



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

Thursday 17 October 2019 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
- David Kingstone – London Borough of Sutton
- Brett McGuin – Viridor
- Dave Carlton – Viridor
- Garry Wolfe – Viridor
- Sarah Ling – Viridor
- Mike Stafford – Viridor, Chair
- Andrew Turner - Madano, supporting Viridor

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| 1.0 | Introductions & Apologies | |
| 1.1 | Mike Stafford welcomed members of the CLG to the meeting and shared a short safety briefing with members. | |
| 1.2 | <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 • Naomi Martin – BEDZED • John Haynes – South London Waste Partnership • Daniel Doris – London Borough of Sutton • David Kingstone – London Borough of Sutton • Mandar Puranik – London Borough of Sutton • Warrick Jopling – Eneteq • Louise McGoochan – Environment Agency • Rosemary Ricketts – Environment Agency • Pete Walker – Viridor | |
| 1.3 | <p>Andrew Turner asked if all members present had received a copy of the minutes of the last meeting. It was noted that a member of the Group has not received a copy via email – hard copies were also available at the meeting.</p> <p>Andrew asked if members believed the minutes were representative of the last meeting. Members present agreed that the minutes were representative and were signed off. Andrew took an action to upload a copy to the Viridor website after seven days to enable any further comments to be shared.</p> | AT |



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| 2.0 | Operations Report | |
| 2.1 | <p>Eneteq update</p> <p>In the absence of Adam Whiteley and Daniel Doris, Andrew Turner delivered a short update of the Sutton Decentralised Energy Network (SDEN) pipeline project. Andrew confirmed that SDEN’s contractor, Eneteq had completed the pipeline installation and pumping station facility near to the ERF. Remediation planting works were taking place across the Beddington Farmlands along the pipeline route.</p> <p>The installation of an associated communications cable was deferred and is scheduled to be carried out in November. Andrew confirmed that this would not require closure of the permissive footpath. Eneteq were coordinating their final works with Barratt’s contractors at the New Mill Quarter Energy Centre, and the planned commissioning of the pipeline was scheduled for December.</p> <p>Upon completion of the presentation, Andrew confirmed that should the community liaison group have any questions about the SDEN project, Daniel Doris, Project Manager at Opportunity Sutton could be contacted on daniel.doris@sutton.gov.uk.</p> <p>It was agreed that in the coming months it would be helpful for a further presentation of the project to be shared with members of the CLG.</p> | DD |
| 2.2 | <p>Landfill update</p> <p>In the absence of Peter Walker and Adrian Frost, Andrew also delivered a short presentation on the landfill restoration operations. Andrew confirmed that restoration activities were taking place across the site in accordance with the Restoration Management Plan. It was noted that in the coming weeks the landfill site would temporarily receive non-inert (household) waste due to a short ERF shut down for maintenance. It was confirmed that until 31st December 2019, Viridor was able to utilise the landfill if the ERF was not operational.</p> <p>Andrew explained that Viridor had received two odour complaints linked to recent landfill infrastructure drilling, Andrew indicated the works on a PowerPoint slide and explained why Viridor needed to drill into aged waste to upgrade landfill infrastructure to support the site as it enters its aftercare phase. It was agreed at the recent Conservation and Access Management Committee that the CLG would be notified of future works that could cause a noticeable upon the local community.</p> <p>The restoration snapshots, short one page updates, for the Summer and Autumn were shown on a screen and Andrew encouraged members of the community to share and like the posts on various local social media groups to help grow a wider understanding of the Beddington project. Andrew also confirmed that these would continue to be emailed to members of the CLG.</p> <p>Viridor and Thames Water would be meeting at an executive level in the coming weeks to discuss the wider future of the wider site habitats (Hundred Acre and South East Corner) and how they can be managed to support lapwings as the habitats have</p> | AT |



started to dry out due to changes in Thames Water's operations and the cessation of sludge pumping activity.

Andrew confirmed that the wet grassland (phase one near to the northern bird hide on the permissive footpath) was ready for final contouring and shaping with Viridor due to submit final designs to the Conservation and Access Management Committee (CAMC) and Conservation Science Group (CSG) before planting takes place in the spring 2020.

