



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

Thursday 18 October 2018 18.00

Attendees:

- Sandy Goodwin – Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum
- Dennis Philpott – Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum
- Janet Emberson – Friends of Beddington Park
- Cllr Tim Foster – London Borough of Sutton
- Rosemary Ricketts – Environment Agency
- John Haynes – South London Waste Partnership
- David Kingstone – London Borough of Sutton
- Mike Stafford – Viridor, Chair
- Garry Wolfe – Viridor
- Brett McGuinn – 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, Mike Stafford 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 • Louise McGoochan – Environment Agency • Daniel Doris – London Borough of Sutton • Warrick Jopling – Eneteq • 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, 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 of Eneteq, Andrew Turner delivered an update on behalf of the Sutton Decentralised Energy Network (SDEN). The majority of the SDEN pipeline had now been laid, although there were ongoing works along the western edge of the site that would affect public access to the permissive footpath. This would include the installation of access chamber covers and the levelling of ground around them.</p> <p>Viridor had been working with Eneteq to replace the fencing along the permissive footpath to separate to southern lake edge from the footpath areas. It was proposed that the permissive footpath would be temporarily re-opened in the coming weeks however there were further works that would need to be carried out in early 2019 including laying the last section of pipe near to Hackbridge station and restoration works which will require the footpath to be closed again. Viridor would keep the CLG informed of when this closure would take place.</p> <p>Andrew noted that Melanie Nunzet, leader of the local walking group, 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 contactus@sden.org.uk</p>	
2.2	<p>Landfill update</p> <p>In the absence of Pete Walker, Andrew Turner delivered a brief update on landfill operations. It was confirmed that the Beddington landfill continued to support the South London Waste Partnership and third parties with safe disposal of residual waste.</p> <p>The ongoing restoration project had resumed following the conclusion of the breeding bird season and there were a number of planned activities in the autumn and winter months, including: maintenance of the meadowland and controlling the willows at the edge of the lakes. The team would also work to translocate reeds and clear the lake islands of vegetation to support a wider range of birds.</p> <p>Work continues on the first phase of the wet grassland habitats with contouring the islets and gullies due to be completed over the winter in preparation for seeding in the spring. There was also due to be woodland planting on the southern flank of the site.</p> <p>The Conservation Science Group and Conservation and Access Management Committee had been kept informed and consulted on proposals to slightly alter the route of the cycleway across the Farmlands and the enclosure of landfill infrastructure. There were</p>	

<p>2.3</p>	<p>also proposals to review locations of bird hides as set out in the Restoration Management Plan.</p> <p>Andrew asked the community liaison group if they, or their communities, had been affected by any odour or visual impact associated with the landfill or ERF. It was confirmed that there had been no complaints. Viridor encouraged the community to contact Viridor if there was any disturbance.</p> <p>ERF update</p> <p>Garry Wolfe delivered an update of the ERF construction programme using a short PowerPoint presentation. Garry showed an image of the Beddington ERF from the north west corner showing that the cladding was visually nearly complete along with work that was ongoing to install a mesh screen over the tipping hall roof. It was explained that the ERF exterior would be completely cladded.</p> <p>Garry showed photographs of the ERF tipping hall with a vehicle tipping into the waste bunker. Images of the process hall were shown, and Garry commented that almost all of the processing equipment was now installed. Garry confirmed that the Beddington ERF was currently in its commissioning phase; a phase that sees all components of the ERF switched on in isolation and tested to ensure they operate safely and below stringent emissions levels.</p> <p>An image of the waste bunker was shown, and it was explained that black-bag waste from the four boroughs of the South London Waste Partnership was delivered and the two waste cranes move this material into the processing hall. At the time of the meeting the ERF had received c. 20,000 tonnes of residual waste all from the South London Waste Partnership. The residual material was diverted away from the Beddington landfill site. It was confirmed that any fly-tipped or large material (including mattresses) would be inspected in the pre-treatment building at the ERF. If this material was suitable for the ERF it would be shredded and processed.</p> <p>Sandy Goodwin asked about the incinerator bottom ash, following an image of the ash bunker, that was created through the process. Andrew confirmed that any materials, including ceramics, stones and porcelains, that do not burn pass through the facility and create an aggregate that can be used in the construction industry. As part of the permitting of the facility this material is tested to ensure it is non-hazardous. Any metals that pass through into this material are removed from the ash and recycled. An image was shown of the metals that had been collected from the South London Waste Partnership material and it was discussed that this material should not have been placed in the residual waste bin and taken to a Household Waste Recycling Site instead.</p> <p>Dennis Philpott then asked about the air pollution control residue that is collected as a result of the flue gas treatment at the ERF. Brett McGuinn confirmed that this material was sent to a specialist facility to be treated and transformed into a building block. Dennis confirmed that the community would be very interested in using some of these blocks for community planters. It was agreed that Viridor and the Beddington community would continue the discussion about a donation of blocks outside of the meeting.</p>	<p>DP</p>
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	<p>Sandy referenced an artist’s impression of the Beddington ERF including a pond – asking if this was now built. Garry showed a photograph of the administration building at the ERF and the pond located at one end. Garry also indicated that landscaping work was ongoing in accordance with the planning permission of the ERF. As part of the administration building there would also be a brown roof installed. There was a discussion about how the pond acted as a gravity fed drainage system for the ERF development and how this water led out into the wet grassland.</p> <p>Dave Carlton updated the group that as part of the commissioning phase the Environment Agency, in their role as the environmental regulator, had visited the ERF a number of times to observe key commissioning activities including the calibration of the emissions monitoring equipment.</p> <p>Dave explained that the ERF flue stacks emitted a steam plume when the ERF was operational. This plume contained mostly water vapour and behaved similarly to a kettle in kitchen, where in certain conditions the steam was visible. Dave showed a number of images that showed different steam plumes coming from the Beddington ERF. It was confirmed that all of these were during normal and compliant operations. Should any of the community be concerned, they were encouraged to contact Viridor. This image was to be inserted into the minutes:</p> 	
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Regulatory and Planning Matters</p>	
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Louise McGoochan of the Environment Agency was unable to attend the meeting but shared an update to be read out “that she had visited the site for emissions monitoring tests to be undertaken as part of the commissioning process. Since the last meeting the Environment Agency has not received any complaints but understand that Viridor had received two that were fully investigated.”</p>	
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Viridor confirmed that since the last meeting there had been one complaint received directly by Viridor. It was of a noise and visual steam impact early one morning. Viridor confirmed that a full investigation was conducted, and the resident contacted. The cause of the steam was a normal part of the process where excess steam evacuates through a vent on the roof of the ERF.</p>	



