

Minutes of Allstone Liaison Group meeting

Date: Thursday 25th July 2024

Venue: Allstone House, Myers Road, Gloucester.

Attendees:

Rowan Elliott (RE): Managing Director, Allstone.

David Ambrose (DA): Operations Director, Allstone.

Paul Duncliffe (PD): Agent for Allstone (Chair).

Sarah Pearse (SP): Gloucestershire County Council.

Nick Bainton (NB): Gloucestershire County Council.

Gemma Simmonds (GS): Environment Agency

Clare Daley (CD): Environment Agency

Valerie Gannon (VG): Local Community Representative.

Theresa Leather (TL): Local Community Representative.

Item 1: Introductions.

PD: Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two Officers from the Environment Agency were in attendance and PD welcomed Gemma Simmonds who was taking over from Beth Robertson and Clare Daley, a technical specialist.

Item 2: Apologies.

PD: Advised that he had received apologies from Julie Turner (but she attended midway through the meeting)

Item 3: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2023.

PD: The Minutes were approved.

RE: provided a brief summary of the purpose of the Liaison Group, as follows:

- to provide a forum for community representation
- enable dialogue to continue
- provide feedback to the local community
- opportunity for positive engagement whilst accepting that some issues may be challenging

Item 4: Update to be provided on all improvements/repairs/new equipment purchased since the last meeting.

DA: Provided a summary as follows:

- upgrade of facilities/equipment including a new 20,000 litre water tank
- the WTS misting system is working well

- work undertaken to the front of the WTS building including new cladding
- improved structural integrity
- new roller shutter doors
- upgrade to an excavator – more modern including white noise fitted
- reversing alarms have been replaced on the entire fleet – all now fitted with white noise reversing alarms and cameras
- general site housekeeping including tidying up of storage units
- monthly safety meeting now held with all staff
- improvements to the site drainage – some of the old drains have been replaced and this is an on-going process to prevent puddling. This has however involved unknown historical ground conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

PD: asked about the squeaky doors.

DA: confirmed that the roller shutter doors are no longer squeaky.

VG: advised that the doors still remain open when they should be shut.

RE: **Action Point:** RE to deal with.

TL: enquired who is responsible for dust.

VG: advised that she had asked about this but had not received a reply.

SP: **Action Point:** SP would follow up on this with Simon Shopland and Councillor Dominic Morris.

VG/TL; advised that drivers are still going too fast and there is excessive noise. TL gave an example of the area near the beauty salon.

VG: provided examples of machine buckets being dropped and said it was all about education of staff.

CD: advised that any concerns about noise can be reported to the EA helpline which is 0800 807060. The EA's role is about permit compliance and any additional mitigation measures by the operator. It is also about good communication.

Action Point: to follow up on the Noise Management Plan.

Item 5: Update on Action Points

RE: provided an update on the previous **Action Points**.

PD: enquired about the City Planning Department and their attendance.

NB: explained the position that GCC Planning had also attempted to get the City Council to attend the Liaison Group meetings.

JT: advised that she had taken this point up with Sean Herbert the City Council's Development Manager.

Item 6: Update on any complaints received since the last meeting

JT: reported that there had been out of hours work undertaken.

VG: asked why this work could not have been done during working hours.

JT: suggested that details could be put on the website or e-mail Members of the Liaison Group.

Item 7: Update on 23/0040/GLMAJW

SP: provided an update on the current planning application. A review of the application was underway and consultations were being progressed with GCC's various consultants.

Item 8: Quarterly Waste Returns

PD: to send through to SP/NB the latest quarterly waste returns.

RE: asked SP to explain the planning application process including the role of the various statutory consultees.

SP: provided a summary of the planning application process which involves obtaining the various statutory consultee responses and third party representations. She will then prepare a report for the Planning Committee.

DA: advised that the current planning application only relates to the aggregates recycling site. The waste skip business has its own separate planning permission. There is also a requirement for various Permits to be obtained from the Environment Agency.

SP: asked what necessitates a need for a bespoke Permit.

CD: explained the reasons for a bespoke Permit.

Item 9: Feedback from Local Community Representatives

TL: advised that noise and dust continues.

CD: enquired whether there are specific dates/times.

VG: referred to the doors on the north elevation of the waste transfer station building. She also made reference to the claw grabbers and reversing beeping.

Item 10: Any other business

No other business was raised.

Item 11: Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Thursday 24th October commencing at midday (Allstone House)