

Minutes of Allstone Liaison Group

Date: Thursday 24th October 2024

Venue: Allstone House, Myers Road, Gloucester

Attendees:

Rowan Elliott (RE): Managing Director, Allstone

David Ambrose (DA): Operations Director, Allstone

Paul Dunccliffe (PD): Agent for Allstone (Chair)

Nick Bainton (NB): Gloucestershire County Council

Valerie Gannon (VG): Local Community Representative

Theresa Leather (TL): Local Community Representative

Item 1: Introductions.

PD: Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 2: Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Sarah Pearse, Julie Turner, Jemma Simmonds

Item 3: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th July 2024.

VG: advised that the Minutes did not include reference to her observation that reverse bleeping can still be heard.

DA: advised that the machine in question was a hired in machine which has since been changed and this was picked up by Jemma Simmonds on her latest site visit. He also reported that the Kobelco machine has been changed.

VG: advised that matters had dramatically improved but there remained a problem with squeaky doors on the west elevation.

DA: advised that this was being reviewed with Jemma Simmonds as part of the Noise Management Plan for the site.

PD: Asked that the Minutes be approved subject to the above points being noted. The Minutes were approved.

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

DA: reported as follows:

- Pace of change has reduced following extensive work over the last 18 months
- Additional signage has been installed
- Further drainage improvements have been made
- The Foden dumper has been replaced
- Repairs to the roof of WTS building have been undertaken
- Additional cladding/re-cladding work has been undertaken to the WTS building

Item 5: Update on Action Points

RE: provided an update on the various Action Points and confirmed he would be issuing an updated Action Point log.

VG: advised that she had chased up Councillor Dominic Morris (Cabinet Member for Highways) on drainage matters.

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

PD: advised that feedback had been received from Julie Turner which highlighted the road sweeper being noisy along with a constant level of noise.

NB: advised that there had been one complaint from a local resident about the fire on site.

VG: raised concerns about fires on the site. How did it happen and made reference to explosions going off.

RE: advised that it was likely that a battery had started the fire.

DA: reported that the Fire Brigade Service had undertaken a follow up site visit and Allstone's Fire Plan had been commended. There would be a 6 month follow up site visit primarily intended for site familiarisation purposes. Allstone has also followed matters up by engaging a Fire Risk Consultant whose recommendations would be included in the Fire Plan. One of the recommendations was to ensure that connection points for running water were installed.

VG: made reference to potential problems about the Fire Brigade not being able to access the site.

DA: advised that the Fire Brigade's fire pack did not include the keybox for access. This has since been included along with a photographic record of the site.

TL: commented that Allstone has a duty of care and should have explained to the local community how the fire started.

PD: suggested that an update on the fire could be included in the next edition of Spotlight.

TH: enquired where local residents can find the Minutes of the Liaison Group meetings.

RE: advised that these are displayed on the Allstone's website.

VG: mentioned that early morning starts are still taking place and gave an example of 04:45am morning starts causing unnecessary noise. She advised that there should be nothing happening before 07:30am but it still happens. She also provided a noise recording taken from the garden of her house and explained that the key noise events were from the grabber buckets when material is being placed into vehicles, the road sweeper vehicle and the chutes from the washing plant. She mentioned that it's about education.

DA: advised that the Noise Management Plan was being reviewed and that key aspects were being reinforced to all staff including tool box talks.

VG: advised that the message needs to =be engrained into all staff about noise.

PD: asked DA what is the timescale for the update on the Noise Management Plan review.

DA: advised that this was an on-going process in conjunction with the EA.

VG: suggested it might be a good idea to ask a couple of the drivers to attend one of the Liaison Group meetings.

RE: agreed that this was a good idea.

NB: mentioned that during the meeting he had heard 3 instances of the reversing beepers.

Item 7: Update on 23/0040/GLMAJW.

PD: advised that the application was still under consideration with various updated reports in the course of preparation in response to statutory consultee responses.

Item 8: Quarterly waste returns

PD: provided an update on the quarterly waste returns.

Item 9: Feedback from Local Community Representatives

PD: advised that this item had been covered off earlier in the meeting.

Item 10: Any other business

NB: provided an update on the appointment of a new Planning Enforcement Officer. He would be providing a briefing to the new Enforcement Officer and that a line in the sand is likely to be drawn in relation to what has planning permission on the site. The transition process was an important aspect.

Item 11: Date of next meeting

PD: advised that the next Liaison Group meeting would be in January 2025 and he would check the date and circulate to Members of the Group.

Meeting ended at 1:25pm.

