

CONNON BRIDGE LANDFILL SITE

COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING MINUTES

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Subject	Connon Bridge Liaison Group
Date	31/01/2023
Location	Connon Bridge
Recorder	Sarah Cotton
Chair	Lisa Thompson

Present

Name	Initials	Company	Title
Jon Davis	JD	SUEZ	Operations Manager East Cornwall
Alistair Walker	AW	SUEZ	Construction Project Manager
Sarah Cotton	SC	SUEZ	Education and Community Officer
Lisa Thompson	LT	SUEZ	Senior Community Liaison Manager and Chair
Sheldon Roberts	SR	CORMAC	Project Manager
Lindsay Opie	LO	CORMAC	Communications and Engagement Manager
John Emerson	JE	Resident	
Dale Unsworth	DU	Cornwall Council	Integrated Waste Management Contract Team Leader
Jackie Ward	JW	Cornwall Council	Head of Waste
Doug Mills	DM	Resident and St Pinnock Parish Council	



Jenny Mills	JM	Resident	
Jane Pascoe	JP	Cllr for Liskeard South and Dobwalls	Cornwall Councillor
Richard Pugh	RP	Resident	
Carole Spear	CS	Resident and St Pinnock Parish Council	Chair
John Duffy	JD	CORMAC	Site Supervisor
Stuart Parker	SP	SUEZ	Senior Site Manager

Ref	Note	Action
1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
1.1	LT opened the meeting. Introductions were made for new members present. Apologies were received from Craig Mouatt, Andrew Smith, Tim Warne, Emma Smyth, Paul Jordan, Janet and Henry Haley.	
2.0	Minutes of meeting held on 19/07/22	
2.1	Participants need to be added RP and CS. Minutes adopted.	SC
3.0	Matters arising	
3.1	<p>SR updated that the vehicle log has been submitted to JP. DM added that the concern is not just for CORMAC vehicles but for total vehicles on site. SR suggested a catch up with JD about this.</p> <p>JM highlighted that two or three times a day there are vehicles parked by the entrance to site on the opposite side of the road.</p> <p>JD suggested including information in a driver's induction and a sign to keep the area clear. JW added that the vehicle limit means that it is important this is sorted out.</p>	<p>SR / JD</p> <p>JD</p>



	<p>AW answered the last meetings enquiry about how many contractors competed for the contract. There were three original tenders and two competed before CORMAC were awarded the contract.</p> <p>LO completed her action by sharing the CORMAC contact information.</p> <p>JD to action the painting of the "Stop" line.</p>	JD
4.0	SUEZ Operational Update HWRC & RTS and Construction Update	
4.1	<p>JD updated the group that the verge has been cut back.</p> <p>DM asked who is responsible for the estate as he had come across fly tipping and a tree that had fallen down. DU answered that it would be the Council and that it needed to be reported to Biffa. DM added that he used to contact Ian from SUEZ, DU said that Ian is with the Council and this would be effective. Ian's contact information was shared with the group along with minutes of a previous meeting. SC/LT will share these details again with the group.</p> <p>AW and SR updated the group on construction and ecology matters.</p>	SC/LT
6.0	Parish Council requests/suggestions	
6.1	None	
7.0	Question and Answer Session (including questions submitted to Chair)	
7.1	None	
8.0	A.O.B	
8.1	<p>LT updated that the Scope fund will be open soon for submissions. DM showed the group his successful application in the previous round of funding for "warm place" LT to update the group when applications are open again.</p> <p>RP added that it used to be easier to report issues when it was known who was responsible for what. JW answered that it is best to report it direct to Biffa. JP added that while it is reported, they do not always update people to let them know when the job has been actioned.</p> <p>DM added that there is surface water that travels across the road and down the dip which creates an ice rink in the colder temperatures. DM believes that a pipe might be blocked.</p>	LT



	<p>SR added that it looks like the water from the site and the road are picked up in this system. CORMAC have updated it and it should now be 80% better than it was previously and should have been noticeable this January.</p> <p>DM added that historically water came out of it and questioned if there is a pipe across the road that is still blocked. AW asked if the drain modifications on site should accommodate this. SR stated that it is offsite.</p> <p>DM added that the pipe looks to go past CORMAC and towards the source of Widow Path stream. DU to pass this along to highways for an update.</p> <p>JP asked about the different funds available from SUEZ. LT and SC to share this information with the group.</p>	<p>SR/AW</p> <p>DU</p> <p>SC/LT</p>
9.0	Date of Next Meeting	
9.1	To be confirmed.	

