



**Beddington Energy Recovery Facility
Community Liaison Group meeting minutes**

Thursday 17 January 2019 18.00

Attendees:

- Sandy Goodwin – Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum
- Dennis Philpott – Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum
- Janet Emberson – Friends of Beddington Park
- David Goymour – Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group
- Naomi Martin – BEDZED
- CLlr Tim Foster – London Borough of Sutton
- Louise McGoochan – Environment Agency
- Rosemary Ricketts – Environment Agency
- Samuel Hackett – London Borough of Sutton
- Andrea Keys – South London Waste Partnership
- Brett McGuinn – Viridor
- Dave Carlton – Viridor
- Garry Wolfe – Viridor
- Mike Stafford – Viridor, Chair
- Andrew Turner - Newgate, supporting Viridor

Item		Action
1.0	Introductions & Apologies	
1.1	<p>There were a number of apologies shared ahead of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Brake MP – Carshalton and Wallington • Daniel Doris – London Borough of Sutton • David Kingstone – London Borough of Sutton • Mandar Puranik – London Borough of Sutton • Warrick Jopling – Eneteq • Pete Walker – Viridor <p>Andrew Turner asked if all members present had received a copy of the minutes of the last meeting. All members confirmed that they had received copies – hard copies were also available at the meeting.</p>	
1.2	<p>Andrew asked if members believed the minutes were representative of the last meeting. There was a small amendment made to reflect Dennis Philpott’s attendance and it was agreed and the minutes were representative and were signed off. Andrew took an action to upload a copy to the Viridor website.</p>	AT



2.0	Operations Report	
2.1	<p>Eneteq update</p> <p>In the absence of Warrick Jopling, Andrew delivered a short update of the SDEN pipeline project. SDEN confirmed that the permissive footpath would remain open during January and a revised notice was posted on 2nd January to inform members of the community. On 14th January planning permission was granted for the final length of buried pipework near Hackbridge station.</p> <p>Viridor were currently carrying out restoration and tree planting on the pipeline route, on behalf of Eneteq and this also included reinstalling the permanent fence line between the Beddington Farmlands and permissive footpath.</p> <p>At the time of the meeting SDEN expected the remaining pipework installation to be carried out over a four to six week period in March / April. SDEN confirmed that a two-week notice would be given prior to the footpath being closed for this work.</p> <p>Cllr Foster commented that there had been very little communication with user groups of the permissive footpath and this had caused negative sentiment towards the project. Andrew confirmed that Viridor had been in contact with members of the local walking group to keep them informed of these changes. There was a discussion around the quality of the footpath and that it was currently very muddy in places. It was confirmed that the permissive footpath would be reinstated to an equal, if not better quality upon completion of the works.</p> <p>Upon completion of the presentation, Andrew confirmed that if members of the community liaison group had any questions about the SDEN project, Daniel Doris, Project Manager at Opportunity Sutton could be contacted on daniel.doris@sutton.gov.uk</p>	
2.2	<p>Landfill update</p> <p>Andrew also delivered a short presentation on the landfill restoration operations in the absence of Pete Walker. It was confirmed that the ERF was now processing waste from the South London Waste Partnership as part of its process optimisation phase. During this time there would be a number of periods of maintenance. In the event that one or both of the processing lines at the ERF is not operational, the landfill will be able to accept black-bag waste for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>Andrew updated the community that, the restoration progress at the Beddington Farmlands remains unaffected during this time and continues in accordance with the Restoration Management Plan, the Viridor aftercare team continue to restore the site and there are plans for an open day at the Beddington Farmlands in the coming months.</p>	