<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p>Rosemary Ricketts, Environment Agency officer for the landfill mentioned that there was nothing to report with regards to the regulation of the landfill site, the team were progressing the Restoration Management Plan.</p> <p>David Kingstone also confirmed there had been no complaints to the environmental health department. David did mention that the London Borough of Sutton was in the process of relocating an air quality monitoring station to the Beddington village. Members of the community were appreciative of this but commented that the installation had been delayed a number of times. It was anticipated this would be completed in the coming months.</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. 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>4.0</p>	<p><i>Community Issues</i></p>	
<p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>Andrew delivered a short communications update at the ERF and Farmlands. Andrew confirmed that a community newsletter was due to be published in early 2019. Sandy noted that there was a great deal of interest in the facility within the local community and that there was a desire for the newsletter to be published before Christmas.</p> <p>It was agreed that an email update to members of the community liaison group could be shared before Christmas and this could then be shared to the wider community. Andrew also asked members of the CLG if there were more appropriate ways to communicate. Sandy confirmed it would be helpful to have contact details for the site on the Beddington village hall noticeboard. Andrew confirmed he would share the details.</p> <p>Andrew announced that a number of new projects had received support from the Beddington community benefit fund since the last meeting and that Viridor would be creating a short film to promote the fund and encourage further applications. Andrew encouraged members of the community liaison group to share and advocate the fund to their communities and encourage projects to contact Viridor for more information.</p> <p>Sandy asked a number of questions about the community oversight of the restoration project at Beddington. Andrew confirmed that there were three core groups that were actively involved in the restoration project for the Beddington Farmlands. Andrew took an action to include a short note about the membership of each group and their role at Beddington in the minutes.</p> <p>The Beddington Farm Bird Group – an ornithological membership organisation with members have keys to access the Beddington Farmlands. An annual report is produced on the bird life present at Beddington.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AT</p>

4.4	<p>Conservation Science Group (CSG) – an advisory group to monitor conservation management, review conservation monitoring and support the long-term management of the Farmlands.</p> <p>CSG membership: representing the council, Viridor, London Ecology Unit, London Bat Group, Beddington Farm Bird Group and other interested parties.</p> <p>Conservation and Access Management Committee (CAMC) – a scrutiny committee response for ensuring that Viridor and Thames Water abide by the Restoration Management Plan.</p> <p>CAMC membership: up to two representatives from Viridor/Thames Water (Pete Walker), up to three representatives from the council (Cllr Tim Foster, Cllr Vincent Galligan, Cllr Gillian Green), up to four independent members from local groups (Sue Morgan, Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust, Mathew Frith, London Wildlife Trust, Marcus Kohler, MKA Ecology, Derek Coleman, BFBG) David Warburton from the London Borough of Sutton also supports the CAMC.</p> <p>Cllr Tim Foster commented that there as a growing feeling of concern in Beddington around the volume of development or planned development taking place at Beddington – citing proposals by Suez and Prologis. He confirmed the need for enhanced communications for residents along Beddington lane. It was noted that there is the Beddington Improvement District and that the community was publishing an autumn newsletter.</p>	
5.0	Any Other Business	
5.1	<p>Cllr Foster shared information with the CLG about a local campaign to promote a tidier Beddington village. Cllr Foster commented that he will be working with local businesses and the community to install new bins and information about tidy places around the village. Viridor confirmed to Cllr that the team would support his work.</p>	AT
6.0	Next Meeting	
6.1	<p>Andrew informed the community liaison group that at a previous meeting it was agreed the dates of the next meetings would be agreed, in consultation with the members present the following dates for meetings were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 17th January 2019 at 18.00 • 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>	AT