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Subject	Connon Bridge Liaison Group
Date	04/10/2022
Location	Connon Bridge
Recorder	Sarah Cotton
Chair	Lisa Thompson

Present

Name	Initials	Company	Title
Jon Davis	JD	SUEZ	Operations Manager East Cornwall
Alistair Walker	AW	SUEZ	Construction Project Manager
Sarah Cotton	SC	SUEZ	Education and Community Officer
Lisa Thompson	LT	SUEZ	Senior Community Liaison Manager and Chair
Sheldon Roberts	SR	CORMAC	Project Manager
Lindsay Opie	LO	CORMAC	Communications and Engagement Manager
Andrew Smith	AS	CORMAC	Senior Project Manager
John Emerson	JE	Local resident	
Dale Unsworth	DU	Cornwall Council	Integrated Waste Management Contract Team Leader
Matthew Sleeman	MS	Cornwall Council	Planning Officer

Jackie Ward	JW	Cornwall Council	Head of Waste
Doug Mills	DM	Local resident and St Pinnock Parish Council	Parish Councillor
Jenny Mills	JM	Local resident	
Paul Jordan	PJ	Chair of Braddock Parish Council	Parish Councillor
Mark Holmes	MH	Cornwall Council	
Jennifer Roberts	JR	Cornwall Council	Carbon Neutral Cornwall Officer
Janet Haley	JH	Local resident	
Henry Haley	HH	Local resident	
Jane Pascoe	JP	Cllr for Liskeard South and Dobwalls	Cornwall Councillor
Richard Pugh	RP	Local resident	
Carole Spear	CS	Cllr for St Pinnock Parish Council (Chair)	Parish Councillor

Ref	Note	Action
1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
1.1	LT opened the meeting. Introductions were made for new members present. No apologies were received.	
2.0	Minutes of meeting held on 19/07/22	
2.1	Minutes adopted.	

3.0	Matters arising	
3.1	None.	
4.0	Terms of Reference	
4.1	<p>LT explained the rationale for the alterations made to the ToR to reflect the change of responsibility for the restored landfill at Connon Bridge.</p> <p>PJ asked if the ToR needed to include a clause for an independent chair.</p> <p>LT replied that she is happy to chair, but that it gives the option should circumstances change.</p>	
5.0	SUEZ Operational Update HWRC & RTS and Construction Update	
5.1	<p>JD updated the group on operations at the HWRC and the RTS, including the details of the recent fire at Connon Bridge.</p> <p>A question was raised about where the shredder was when the fire started and if the shredder itself caused the fire.</p> <p>JD answered that the shredder was outside and that the cause of the fire was more likely to be a battery rather than the machine itself due to the lithium contained inside batteries.</p> <p>JP asked if the public are aware of the dangers of batteries.</p> <p>LT answered that there are campaigns to educate the public on this issue.</p> <p>JW added that for those not online, a newsletter will be used to spread the message.</p> <p>AW then updated the group on the progress made to planning and construction, introducing the representatives from CORMAC to expand on the update.</p> <p>JP asked if there would be a record kept of the vehicle movements during construction, and if this can be shared with the Parish Council on a regular basis.</p> <p>SR answered that a full register of vehicles on site will be kept, and this can be shared with the Parish Council.</p>	SR
6.0	Parish Council requests/suggestions	
6.1	None raised.	
7.0	Question and Answer Session (including questions submitted to Chair)	

7.1	<p>LT stated that no questions had been raised in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>DM asked if MIDAS going bust had an impact on CORMAC being awarded the contract.</p> <p>AW replied that due to the non-material amendment being altered, the contract went back out to market for retender. With this additional information CORMAC were awarded the contract.</p> <p>A question was raised about how many tenders there were for the contract.</p> <p>AW to ascertain and get back to the group.</p> <p>DU asked who would be the point of contact at CORMAC if the CLG has any concerns during construction.</p> <p>LO answered there is a specified outbox which is monitored that the group can use. This will be shared with the group.</p> <p>A question was raised about subcontractors and reassurance was given that they will keep to the standards set by CORMAC and SUEZ.</p> <p>SR stated that CORMAC will monitor subcontractors as best they can and if examples of noncompliance are found, they can deal with these.</p> <p>AW added that the traffic management plan shared with CORMAC is also shared with subcontractors, so all parties are aware of the plans in place.</p> <p>JM and DM asked how construction traffic may impact the roads and queuing around the HWRC.</p> <p>SR answered that CORMAC will liaise with the site for delivery at non-peak times. There is also the possibility of using a route that would take the construction traffic direct to the CORMAC compound to alleviate the queueing for the weighbridge and at the entrance to the HWRC.</p> <p>DM raised an issue with a white line that needs repainting on the road.</p> <p>JD to investigate this.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>LT/SC</p> <p>JD</p>
8.0	A.O.B	
8.1	<p>LT highlighted the SUEZ Cornwall annual report has been published and is available to download from the SUEZ Cornwall website. LT also highlighted that the restored landfill and ongoing discussion about solar panels will take place at the end of the main CLG meeting as its own separate sub-meeting, chaired and minuted by Cornwall Council representatives.</p>	
9.0	Date of Next Meeting	