It was indicated on a photograph that the next phase (2) located to north of the pylons had now commenced its 'bulk dig' with this now largely complete and bordering the ERF construction village. Andrew noted that Viridor was in discussions with its ERF construction partner to agree access to the construction village car park to continue excavations. Viridor would also be submitting final designs for this habitat in the coming months for review by the CAMC and CSG.

Finally Andrew noted that the southern wet grassland bulk dig was due to start following the removal of the clay stockpile in this part of the site (this part of the site was noted as bordering Beddington Park).

Andrew updated the CLG that following concern from community and ornithological stakeholders, Viridor had started to pump water from the wet grassland habitats in the north of the site to dampen the bird scrape in the northern area of the site to create and maintain an attractive habitat for wet grassland species, this will support the birds until the wet grassland is completed.

Mowing continued across the meadowland habitats when weather allowed along with reseeding to enhance the species rich grassland in accordance with the Restoration Management Plan. Andrew updated the CLG that the acidic grassland trials continued and Viridor would be reviewing the information before presenting this to the CSG and CAMC in the winter 2019. Andrew also noted that a number of bird feeders across the site had undergone repairs to ensure larger birds were not crowding out the small more delicate species.

Following the reopening of the permissive footpath in July, heavy rain caused puddling along the permissive footpath. Viridor had continued to upgrade the pathway following feedback from stakeholders. There was a brief discussion about the usability of the permissive footpath and it was noted that it was still not suitable for wheelchair users. Andrew confirmed that the permissive footpath is designated as an 'unmade' footpath through the site and that as part of the Farmlands restoration a made cycleway that would be suitable for wheelchairs and buggies would be made available connecting Beddington Park with the north of the site.

Andrew confirmed that following feedback from members of the community, Viridor met with members of the Beddington Farm Bird Group and community to consult on amendments to the installed viewing hatches to make lower hatches available along with installing benches in the hides on the permissive footpath.

Viridor met with the London Borough of Sutton and community members to discuss the SDEN tree planting scheme associated with the pipeline on the permissive



footpath. It was noted that following expected tree failure, a beat up (a visual review of the trees) survey would be completed in the spring and Viridor would award a multi-year tree management contract to ensure all trees were replanted and established in accordance with the planning conditions.

Viridor presented to the Sutton Council Housing, Economy and Business Committee in October to update members on the Beddington Farmlands project and responding to the recent Wandle Valley Forum petition. The update noted that Viridor remains confident and committed to delivering the Beddington Farmlands in accordance with its planning permission. Viridor will present to the Housing, Economy and Business Committee six monthly. Members of the community will continue to be kept updated of progress through monthly restoration snapshots and the restoration roadmap. Andrew confirmed that the CAMC would meet next on 12th December.

2.3 ERF operational update

Garry Wolfe and Dave Carlton delivered a short presentation showing images of the ERF, explaining that since the last meeting that there had only been small changes to the visual appearance of the Beddington ERF reflecting the final stages of the construction process.

Images of the cladding work to the ERF facility were shown and Garry confirmed that small repairs and alterations to the cladding would be made to the administration building. In the coming months there would be remediation works to the temporary roadways onsite.

The ERF workshop, that will support the ERF during normal operations, was now being equipped with workshop machinery and would be occupied by members of the ERF operations team in the coming weeks. Garry noted that some of the construction village compound may start to be removed from the site in the coming months aligning to the requirements of the site. This may be visible from the permissive footpath bird hides.

Garry showed an image of swift boxes being installed to the northern facade of the ERF building. It was noted that the administration building featured a 'living brown roof' that would provide habitat and feeding grounds for the swifts before nesting in the boxes.

Garry also confirmed that this meeting would likely be the final construction update for the CLG, with the ERF operations team starting to take a more prominent role in the CLG meetings.

Sarah Ling, Viridor education and community benefits officer at the ERF welcomed members of the CLG to the visitor centre and showed the CLG an example of one of the interpretation panels that will be fitted across the centre. Sarah also explained that in the coming months Viridor will welcome school and community groups to the ERF. Sarah shared the educational materials that school and community groups would use to learn about the ERF and waste minimisation.



