

Devonport Incinerator Liaison Committee Meeting

Date: 23rd January 2014

Weston Mill Oak Villa social club: 7 – 9 pm

Present:

- Melv Chislett - MC
- George Cooke – GC
- Carol Cooke – CC
- Veronica Smerdon – VS
- Mr and Mrs Murphy – MM
- Janis Uglow - JU
- David Angove – DA
- Nick and Sharon – NS
- Alex Battershill – AB
- Pamela Husson - PH
- George Wheeler – GW (ward councillor)
- Sarah Taylor – ST (Environment Agency)
- Mark Turner - MT (SWDWP)
- James Tucker - JT (MoD)
- Paul Carey – PC (MVV)
- Jane Ford - JF (MVV)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pat Patel• Margaret McKee	
2.	Welcome to new members	
	<p>Introductions were made as a number of new residents were in attendance.</p> <p>JF asked whether everyone would be happy for notes to be placed on MVV's website. All members were happy with this.</p>	JF
3.	Minutes from previous meeting	
	<p>GW noted that MVV had applied for an extension of NDT activities with a request for additional hours until 23:00. JF confirmed that NDT activities were currently continuing under the existing approval and would not go on beyond 21:00, pending approval of the next testing period.</p> <p>CC noted that the steelwork erection had been a particularly noisy period of construction. PC explained that the cladding is now being installed and will further mitigate against this. PC also pointed out that there are strict noise limits applied to the construction site and through regular monitoring it is demonstrated that these are not being breached.</p>	

	<p>NS stated that the noise was noticeable but not as intrusive as expected.</p>	
4.	Matters concerning residents	
	<p><u>Traffic</u> It was noted that issues on the A38 could cause gridlock on the St Budeaux By-pass. MT pointed out that the roads are under the control of the Highways Department but it is not likely that the A38 will be increased to three lanes to compensate.</p> <p>MT stated that there will be two vehicles from Torbay doing approximately three or four round trips per day and that the PCC vehicles are already on Plymouth's roads. PC added that there will not be any waste coming from Cornwall Council and that delivery timings will be designed to avoid peak traffic times.</p> <p>CC asked about the possibility of a bridge over the road to make school journeys safer as the underpass is regularly flooded. PC stated that no bridge is planned and that this would be the responsibility of PCC / central government.</p> <p>PC noted that 1% of the traffic flowing though Weston Mill junction will be coming and going to the Facility, which equates to 132 vehicles per day.</p> <p>MT confirmed that the pattern of PCC vehicle deliveries are under review and may change and vehicles will be directed primarily along the by-pass. In addition, PCC are currently using modelling software to design the new routes.</p> <p>AB asked about potential impacts of an accident on the Parkway (A38). MT agreed that this would affect deliveries but stated that new driver software is being installed in the cabs to alert drivers and divert them if possible in the case of unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>PH asked about the possibility of a pedestrian crossing outside Plaistow Hill primary school and the possibility of the NYCT funding this. GW pointed out that this could be raised at the forthcoming 'Have Your Say' neighbourhood meeting at Kings Tamerton community centre as ward councillors have their own budgets to spend on improvements based on public feedback at these meetings.</p> <p><u>Visual impacts</u> JU asked about visual impacts and mitigation. JF explained that sums of money had been paid to PCC and a plan submitted. The Plymouth City Council Green Infrastructure Team are dealing with this.</p> <p>The possibility of creating a green link between Weston Mill school and Blackie Woods was raised. JT offered to take the proposal back to the MoD for consideration. PC raised the possibility of applying to the NYCT for money to employ consultants to assist with such plans. JF pointed out that Weston Mill residents are represented on the NYCT by their ward councillor, Tina Tuohy.</p> <p><u>Energy efficiency measures</u></p>	<p>JT</p>