9.1	The next meeting will be held in February. The date will be confirmed with the group.	
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Date	19/7/2022
Location	Connon Bridge
Recorder	Sarah Cotton
Chair	Lisa Thompson

Present

Name	Initials	Company	Title
Dale Unsworth	DU	Cornwall Council	Integrated Waste Management Contract Team Leader
Doug Mills	DM	Local resident and St Pinnock Parish Council	
Emma Smyth	ES	SUEZ	Planning Manager
Ian Mitchell	IM	Cornwall Council	Landfill Senior Site Manager
Jane Pascoe	JP	Cornwall Council Liskeard South & Dobwalls	
Janise Philp		St Pinnock Parish Councillor	
John Emerson	JE	Resident	
Paul Jordan	PJ	Chairman of Braddock Parish Council	
Richard Pugh	RP	Resident	
Alistair Walker	AW	SUEZ	



Sarah Cotton	SC	SUEZ	Education and Community Officer
Jenny Mills	JM	Resident	
Lisa Thompson	LT	SUEZ	Senior Community Liaison Manager
Jennifer Roberts	JR	Cornwall Council	Carbon Neutral Cornwall
Carole Spear	CS	CIr for St. Pinnock Parish Council (Chair)	Parish Councillor

Ref	Note	Action
1.0	Welcome and apologies	
1.1	Apologies were received from Matthew Sleeman, Patrick Daws, Stephanie Carlyon and Robert Williams.	
2.0	Minutes of meeting held on 29/0/22	
2.1	Minutes adopted.	
3.0	Matters arising	
3.1	DM mentioned the sightline on the main road. LT answered that this is outside the boundary of SUEZ. DM replied that it had been cut and that he had contacted those responsible and has been assured that they will be proactive in the future. DM also brought up that the hedge on the right is getting overgrown. Action for the responsible party. LT will investigate.	LT
4.0	SUEZ update – Potential dates for commencement of construction	



4.1	ES updated the group on the progress of the planning.	
5.0	Cornwall Council update on Restoration handover	
5.1	<p>DU updated the group on the landfill restoration, highlighting that IM has transferred employment to Cornwall Council to continue working on the landfill site. IM assured everyone that he will be contactable for those who have enquiries. Action to distribute contact information.</p> <p>DM questioned if ragwort part of this remit. IM stated that it will be dealt with.</p> <p>DM asked for an update on a field being transferred to a farmer and if this was something the Council was able to do or not as was previously mentioned. JR to investigate this and report back.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the food waste collection fleet and the transportation required to get the food waste to an anaerobic digester</p> <p>LT also highlighted the importance of raising questions prior to the meeting to allow for cohesive and productive answers to be shared with the group.</p> <p>DU answered that the Council is considering the options of an anaerobic digester, but that this is a long-term aspiration, and not an alternative to a transfer station, but in conjunction with one. In the short-term food waste will go to merchant capacity.</p> <p>J Pascoe – stated that taking the food waste out of the county is a waste of money and that the investment in an anaerobic digester should have been thought of previously.</p> <p>DU replied that the Council is actively looking into options and that the merchant capacity is to ensure that food waste collection can occur from 2023.</p> <p>J Philp asked if a cost analysis of the anaerobic digester can be publicised to allow the public to express opinions</p>	<p>IM/ LT</p> <p>JR</p> <p>LT</p> <p>LT/ DU</p>
6.0	Personnel changes / staffing structure at the Council	
6.1	DU explained how the waste service now sits within the Council's structure and highlighted that a new service director will be in position later this year.	
7.0	Solar Array	
7.1	PJ asked how many other sites for the solar array were considered before Connon Bridge.	