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| | <p>It was agreed that in the coming months, the community liaison group would be welcomed for a visit of the Beddington ERF.</p> <p>CLlr Foster also noted that the facility was a fantastic asset for the local community and asked if there were plans for local community groups to be welcomed to the site for visits and to make use of the visitor centre. Andrew confirmed that in the coming months Viridor would like to welcome the Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum, Beddington BID Group and Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group for visits to learn about how the ERF works in more detail. Depending on the timing of the visits these could be aligned to regular meetings of the groups.</p> <p>Dave Carlton explained the activities taking place at the ERF and the final stages of process optimisation that have taken place in the weeks since the last meeting including reliability testing.</p> <p>Garry asked the community liaison group if any members had been affected by the ERF operations. The community members confirmed that they had not been impacted. It was noted that as the weather becomes colder there may be a more visible steam plume from ERF flue stacks, however this would not mean the ERF was non-compliant. Andrew reiterated that if members of the community were concerned by activity to contact Beddingtonrerf@viridor.co.uk or call 0800 975 3029 at any time.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion around the emissions monitoring reports hosted on the Virtual Visitor Centre at the Beddington ERF. Brett noted that in recent weeks there has been a couple of minor exceedances of carbon monoxide. He explained that the Beddington ERF is equipped with highly sensitive control and instrumentation systems to ensure that the recovery of energy from non-recyclable waste is robust and takes place in accordance with stringent environmental limits. Non-recyclable waste, by its nature, changes in composition from bag to bag and occasionally changes in material can cause disruption to the combustion process for a short period. In each circumstance the level of carbon monoxide in the Beddington ERF increased above the permitted limits temporarily before returning to permitted operating conditions. The Environment Agency had been notified.</p> | <p>SL</p> <p>AT</p> |
| <p>3.0</p> | <p>Regulatory and Planning Matters</p> | |
| <p>3.1</p> | <p>In the absence of the Environment Agency and Regulatory representatives Andrew delivered an update received from the representatives:</p> <p>Louise McGoochan EA officer for the ERF noted:</p> <p>I attended the site in August to watch the calibration of the automated measuring system. I also attended site in September for a meeting to discuss procedures along with the EA’s national lead. Two EA officers visited in September to witness validation monitoring which I was unable to attend due to pre booked annual leave.</p> | |



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| <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> | <p>We have received one odour complaint since the last meeting, but the site reported that the plant was not operational at the time of the complaint. We have received a copy of the quarter 2 monitoring report.</p> <p>Rosemary Ricketts EA officer for the landfill and transfer station on the day before the CLG meeting:</p> <p>My apologies for my non-attendance today.</p> <p>Recycling Centre – the burnt remains of the 11th July 2019 had been removed and investigation into the cause of the fire is still continuing. The Environment Agency has continued with compliance visits and only wastes permitted by its environmental permit is accepted, bulked up and transported elsewhere for further treatment. Variation of the permit will be considered to reflect current operations.</p> <p>Landfill – wastes from ERF is accepted only when planned downtime occurs in a small area of the landfill, waste will no longer be accepted after 31st December 2019. Currently capping and installation of gas/leachate pipework has occurred with general tidying up of the site. Environmental monitoring i.e. gas and leachate management will continue after that date.</p> <p>David Kingstone – Environmental Health Officer for Sutton</p> <p>Commented that his team continued to receive occasional comments from members of the community regarding the ERF and the landfill operations. On each occasion a full investigation will be conducted and Viridor i contacted to support the process.</p> <p>David also noted that he works across the south London Boroughs to co-ordinate environmental health activity to ensure best-practice and confirmed it would be very helpful for members of the team to visit the ERF to understand the environmental controls and day to day operations. Brett confirmed Viridor would agree a date for a visit in the coming weeks.</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.</p> | <p>BM</p> |
| <p>4.0</p> | <p>Community Issues</p> | |
| <p>4.1</p> | <p>Andrew delivered a brief communications update from the Beddington ERF confirming that the final construction newsletter would be prepared in the winter 2019 and be issued to align with the completion of construction at the ERF in the spring 2020. It was agreed that this would be shared with the residents of the Beddington North ward.</p> | |



