



Meeting Note

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Meeting with	Whitemoss Landfill Limited and their advisors
Meeting date	3 October 2012
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Mark Wilson (Case Manager) Michael Baker (Assistant Case Officer) Will Spencer (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Frances Russell (EIA and Land Rights Advisor)
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	Guy Titman (MJCA) Rob Routledge (Whitemoss Landfill Limited) Mark Parkin (Whitemoss Landfill Limited) Chris Bowes (DLA Piper) Emily Williams (DLA Piper)
Location	Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	An initial meeting to discuss the proposal
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>The Planning Inspectorate advised that as part of their openness policy a note of the meeting would be taken and any s51 advice given would be published on the website.</p> <p>Overview</p> <p>A plan of the site was presented to the Planning Inspectorate detailing the current site layout and the planned new hazardous waste landfill and associated development. The applicant informed the Planning Inspectorate that the planning permission for the current hazardous waste landfill specifies that landfilling operations must be completed by the end of 2018 although based on the remaining void it is likely that landfilling operations will be completed by mid 2015. The current environmental permit for the landfill site limits the annual waste input to 149,500 tonnes, with the operations at the site managed through this permit in conjunction with the EA.</p> <p><i>Land Ownership</i></p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate enquired whether any compulsory acquisition is expected to be included in the DCO. The applicant informed the Planning Inspectorate that they own the majority of the land required and expect to reach agreement about those parcels not in their ownership but at this stage it was not possible to rule out the need for compulsory acquisition.</p>
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Restoration

The applicant presented the Planning Inspectorate with aerial photographs showing the areas of the current landfill which already have been restored. The applicant explained that it was anticipated that the restoration of the new landfill would be similar to the current landfill.

Neighbours

The applicant informed the Inspectorate that they have maintained a good relationship with neighbours during current operations.

HRA and associated matters

The applicant informed the Planning Inspectorate that ecological surveys done within the last 6 months had not highlighted the presence of any protected species and that the site was not in close proximity to any protected sites. The applicant will enter into discussions with Natural England concerning the need for appropriate assessment in due course.

Timescales

The applicant informed the Planning Inspectorate that:

- The draft SOCC has been submitted to Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council and comments are expected by 26 October 2012
- A meeting would take place with the relevant Local Authorities during October 2012 if requested by the Local Authorities
- A scoping request will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of October 2012
- It is anticipated that the S42 and s47 consultation will begin in mid to late February 2013, to conclude in early April 2013
- It is anticipated that the application will be submitted in late August/early September 2013.

In relation to the scoping request, the Planning Inspectorate advised that the applicant have regard to Advice Note 3 and that two weeks notice is requested before the submission of any scoping request, along with a shape file of the red line boundary.

The Planning Inspectorate stated that any future Scoping Opinion would include a list of organisations consulted in preparing the opinion. The applicant would also receive the list of Consultation Bodies notified by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 9 of the EIA Regulations. It is for the applicant however to satisfy themselves that all consultees prescribed by Schedule 1 of the Applications Prescribed Forms and Procedure regulations are consulted.

	<p>The Planning Inspectorate requested a copy of the draft SOCC, however comments will not be provided unless requested.</p> <p>It was agreed that the project webpage on the Planning Inspectorate's website would be launched after the meeting.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate advised the applicant to be mindful of public holidays when planning the consultation period. It was advised that the applicant engage early with statutory and non-statutory consultees and that consideration will have to be given to the responses received during the consultation period in the Consultation Report.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	<p>Project webpage to be published online.</p> <p>A draft SOCC will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate, who will not provide comment.</p>
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