



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

Thursday 19 July 2018 18.00

Attendees:

- Sandy Goodwin – Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum
- Dennis Philpott – Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum
- Janet Emberson – Friends of Beddington Park
- Robert Walker – community member
- Naomi Martin - BedZED
- Louise McGoochan – Environment Agency
- John Haynes – South London Waste Partnership
- David Kingstone – London Borough of Sutton
- Warrick Jopling – Eneteq
- Matt Webster – Viridor, Chair
- Garry Wolfe – Viridor
- Steve Brown – Viridor
- Dave Carlton – Viridor
- Andrew Turner - Newgate, supporting Viridor

Item		Action
1.0	Introductions & Apologies	
1.1	<p>There were a number of new members of the community liaison group in attendance, Matt Webster invited all members around the room to introduce themselves and the organisations they were representing.</p> <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 • Cllr Ben Alexander – London Borough of Sutton • Daniel Doris – London Borough of Sutton • Mike Stafford – Viridor • Pete Walker - Viridor 	
1.2	<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. Andrew asked if members believed the minutes were representative of the last meeting. It was agreed that 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>Warrick Jopling of Eneteq was introduced to the community liaison group as the contractor responsible for installing a highly insulated pipeline from the Beddington ERF to the New Mill Quarter. Eneteq had delivered a number of presentations at previous meetings and this was an update since April. Warrick delivered a short presentation that used photographs to show the progress.</p> <p>Warrick confirmed that the pipeline had now been installed from the Beddington landfill gas engines up to the permissive footpath on the southern border of the Beddington site – this was a distance of c. 1.34km.</p>	
2.2	<p>He continued to explain how the trenches were dug to accommodate two pipes and a communications pipeline. Eneteq had experienced a number of different challenges to date including very cold and wet weather that had impacted on their ability to continue working at certain points of the year.</p> <p>Warrick answered a number of questions about how sections of pipe were transported across the Beddington site on a trailer and how members of the Eneteq team worked to weld, fuse and then test the joining of each section of pipe.</p>	
2.3	<p>There were a number of questions about the remediation of the pipeline area and the impact the work would have on the ecology at the site. Warrick confirmed that throughout the project Eneteq had been in liaison with the Senior Biodiversity Officer at the London Borough of Sutton to ensure that any work and proposed mitigation would be acceptable and improve the ecological value of the land.</p>	
2.4	<p>At the time of the meeting, Eneteq were finalising the last section of the pipeline to potentially shorten the route of the pipeline between the Beddington Farmlands and the New Mill Quarter. This final section involves crossing the London Road and railway. The operation to install the pipeline over the railway would not be completed until October.</p> <p>Warrick confirmed that Eneteq were replacing and remediating the ground along the pipeline route. This included the permissive footpath. The London Borough of Sutton Senior Biodiversity Officer had been advising on the appropriate tree replanting plan, exclusion zone of roots and the final planting regime. It was noted that the weather had been very dry and that this had delayed the ability to implement the planting scheme.</p> <p>Sandy Goodwin and Dennis Philpott enquired into the condition that the permissive footpath would be restored to. Warrick showed pictures of before and after the works had been completed and explained that the footpath was being remediated with better drainage to ensure that in wetter weather the pathway would not flood as quickly.</p>	



	<p>It was confirmed that the pathway would be replaced to the same condition it was before the works, if not in a better condition. Members of the community with disabilities may be able to walk along the footpath but it would not be tarmacked.</p> <p>Viridor had been working with Eneteq to replace the fencing along the permissive footpath.</p> <p>Andrew noted that Melanie Nunzet had approached Viridor seeking to understand if the permissive footpath could be opened up for her walking group in August. Andrew confirmed that Viridor were in liaison with Melanie, however it would be more likely that the pathway could be reopened in September. Viridor were working with Eneteq to ensure the pathway could be reopened as soon as reasonably practicable.</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>	
<p>2.5</p>		
	<p>2.6 Landfill update</p> <p>In the absence of Pete Walker, Andrew delivered a brief overview of activity on the Beddington Farmlands. The landfill site continues to service the South London Waste Partnership, safely disposing of non-recyclable waste from households and businesses.</p> <p>Andrew then asked members of the CLG if any members of their communities had any complaints regarding landfill operations. It was confirmed that Viridor had not received any comments and Andrew encouraged members of the CLG to contact Viridor if there were any concerns.</p> <p>Andrew noted that restoration activity at Beddington continued in accordance with the Restoration Management Plan. Sandy asked what the Restoration Management Plan was, Andrew explained this was a detailed document of how habitats were to be created at the Beddington Farmlands. This is hosted online and a link was inserted into the minutes: https://viridor.co.uk/assets/REDESIGN/DEVELOPMENTS/BEDDINGTON-ERF/Bedding-compressed.pdf</p>	
<p>2.7</p>	<p>Due to the bird breeding season the last quarter had been dedicated towards planning works to be undertaken. Detailed resource planning continued towards delivering works post bird breeding season and it was expected to be a busy period of activity during the autumn and winter.</p> <p>Since the last meeting the first phase of the wet grassland designs had been finalised and were going through the sign-off procedures with the Conservation and Access Management Committee and the Conservation Science Group.</p>	