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| <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> | <p>Andrew also showed a photograph of members of local charities at the Beddington ERF. He confirmed that Viridor, corporately had revised the way in which charitable donations are administered across the UK. For the 2019/20 period 12 national charity partners had been selected to receive donations in the communities around Viridor’s operations. In the vicinity of the Beddington ERF, three partners were selected. The Sutton based St Raphaels Hospice, Croydon based The British Home and Morden focused Merton Mencap each received £3333.</p> <p>The Beddington Community Benefit Fund panel met in July and committed to funding another c. £10,000 to support local projects. It was agreed by the panel that a letter would be issued to all registered charities in the four London boroughs of the South London Waste Partnership to raise awareness of the fund and promote future applications.</p> | |
| <p>5.0</p> | <p>Any Other Business</p> | |
| <p>5.1</p> | <p>In the absence of Mandar Puranik, area renewal and regeneration manager at the London Borough of Sutton, a brief update of the Beddington major scheme works was delivered:</p> <p>Works programme for October and November 2019</p> <p>The phase 1 highways works in the village had been completed and continuing to progress in the industrial area between Bath House Road and Marlowe Way. The next stage will commence outside Prologis Park with dates being agreed with Prologis representatives.</p> <p>In the village area, a flushed central median works will be carried out overnight with a traffic closure in place. Dates for these are yet to be programmed but expected to be later this year or early next year.</p> <p>The relocation of the Air Quality Monitoring station and brickwork planter seating outside the Beddington Village Hall will be completed by the end of November.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion around the delays to the Air Quality Monitoring station relocation. David Kingstone confirmed that the London Borough of Sutton was prepared and ready for the relocation however the utility connection waiting time was causing the delay.</p> <p>The team is working on the tree planting plan to mitigate any potential impacts of tree works carried out in connection with the highways scheme and ensure no net loss.</p> <p>Land acquisition</p> <p>The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) public inquiry dates are confirmed for 19th - 21st November. A Public Notice will be published in the local press over the coming</p> | |



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| | <p>weeks. The London Borough of Sutton are continuing to address landowners' objections or secure the land by a private treaty. Further details are available here.</p> <p>HGV restrictions</p> <p>The implementation is on hold until further evidence is gathered and business engagement is carried out. One to one meetings were held during the summer with businesses to understand their concerns and the potential impacts in detail. A meeting with the London Borough of Croydon is proposed in for November.</p> <p>Roundabout at Asda</p> <p>A temporary mini roundabout planned at Asda junction for two weeks and temporary line markings was put down. The timescale and dates is currently being reviewed in light of UK Power Networks (UKPN) works and minimise potential disruption.</p> <p>The final scheme is subject to the outcome of a CPO or land acquisition and programmed to be implemented for early 2020.</p> <p>UK Power Networks (UKPN) works</p> <p>These works are being organised by a third party (UKPN) for a third party client. We understand that it is to install the connection in the footway, but they will need their vehicles adjacent to the site on the carriageway and hence the need for the Traffic Management.</p> <p>The London Borough of Sutton Streetworks Department will be coordinating with the UKPN to ensure traffic management is agreed in advance of a permit being issued.</p> <p>CLlr Foster noted that in a recent committee meeting, there was some confusion over how the Beddington ERF was described in the wider south London waste management service. It was confirmed that a clarification line would be shared to confirm that the energy recovery facility supported the South London Waste Partnership with the recovery of energy from non-recyclable waste.</p> | |
| 6.0 | Next Meeting | |
| 6.1 | <p>Andrew noted that future meetings would now be held in the ERF visitor centre. At a previous meeting it was agreed that Thursday evenings were most convenient for the group and it was proposed that the next meetings would be held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd January 2020 • 23rd April 2020 (Easter being the 12th April) • 23rd July 2020 • 22nd October 2020 | |



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