mark Smith and Phil Farrow.

**Construction Update** – Mechanical erection starting now; steel construction of EfW lines, IBA extractor line 1, grate on line 1. Currently 3 or 4 weeks ahead of schedule. UKPN and Anglian Water works on Green Lane complete; to hook up to national grid/water supplies. Over the next 3 months the feed hopper, boiler parts and another (smaller) Wilbert (tower crane) will be delivered. Some of these parts will be very large and will require specialist transportation, possibly with police escort. Abnormal loads will be over 44 tonnes, 2.9m wide and 18.65m long. They will avoid peak times (rush hours/school run) and will be exiting the A421 at J13 at the Marston roundabout to travel up the old A421 to Green Lane.

UKPN cable to incinerator will be installed Q2 2020 and there will also be AW water improvements in Stewartby village starting Q1.

Network Rail will be invited to attend the April meeting to outline the Stewartby Level Crossing upgrades that are due to be happening during the last week of August; full barriers and CCTV. During the closure of the L/C, there will be no abnormal loads diverted via Broadmead Road because the L/C there is too humped for long, low vehicles.

Covanta have requested a temporary extension of working hours for continuous concrete pours or for work that can't be done during normal working hours or work that has been delayed due to weather conditions, eg steel erection time lost due to high winds – Monday to Friday extra working till 10pm, Saturday 1-4pm, Sunday 7am – 4pm. Overnight works 7pm to 7am – only when needed. Noise/light will be kept to a minimum where possible. Sometimes they also need to clear the site for non-destructive examination of concrete, etc, which is via radiography so they need large exclusion zones. This will usually be done overnight when there is no workforce on site. Similar to X-ray or Gamma rays.

**Veolia presentation** – Veolia have 300-500 permitted sites. The representatives at the meeting were from Permitting and Compliance departments, which work closely together. Veolia have their own Waste Transfer Stations where waste is taken from local collections, sorted and put onto larger vehicles for deliver to the EfW plant. Loads are inspected visually after tipping onto the WTS floor. Veolia can't guarantee that things like batteries (small) won't end up in the waste being taken for incineration. They need to educate the public to recycle their batteries. It was also pointed out that a few batteries fed into the incinerator isn't going to affect it. They supply 10 EfWs in the U.K. and don't have any major problems with the waste that they are sending to them.

We were assured that no radioactive waste would get through as anyone handling such waste has to account for its whereabouts at all times so it doesn't get into the waste stream.

Currently, Veolia anticipate that the waste for this site will come from Peterborough, Cambridge and Northampton. Currently they have to export some of this waste to Europe but taxes are increasing so this waste will be diverted to Rookery as soon as the EfW facility is up and running.

Commercial waste should be coming from less than 40 miles of the Waste Transfer Stations.

They would expect some smaller, local collection vehicles to come to Covanta (up to 15 per day with up to 10 tonnes of commercial waste each. Most waste would come in 23tonne artics, from the WTFs – numbers to be confirmed. Covanta would provide daily volume requirements to Veolia who would then supply from the WTFs. Most vehicles bringing waste to Covanta will be Veolia but they may occasionally sub-contract to other companies. Vehicles are tracked real-time so they are able to check routes and time spent at the facility.

It was suggested that maybe the CLP could visit a Veolia WTF in the future.

**Local Authority Monitoring** – Anita Taylor. Anita will be attending future CLPs in place of Roy Romans as she will be more involved in this site on a day to day basis. Covanta's request for extended hours is under discussion. There are also a few design amendment changes that are under discussion and involve the Landscape Officer. Not open to public consultation as only minor changes. CBC (councillor/officer?) Alan Stone was also in attendance. He had spoken to nearest neighbours when Covanta last asked for extended hours over the summer and he had taken objections back to CBC planning.

There had been complaints about mud on the highway and noise but CBC couldn't investigate as no details of times, dates, location had been given.

There was due to be a meeting during the following week to discuss footpaths and bridleways. Anita and Judith are to meet with the landowners and CBC RoW officer (Michelle Flynn).

Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

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