	<p>PC explained that there is central government money available to assist residents but residents present were concerned that this is only available to those on certain benefits and the problem with accessing Green Deal funding is that it requires an initial assessment which they would have to pay for.</p> <p>It was noted that as part of the S106 agreement £2m must be paid to PCC (of which £1m has already been paid) for low-carbon infrastructure which could include District Heating. PC pointed out that only PCC could answer the question of how this money could be unlocked to benefit the local community. It was also noted that any such scheme would require significant planning and will take time.</p> <p>It was requested that a member of PCC's Low Carbon team be invited to attend the next ILC meeting.</p> <p>PC went on to explain that there may be European funding to top-up MVV's S106 contribution and MVV are exploring who should apply for this.</p> <p>AB asked about the steam demand from the Dockyard and PC stated that the Dockyard takes the steam it needs and the Facility turns the rest into electricity.</p> <p>GC pointed out that as a group of residents they lacked sufficient knowledge to fully explore the questions being raised.</p>	<p>JF</p>
<p>5. Forthcoming activities and other updates</p>		
	<p><u>Marine Litter Monitoring</u> PC confirmed that all larger objects, including concrete pipes, will be removed from the creek. Any residents interested in helping out at the next 'Clean the Creek' event would be most welcome and a personal invitation will be sent.</p> <p><u>MoD (JT)</u> The Government's City Deal (CD) initiative was launched by the Deputy Prime Minister (Nick Clegg), led by the Cabinet Office (CO) aimed at giving local Councils new powers and freedoms for cities to take control and responsibility for decisions that will help business and economic growth in their areas. A Plymouth CD expression of interest was submitted on 15 January 2013, and included promoting the establishment of a Marine Industries Production Campus (MIPC), one location for which could be South Yard.</p> <p>Since then, the Naval Base and Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) have been working with Plymouth City Council and the Homes and Communities Agency to discuss the art of the possible. A South Yard Programme Board (Chaired alternately by NBC and PCC) has been established and a project dossier of documents compiled.</p> <p>The MoD position has been to support CD, while protecting ongoing MoD operational requirements in South Yard.</p> <p>Following ongoing discussions between Ministerial departments, agreement was reached and a CD signing ceremony (with Greg Clark,</p>	<p>JF</p>

	<p>CO Minister for City Deals) took place in South Yard last Friday (17 Jan) – there was extensive local media coverage.</p> <p>Work is now progressing for MoD, DIO, the Homes and Communities Agency and Plymouth City Council to work together to explore the feasibility of releasing land in SY.</p> <p><u>Environment Agency</u> ST explained that the EA would become increasingly involved in the project as the operational phase approaches. The EA’s role is to ensure that the Facility complies with its permit with regards to odour, emissions etc.</p> <p>NS asked about the firing up of Langage and the release of a ‘black cloud’ caused by accumulations in the chimney and pipework. PC pointed out that Langage is gas-fired, ie. using a ‘clean’ fuel and therefore doesn’t have filters at the end of the process. The emissions are the result of metal heating for the first time. Although MVV’s Facility does not have filters within the chimney itself, the inside of the chimney is made from high quality stainless steel, minimising any build-up of unwanted accumulations. In addition, any gases that have passed through the pipework will also pass through the filtration system.</p> <p>In response to a question about the EU commission report regarding PM 2.5s and PM 10s, ST pointed out that legislation often changes and when it does the Environment Agency will investigate and have the power to tighten permits. There is no consultation process but all documents are publically available. ST further clarified that all environmental permits are site-specific. PC referred to the Waste Incineration Directive (WID) limits and stated that for dust (as an example) the Facility will operate at around 10% of the allowable limit so even if those limits were halved the Facility would still be well within the new limits.</p> <p><u>Communication</u> Residents confirmed that they received construction newsletters. MVV have been communicating with local residents since the planning stage of the project and JF confirmed that the next newsletter is due to go out at the end of February.</p> <p><u>Commissioning</u> GW asked when this would be happening and PC stated that construction is due to be substantially complete by the summer, followed by mechanical completion testing and commissioning. The Facility is due to be fully operational in January 2015.</p> <p><u>IBA (Incinerator Bottom Ash)</u> PC confirmed MVV’s intention to process this in Devon in the long term but in the short term it will have to go further afield. There are existing processing plants in Hampshire, Birmingham, North and West London. It is anticipated that there will be between 10 and 15 IBA lorries visiting the Facility each day (and these are included in the 132 vehicles mentioned previously).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JF</p>
6.	Any other business	

	<p>PH asked what the appropriate disposal procedure is for low-energy light bulbs. MT, PC and JF all confirmed that these should be taken to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (eg Chelson Meadow or Weston Mill).</p> <p>MC mentioned that he had noticed lights on site at 6pm. It was noted that the low intensity perimeter lights are routinely left on for security reasons and that other lights are on timers which go off at 7:15pm.</p> <p>Two dates were set for site visits for any interested residents JF to coordinate visits by interested residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 21st February @ 3pm • Saturday 22nd February @ 10am 	JF
7.	Date of next meeting	
	Wednesday 16 th April, 19:00 @ Weston Mill Oak Villa	