

Notes of Sinks Pit Community Liaison Meeting – 26 September 2024

Agency reports

ESC Environmental Protection (EP)

- Agency meetings continue
- Complaints being monitored
- Visit planned for 27 September to observe testing of 'new' wash plant screen

Environment Agency

- Unannounced visit undertaken – no con-compliances identified (visits made when weather conditions appropriate to ensure maximum disturbance at Hall Road)
- Tonnage limit – TRU responsible for monitoring

SCC

- Hemlock cut down
- Acoustic fence planning permission expired
- Height of bund - no longer appropriate to consider

ESC Planning

- Delay in considering TRU retrospective application (DC/22/5004/FUL) due to staff shortage, incomplete information from TRU and failure to comply with pre-conditions, outstanding consideration of ESC EP matters.
- ESC EP still considering 'gas' from landfill site and building door controls
- ESC Planning are ensuring all matters are considered/resolved prior to submission to Planning Committee.
- In the event of an appeal then Planning Inspectorate decision is final thus removing any opportunity for negotiation.

(Note. Under EIR any property within 250 metres of a landfill site will have 'gas' information provided as part of property search.

Worth noting that a Playford Road resident had to take out indemnity insurance to ensure property sale))

TRU

- Lights – software problems identified and being actioned. Meanwhile lights controlled manually.
- Wash plant screen – install delayed due to manufacturing fault (fixings 80mm out) and a design change which required parts from Germany and subsequent delay in customs.
- Testing of 'new' wash plant screen due on 27th September.

- TRU 'noise' consultant advised that the failures noted in July 2023 were due to tracked vehicles being driven inappropriately (too fast)
- TRU to discuss with ESC EP the building doors and how control can be exercised so that doors remain closed when noisy work undertaken.

TRU rep. acknowledged that TRU had added to the complexity of this application by not adhering to due process but hoped that recent activities had demonstrated their willingness to expedite this matter.

Little Bealings PC

- Await testing of 'new' wash plant screen
- Await consideration of outstanding planning application.

DONM – 5th December at 9am, ESC office Melton.