<p>2.8</p>	<p>Viridor is also working with its community stakeholders to consult on the most appropriate locations for bird hides on the Beddington Farmlands. When the Restoration Management Plan was written, the locations of the hides had been discussed by a number of interest groups. Since that time restoration plans and habitats have altered slightly and Viridor was considering if they could be relocated to suit the ecology and community more closely.</p> <p>Further studies are underway to ensure that the cycleway across the site is accessible for all users of the Beddington Farmlands. As waste in the landfill decomposes there is slight settlement in the landform that might make the planned route too steep for some users.</p> <p>At the previous meeting it had been discussed that the landfill gas infrastructure visible on the surface of the Beddington Farmlands will need to be secured away from members of the public. Viridor was exploring the possibility of using hedgerows rather than fencing to protect the infrastructure.</p> <p>Andrew concluded that there had been further restoration and habitat management work around the southern lakes with island maintenance and the thinning of willows on the lake edges.</p> <p>Andrew commented that Viridor hosted an open day in June for 24 members of the local community to visit the Beddington Farmlands to learn more about the restoration activity and the challenges faced by the restoration team, including how this impacts on the timeline for the Beddington Farmlands being opened to the community.</p>	
<p>2.9</p>	<p>Sandy commented that residents in the community had been notified about the open day very late in June. Andrew confirmed that the Sutton Guardian newspaper had published a story the week before the event along with Viridor contacting the CLG stakeholder list a month ahead of the event to encourage them to share the news. Viridor is conscious that there was a limited availability at the event. Andrew asked if Sandy thought there was a more appropriate way to communicate with local residents. Sandy confirmed that she would be happy to post notices in the local community noticeboards on behalf of the Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>Sandy asked if there would be further open days, citing there were a number of residents that would very much like to be involved and visit the site. Andrew confirmed that Viridor had hosted a number of events in the last year and that each day consumed the time of the restoration team. It had been decided that the Viridor restoration team would focus their time on delivering a number of bird hides for the local community to access and enjoy in the next year rather than host an open day that only could accommodate a small number of stakeholders.</p>	<p>SG</p>
<p>2.10</p>	<p>ERF update</p> <p>Garry Wolfe delivered the ERF update using a presentation of recent images of the ERF site. Garry commented that the cladding work of the exterior of the ERF was</p>	