	<p>JR answered that Connon Bridge is a rare site with an available grid connection and the capacity to install renewable energy on a Council property. She highlighted those investigations started 3 years ago and that there are 5 or 6 similar projects in planning.</p> <p>J Philp asked what improvement can be made to the site if it is to go ahead. JR answered that more permissive footpaths are suggested in the planning drawing.</p> <p>J Philp asked whether the solar panels could be moved to another area of the site and that the community needs more than a park in compensation. JR highlighted that the area selected was chosen for a reason and cannot be moved without consideration.</p> <p>J Philp felt ignored and bullied as the Parish are not given anything in return and their suggestions are ignored.</p> <p>JP hoped that comments from the Parish would have been considered. JR reiterated that the solar panels are ideally located in the planning.</p> <p>J Philp stated that the land was meant to be restored to agricultural land but that now it is for a solar array with a path. She is against the land being used for solar array and highlighted that the need for agricultural land will increase with influences such as the Ukrainian war.</p> <p>JR highlighted that the land is low grade level 3 land.</p> <p>JP asked if solar panels could be added to roofs instead, as the shortage of wheat should be a consideration. JP also hoped to have an answer during the meeting about using roofs for solar panels.</p> <p>LT suggested adding this topic of solar panels on roofs to the next meeting's agenda.</p> <p>PJ added that planning permission would need to be granted for solar panels on roofs and should be investigated.</p> <p>J Philp added that permissive paths on top of the restored footpaths are not enough. She explained that the use of the land has been restricted from what was previously agreed and feels that it is an urban development. She reiterated feeling ignored as the Council makes decisions on Council planning.</p> <p>JR stated that verbal suggestions need to be backed up with writing, LT echoed this as emailing in suggestions are needed for meetings.</p> <p>J Philp to document these wishes and send them to JR.</p> <p>JP asked what the timeline for this application is.</p> <p>JR answered that Spring next year is the estimate.</p> <p>DM added that the roof suggestion needs to be considered as soon as possible.</p>	<p>LT/ JR</p> <p>J Philp</p> <p>JR</p>
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8.0	Question and answer session (including questions submitted to Chair)	
8.1	<p>LT reiterated the need to express questions in a calm and respectful manner.</p> <p>CS asked whether there was an opportunity to fund a play area in East Taphouse which has not been compensated for its location in relation to the site. LT answered that there is a community trust fund that could be applied for and has been successful elsewhere.</p> <p>PJ added that he had had success with this in the past.</p> <p>CS also asked if a speed limit can be enforced as a recent near miss highlighted the danger.</p>	LT/DU
9.0	Any Other Business	
9.1	JP reiterated that the ragwort needs to be a high priority.	
10.0	Date of next meeting	
10.1	LT will send out a poll for everyone to determine the next meeting date.	LT

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Subject	Connon Bridge Liaison Group
Date	13/04/2021
Location	Connon Bridge Landfill
Recorder	Abigail Bailey
Chair	Mel Colton-Dyer

Present

Name	Initials	Company	Title
Craig Mouatt	CM	SUEZ	Operations Manager
Robert Williams	RW	SUEZ	Project Manager
Niall Kelly	NK	SUEZ	Planning Manager
Abigail Bailey	AB	SUEZ	Education and Community Officer
Natalie Chard	NC	SUEZ	Senior Community Liaison Manager
Jackie Ward	JW	Cornwall Council	Head of Waste
Dale Unsworth	DU	Cornwall Council	Integrated Waste Management Contract Team Leader
Matthew Sleeman	MS	Cornwall Council	Planning Officer
Nicola Wilcox	NW	Cornwall Council	Change Manager
Tim Warne	TW	Cornwall Council	Principal Planning Officer
Doug Mills	DM	Local resident and St Pinnock Parish Council	

Colin Martin	Cllr.CM	Cllr for Lostwithiel	
Janise Philp	JP	Local resident and St Pinnock Parish Council	
Janet and Henry Hayley	JH	Local Residents	
Paul Jordan	PJ	Chairman of Braddock Parish Council	
Peter Seaman	PS	Lanreath Parish Council	
Richard Pugh	RP	Cllr for Trelawny Division.	
Mel Colton-Dyer	MCD	Independent chair	
Jane Pascoe	JP	Cllr for Liskeard South	

Ref	Note	Action
1.0	Welcome and apologies	
1.1	MCD welcomed everyone and went through the protocols of the virtual meeting and how to submit questions which would be asked at the end. She added that there had been several questions submitted very late and that unfortunately due to the lateness of the submission were unable to answer them during this meeting but would circulate both questions and answers with the minutes of the meeting.	
2.0	SUEZ presentation DU introduced himself and presented a PowerPoint on the changing waste collection contract and food waste collection. NK then introduced himself and showed a presentation on the planning applications.	

