

## Notes from CLP Meeting 29/4/19.

**Update on Judicial Review by BACI** – Hearing to be held 2/3 July. Documents have been sent to court by both sides. Decision expected within a month of hearing. Possibility of live video of hearing.

**Environment Agency Update** – No-one present from EA. Robin suggested that members forward any questions that they or their Parishes have for the EA to him to be discussed at future meetings. It was suggested that it would be useful for the CLP members to have details of what will be monitored, in case residents ask. How will monitoring be carried out, by who and at what frequency.

It was explained that the Green Investment Bank are now part-owners of the development (40%). Covanta 40% and Veolia 20%. Question was asked whether EA should be scrutinising the new investors but it was pointed out that the operation will be 100% under the control of Covanta so they are the only party that the EA are interested in. Veolia and GIB will not be scrutinised as they are shareholders not operators.

**Newsletter** – Next one due out end May/beginning of June. It will cover construction, energy initiative, construction phases, project management, etc. The DCO documents are still available on the Rookery South website even though they have been archived by CBC. It was requested that the distribution should be updated to cover the new housing developments. New residents still don't seem to be aware of the incinerator as they generally only go for "cheap" local searches rather than in-depth ones that will bring the development up. It was suggested that more details of HGV movements be included and hours of working so that local residents have the facts. Maximum number of approved HGV movements (594) vs what Covanta actually expect – 200 waste and 40-50 ash vehicle movements.

**Construction update** – Piling to start soon and will continue for 3 months. It won't need to be deep as the site is on solid Oxford Clay. Piling possibly 1.5m to 3m (max 5m deep). First concrete pour has already happened; this is for the stack base. Underground services are being installed. The tipping bunker will be at the Bedford/Bletchley rail line end of the site. Green Lane/Covanta entrance works have been completed with a 2-HGV size right hand ghost lane and widening of road with upgrades to lighting and footpaths. The widening of Green Lane to the old A421 will also need to be finished prior to commissioning. Construction due to finish 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2022.

**Grantscape – Electricity Subsidy scheme.** Tina Knibbs of Grantscape gave a short presentation. Over 1,500 households have registered but there are 101,174 households in the catchment area. Grantscape are going to send reminders within the next week or so to those households that haven't registered. Second round of drop in events to be held week commencing 13/5/19. Q- have Millbrook Village Hall trustees registered??

**Community Trust Fund** - £150,000 indexed and £50,000 annually, also indexed. Fund has already contributed £5,000 to the Bedford Mayor's "Smart Cribbs" homeless

charity over Christmas. It was asked if the CLP could have any input into the terms of reference of the CTF. It was explained that the criteria had been agreed in the S106 agreement.

**Sources of Waste** – The CLP was shown a map of the waste transfer stations that would be sending waste to the incinerator. Leicester, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Greater London. Depots in Hinckley, Northampton, Cambridge, St. Albans, Gerrards Cross, Brent, Basildon, Tunnel Approach (north side). All within 2 hours of Rookery. Waste would come from a maximum of 20 miles radius of the depots. There will be an HGV movement plan specified by Veolia for their drivers to follow. This waste currently goes to landfill or is exported to the Netherlands via Felixstowe. Highways Agency are holding a J13 study at present which is expected to report in June. This will take into account current, planned, permissioned and likely developments.

**Electricity to National Grid** – Electricity will be taken along the line of the B/B rail line to the A421 (about 1m below the track bed). Q – why can't they work with Millbrook Power to use the same link to the Grid? MP will be linking to the high-power cables that run on pylons from Marston to Millbrook Station, Wheelers Hill and on to the A507 area. Covanta will be exporting 60mw via a 132kv cable but MP will be exporting 299mw via a 400kv cable.

**Heat and Power to nearby developments?** – As part of the planning approval, Covanta must build the plant with Heat and Power capabilities even though they don't have any customers for H&P yet. The CloudWing developments at Stewartby Brickworks and along the old A421 to Kempston Hardwick would be ideal customers; discussions are taking place. The same goes for the Marston Vale housing development between Lidlington and Marston on O&H land. There is no incentive to the developers to work with Covanta to take H&P so the question was asked of the CBC representative why the local authority can't force them to work together. This is especially important when considering the Government's decision to ban gas boilers in new houses by 2025. Heat can be exported up to 5 or 6 miles from the plant. The more heat that the plant produces, the less electricity it will export to the National Grid. It is more economical for Covanta to sell heat than electricity.

**Rights of Way** – General discussion about making sure pedestrian/cycle paths are also accessible for horse riding. RoW strategy has to be approved by the local authority.

Next meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – possibly a site visit?