<p>2.11</p> <p>2.12</p>	<p>nearly complete. There were some parts of the cladding that required additional work to complete the exterior of the facility.</p> <p>Garry confirmed that samples of the grating to cover the air cooled condensing fans on the west face of the building had now been fitted and the architects were testing if this would be an appropriate material for the ERF. The glazing panels at the ERF continued to be installed and were being checked at the time of the meeting.</p> <p>Garry indicated that the pre-treatment building was completed and that work continued on the construction of the maintenance building and the administration block including the education centre. In the foreground of the image were two small yellow containers. Garry explained that these containers were for collecting bulk metal items that would have been processed in the ERF.</p> <p>After a number of weeks of testing the weighbridges and inducting drivers the first South London Waste Partnership vehicles delivered waste to the bunker. This waste was diverted away from the landfill site and will be used to commission the waste cranes to lift waste out of the bunker.</p> <p>Dave Carlton delivered a short commissioning update confirming that energy would be recovered from this waste and used to conduct further steam blows to clean the internal surfaces of the steam pipework to remove any particles of grit or dust that can be left inside from the assembly and welding process. Sandy asked how many cranes would operate at the ERF. Dave confirmed that there would be two cranes in operation, controlled by two technicians.</p> <p>Garry asked the community liaison group if any members had been affected by the steam blowing or commissioning process. The community members confirmed that they had not been impacted. Dennis stated he could not 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 Beddington@newgatecomms.com or call 0800 975 3029 at any time.</p> <p>Steve Brown, was introduced as the Operations Manager for the ERF, he mentioned that he would be leaving his role at Beddington to support Viridor nationally and would introduce his replacement at the next meeting. Steve confirmed that as the Beddington ERF prepared to treat non-recyclable waste for the first time, in the commissioning phase, the flue gas treatment and emissions monitoring equipment would be functioning. Members of his team conducted a site inspection twice a day to check for odours outside of the ERF building.</p> <p>There was a discussion around how the facility would run differently once fully operational. Garry confirmed that there would be no visual difference to the building. The only difference would be that in certain weather conditions there may be a visible plume of water vapour visible above the stack.</p> <p>Sandy asked if there would be another community newsletter issued in the coming weeks. Andrew confirmed that Viridor would issue a final construction newsletter upon completion of the ERF. This newsletter would include information about the energy recovery process, any visual impact of the ERF and the community benefits</p>	
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<p>2.13</p> <p>2.14</p> <p>2.15</p>	<p>associated with the facility. This newsletter would remain current into the operation of the ERF.</p> <p>Dennis Philpott asked if the Environment Agency were required to sign-off the facility before it was able to start operating. Louise McGoochan replied that the EA are responsible for monitoring Viridor against the conditions set out in the Environmental Permit for the ERF. Viridor were also required to issue a series of technical reports to the Environment Agency during the commissioning phase.</p> <p>Dennis commented that the residents of Beddington village would like to install an air quality monitoring station in the village before the ERF becomes operational. This would enable the village to have a baseline of air quality before the ERF becomes operational.</p> <p>David Kingstone, team leader for environmental health at the London Borough of Sutton commented that it was planned to install a monitoring station in Beddington village however there was a delay with installing the utilities (power) to the unit.</p> <p>Garry finally mentioned that the landscaping works around the ERF were continuing to develop with drainage ponds and tree planting now underway.</p> <p>There was a discussion around proposals from Prologis to develop a plot of land near to the ERF for a distribution centre. It was noted that this would increase the traffic movements on Beddington Lane, but that this development was not associated with Viridor.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the employees at the site. Steve confirmed that there were around 45 full time employees at Beddington ERF with two apprentices studying at the site. There was a discussion around how local suppliers could continue to be involved with the project once construction was complete.</p> <p>Steve commented throughout the Beddington ERF project, Viridor and its construction partners have been committed to supporting the local economy with goods and service requirements. Now that the ERF moves into operations it would require ongoing services, including cleaners, security, scaffolding and mobile plant hire. It was agreed that any members of the community interested in supporting the ERF or aware of companies that might be interested could pass on the email address Beddington@newgatecomms.com to learn more.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Regulatory and Planning Matters</p>	
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Louise McGoochan of the Environment Agency updated the community liaison group that she continued to visit the site regularly to align with activities at the ERF. Since the last meeting there was one odour complaint received to the north of the site. This related to a 'fuel like odour.' Viridor produced a report that included the wind direction at the time of the complaint and a register to confirm that there were no operations taking place or deliveries of fuel at the time of the report.</p>	



<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>There was a discussion around the most effective way to report an odour or complaint about the ERF. Viridor encouraged members of the community to contact the site directly on Beddington@newgatecomms.com or call 0800 975 3029. So that a member of the team could action an investigation.</p> <p>The Environment Agency could also be contacted, but it would take a number of hours to respond to the query. As such contacting Viridor in the first instance would ensure the complaint could be investigated in real time. Louise provided the most appropriate number for residents to contact the Environment Agency 24 hours a day on: 0800 807060.</p> <p>David Kingstone was formally introduced to the community liaison group and confirmed that there would be a monitoring station relocated to the Beddington village as mentioned earlier in the meeting. David asked Viridor if the ERF would still be operational in 2018. Garry confirmed that the ERF was scheduled to become operational in Autumn 2018.</p>	
<p>4.0</p>	<p><i>Community Issues</i></p>	
<p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p>Andrew updated the group that Viridor had continued to communicate information around the commissioning process at Beddington. All members of the community liaison group were appreciative of this information.</p> <p>Andrew continued to state that as part of the community engagement at Beddington the Conservation and Access Management Committee had now received appointments from the London Borough of Sutton. Viridor were awaiting the appointment of a representative to sit on the Community Benefit Funding panel. Once this was complete the funding panel could meet again and distribute funding.</p> <p>Viridor had recently issued payment to two successful projects – the Beddington Cricket and Carshalton Football Club and the Meadows Residents Association.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion around the intention of waste management company Suez to develop a waste management facility on land in Beddington. Viridor confirmed that this was not connected to the Beddington Farmlands or ERF developments. Sandy asked what material would be processed. Viridor confirmed they had received notification that a public consultation event would take place in Beddington village in the coming weeks to explain the proposals.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><i>Any Other Business</i></p>	
<p>5.1</p>	<p>Robert Walker introduced himself and asked the group if he could distribute a flyer about a project called 'social orchards' that sought to plant fruit trees in unused public areas for the local community to enjoy and benefit from a source of healthy food. Flyers were distributed to the members of the community liaison group.</p>	



6.0	Next Meeting	
6.1	<p>Andrew informed the community liaison group that at a previous meeting it was agreed the date of the next meeting would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 18th October at 18.00 <p>This 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>It was agreed that at the next meeting the next series of meeting dates would be suggested.</p>	AT