<p>2.3</p>	<p>There was a discussion regarding the rationale for extending the date for accepting non-inert waste at the landfill site. Cllr Foster commented that he had received a briefing from the London Borough of Sutton that referred to the landfill needing to stay operational to ensure enough waste was received to complete the landscaping. Mike Stafford confirmed that the landfill site could be restored with restoration soils that could come from nearby construction projects. It was agreed that Viridor would share a confirmation of the operational status of the landfill to the community liaison group.</p> <p>Viridor had continued its restoration programme at the Beddington Farmlands with bramble clearance taking place between the Southern lake and the meadowland. This work had been agreed with the Conservation Science Group (CSG) at the last meeting and site walkover.</p> <p>The restoration team were working towards the establishment of the neutral grassland that surrounds the lakes and this also created access to the willows at the lake edges that require management on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Cutting of the meadowland was due to be completed in the Autumn, but it was agreed at the last CSG meeting that this could continue over the winter. Further meadowland cutting was due to take place in the coming weeks in accordance with the Restoration Management Plan.</p> <p>Viridor had started to create the foundations for the first bird hide to be located at the Farmlands. This would be installed near to the permissive footpath and the new fence line would enable members of the community to engage with the bird hide from the permissive path.</p> <p>Towards the end of January further excavation work of the wet grassland habitat was due to take place building upon the work in the previous year to mark out the boundaries of the site.</p> <p>Cllr Foster asked Viridor about the status of the Conservation and Access Management Committee (CAMC), citing he had been invited to sit on the committee last year but since then there had been limited activity. Andrew confirmed that the CAMC had not met for a number of months with Viridor and the London Borough of Sutton discussing how the committee functioned. It was noted that the CAMC was expected to meet again in Spring 2019. Andrew encouraged any members of the community that were interested to learn more about the landfill restoration to contact Viridor, or alternatively an open day would be planned in the coming months.</p> <p>ERF operational update</p> <p>Garry Wolfe delivered a presentation showing images of the ERF, explaining that since the last meeting the visual appearance of the ERF from Beddington Lane had not changed greatly, however there were small changes to the mesh above the tipping hall – this was now nearly completely installed.</p>	<p>AT</p>
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<p>Much of the cladding was now completed, cladding work continued on the administration building and northern face of the ERF building.</p> <p>Garry confirmed that the ERF processing hall was now largely complete, and the ERF had been processing waste from the South London Waste Partnership and third parties to recover energy. Garry explained that the majority of the process equipment was now commissioned, and the construction team were now completing the roadways, drainage and administration building.</p> <p>A view of the ERF from the north was shown and Garry explained the landscaping works that were taking place along with tree planting. Seeding work to the surrounding bund was due to be completed in February and March following the failure of the earlier planting schemes.</p> <p>Garry showed an image of the education centre, explaining that the outside of the building was now largely complete, with internal plastering, and installation of electricity connections and plumbing now starting to take place.</p> <p>Sandy Goodwin asked what types of tree were being planted at the ERF? Garry confirmed that the planting mix was outlined as a planning condition that was permitted by the London Borough of Sutton. The species were native scrub and more information could be found on the Viridor website.</p> <p>Garry indicated the pre-treatment building (located next to the main ERF building) and explained that this is where bulky waste from HWRCs and fly-tipped loads are delivered to be inspected before being shredded so that the material is suitable for the ERF. The material is then sent to the ERF bunker to be processed. There was a short discussion around why material needed to be inspected and shredded. Mike confirmed that bulky items of waste need to be reduced in size and any items that may not be suitable for energy recovery can be removed.</p> <p>A photograph of metal items that had been processed at the ERF was shown, this metal included a bicycle frame, mattress and saucepans. Mike explained to the CLG why this material was not suitable for the energy recovery process because it simply passes through the ERF. It would be more appropriate for residents to be putting the right stuff in the right bin, and this material could go to the HWRC and be sent for recycling.</p> <p>Dave Carlton explained the activities taking place at the ERF and the final stages of process optimisation that have taken place in the weeks since the last meeting. There was a brief discussion around the visual appearance of the steam plume at the ERF from around the community. Dave stated that the ERF had been operating for a number of weeks continuously as it moved towards full operations.</p> <p>Garry asked the community liaison group if any members had been affected by the ERF operations. The community members confirmed that they had not been impacted. Dennis stated he could see any visible plume from his home near to the ERF. Andrew reiterated that if members of the community were concerned by activity to contact Beddingtonrerf@viridor.co.uk or call 0800 975 3029 at any time.</p>	
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3.0	Regulatory and Planning Matters	
3.1	<p>Rosemary Ricketts, Environment Agency officer for the landfill site explained that she continued to visit the Beddington landfill site regularly to oversee the operations. There were no issues to report since the last meeting.</p>	
3.2	<p>Louise McGoohan also confirmed that she continued to regularly visit the ERF to monitor the site's operations in accordance with its environmental permit. Louise mentioned that she had visited the ERF to observe the testing of emissions monitoring equipment since the last meeting.</p>	
3.3	<p>Samuel Hackett, environmental protection officer at the London Borough of Sutton was introduced to the CLG and he confirmed that the London Borough of Sutton had received one complaint regarding the Beddington ERF, however upon a full investigation it was confirmed the complaint could not be substantiated.</p> <p>It was confirmed that, if concerned, a member of the community should contact the ERF or landfill site directly on Beddingtonerf@viridor.co.uk or call 0800 975 3029. So that a member of the team could action an investigation. The Environment Agency could also be contacted, but it would take a number of hours to respond to the query.</p>	
4.0	Community Issues	
4.1	<p>Andrew delivered a communications update from the Beddington ERF confirming that the final construction newsletter would be prepared and issued to align with the completion of construction at the ERF in the coming months. It was agreed that this would be shared with the residents of the Beddington North ward.</p>	
4.2	<p>There was a brief discussion about the community update issued to the Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum and was placed on noticeboards in the village. It was confirmed that the community found this briefing helpful, however there was feedback that it could have been displayed in a more engaging manner.</p>	
4.3	<p>Andrew explained that the Community Benefit Fund was still accepting applications, and Andrew encouraged members of the community liaison group to act as advocates of the fund within their communities and to encourage any potential applicants to contact Viridor or a member of the panel. Viridor had shared a short video with the local press and social media highlighting some of the projects that had been supported in the last year – this video was shown to the CLG and a link was inserted into the minutes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7PM0HGdX-A</p>	
4.4	<p>Andrew continued to explain that safety is the top priority at the ERF site and in December the team reached 250,000 working hours without an incident (the equivalent to c. 120 average working years for one person.) The team marked this achievement by supporting members of the local community. Viridor and its</p>	



<p>4.5</p> <p>4.6</p>	<p>construction partners donated £1200 to the Sutton Foodbank to support their work in the Beddington area.</p> <p>Andrew confirmed, as mentioned earlier in the meeting that there were plans for another open day at the Beddington Farmlands in 2019 once the weather had improved and the site had started to become a drier under foot.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the emissions monitoring at the Beddington ERF. Garry confirmed that this was conducted in accordance with the environmental permit. Andrew added that Viridor would shortly publish a virtual visitor centre that would be hosted on a dedicated website, this would include information about how the ERF works, the stringent regulations that the ERF operates too and also how to book a visit to the ERF.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
<p>5.1</p>	<p>There was no other business mentioned at the meeting.</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>	
<p>6.1</p>	<p>Andrew informed the community liaison group that at a previous meeting it was agreed the dates of the next meetings would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 11th April 2019 at 18.00 • Thursday 18th July 2019 at 18.00 • Thursday 17th October 2019 at 18.00 <p>The next meeting would take place in the ERF construction offices at the Beddington ERF. Andrew would issue directions to the site in the days before the meeting to highlight if any access routes had altered due to the construction activity.</p>	<p>AT</p>