<p>2.1</p>	<p>Question and answer session</p> <p>Cllr.CM asked what Cornwall Council’s long term waste strategic plan was, would there be further extensions to operations at Connon Bridge.</p> <p>JW responded that the current application covered operations up until 2036.</p> <p>PJ asked which other sites were considered. He then asked if Cornwall Council could give an update on the statement made by Peter Marsh on the possibility of a super depot in the A30 Corridor in the Roche area.</p> <p>NK replied that they had looked at all the key strategic waste management sites and currently all have proposals for redevelopment for food waste with no room for additional infrastructure. He stated the property team carried out an overview of industrial properties on the market in the Liskeard, Bodmin and St Austell area and concluded there were no suitable alternatives.</p> <p>JW added that she wasn’t with Cornwall Council when Peter Marsh made that statement but went on to say that there are no current plans for a super depot of any description. Reference was made to a potential forthcoming site at Hallenbeagle along the A30 corridor but this is in the west of the County near Redruth.</p> <p>Cllr.CM suggested that a separate meeting took place to discuss and review Cornwall Council’s long-term strategic plan for waste handling and processing.</p> <p>PJ asked for justification on the size of the transfer station and asked why an alternative design with a smaller footprint for food waste couldn’t be used.</p> <p>RW responded that they have designed the new transfer station so it will be fully enclosed. He explained that it would mean that they are able to unload waste collection vehicles at the same time as loading out. The advantages would be to reduce odour and possibility of pests and at the same time reduce queuing by continuing to receive waste collection materials while loading out.</p> <p>PJ stated that there is concern that the food waste transfer station at Connon is oversized compared to other areas and in the planning application it states that Connon Bridge might be able to accept food waste from other food waste transfer stations if operations are down. He asked for confirmation if the Council would be happy to accept as part of a section 106, that no waste from other transfer stations would be accepted at Connon Bridge</p> <p>JW explained that to be able to have contingency plans in place, they would have to be able to accept waste from other facilities.</p>	
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	<p>JH then asked if there are two sets of double doors with a vacuum in between would that reduce the amount of odour that comes out. Then added is the clinical waste building trade waste.</p> <p>RW explained that two sets of double doors had not been considered in the design.</p> <p>JW explained that the standard practice for food waste bays are to use fast acting doors and the purpose of the odour management relates to the boundary of the site not the building itself.</p> <p>RW added that trade waste is accepted at Connon Bridge and the signage is relevant to the HWRC.</p> <p>JW stated that clinical waste is collected from homes in Cornwall.</p> <p>Cllr.CM asked if there are any ventilation systems or negative air pressures that help to suck air in not out.</p> <p>RW responded that he has not seen anything like that in this type of transfer station but there would be deodorising spray systems within the building.</p> <p>PJ asked if they would be willing to accept a tonnage cap as well as a vehicle cap.</p> <p>NK replied the tonnage cap doesn't give control over the number of vehicles entering the site.</p> <p>JW added that she would rather have as few conditions to manage as possible.</p> <p>JH asked what the chances of any changes are from tonight's meeting.</p> <p>JW responded that she would still encourage everyone to submit questions and comments on the planning application.</p> <p>MCD asked when the minutes and questions will be made available to the group.</p> <p>NC stated it will be a 7-day turnaround.</p> <p>TW stated that the application details are up on the Council's website, with site notices / newspaper notices being placed and the Council are welcoming comments on the application. He added that the more questions there are the better and that the group can use him as a contact and go between to seek clarification on matters from the applicants as necessary. He added that the whole planning process is transparent. The application would not be determined until sometime after the Local Elections.</p>	
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	<p>Cllr.CM asked if he could have an updated version of the like for like figures of the sites that have the new transfer stations.</p> <p>RW replied that he can look at St Erth as a comparison, but that Launceston is still in the design process.</p>	
	<p>Close of meeting</p> <p>MCD thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded everyone that if they wanted anything to be circulated or had anything they wanted to be raised that they should email her directly.</p>	