

OLD KENT ROAD COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Minutes from the CLG meeting of Monday 23rd June 2008 at the Southwark Resource Centre

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1. ATTENDANCE

Name	Organisation
1. Sylvia Marsh	<i>Bonamy Bramcote TRA</i>
2. K. Pieri	<i>Bonamy Bramcote TRA</i>
3. Luna Glucksberg	<i>Bells Gardens TRA</i>
4. Sandy Stewart	<i>Aylesbury TRA</i>
5. Lesley Wertheimer	<i>Northfields TRA/TC/PAHF</i>
6. Josephine Pickett-Baker	<i>Southwark Friends of the Earth</i>
7. Lisa Corcoran	<i>Lyndley TRA</i>
8. Tanya St Clair Knights	<i>Pelier TRA</i>
9. Wendy Rother	<i>ARARA</i>
10. Bill Rother	<i>ARARA</i>
11. Sheila Kiddey	<i>ARARA</i>
12. R. Hinchliffe	<i>Pilgrims Way Children Centre and Pilgrims Way Primary</i>
13. Giles Otomewo	
14. Stuart MacAlister	
15. Marian Faruggia	<i>South Bermondsey Partnership</i>
16. Martin Stacey	
17. Alan Husband	<i>Southwark Council</i>
18. Edward Thomas	<i>Veolia</i>
19. David Nicholson	<i>Veolia</i>
20. Ben Velmans	<i>Veolia</i>
21. Darren North	<i>Veolia</i>
22. Jane Rayner	<i>Sauce Consultancy</i>
23. Ben Meaker	<i>Sauce Consultancy</i>

2. INTRODUCTION

Jane Rayner welcomed the group and outlined the agenda.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5.5 hectares of the 11 hectare site will be developed by Veolia Environmental Services. The remaining half will be left as it is at present.
- Issues concerning co-mingling household waste were raised in a BBC TV programme and in a WRAP Report. Both showed that kerbside sorting was more effective than co-mingling as there was less contamination problems. Co-mingling issues will be raised at future meetings.

- There was reference to Hackney Council’s recent decision to stop collecting recyclables in flats because of fire hazards. Would the same happen in Southwark? Most of Southwark’s flats have external stair cases and therefore would not cause fire hazards.
- The site is sized for Southwark’s anticipated waste arisings, other than the MRF which has been sized to operate as a strategic facility with around half of its capacity available in case a higher recycling rate is achieved and/or used by other boroughs or local businesses
- Terms of reference: “Representation” is a difficult term to define as it implies different connotations. This section will need rewording. It was agreed to amend 1.2 to read: “Members will be allowed to represent the interests of groups and attend as individuals. Therefore members will be expected to discuss the issues with others and bring their views to the meetings.” This will reflect the make up of the group which comprises people representing different groups and those attending as individuals.
- Communicating to the local community through current TRA/school/etc meetings must be envisaged
- Scoping documents and planning applications should be made available to people who cannot access a personal computer
- In future, Veolia PowerPoint presentations should be sent by email and/or by post to all CLG members. These presentations will be available on the Veolia London website – <http://www.veoliaenvironmentalservices.co.uk/london/pages/southwark.asp> These will be live on 4 July 2008

4. CURRENT ACTIVITIES TO DATE

David Nicholson gave a brief of overview of the current activities to date.

- End of May: Planning application has been sent by Southwark Council for site remediation
- Site investigations have discovered a series of soil contaminants in the site
- Table 1: Planning activities to date

Application	Organisation	Date
Remediation of site: 08/CO/0044	Southwark Council	11 June 2008
Site access road: 07/CO/0096	Southwark Council	12 June 2007
EIA Scoping Opinion: 08/AP/0038	Veolia	4 January 2008
Integrated Waste Management Facility	Veolia	Due August 2008

Issues raised:**Would it be possible to obtain a copy of the planning application and make amendments if necessary?**

- The Southwark Council planning document number for the remediation of the site is: 08/CO/0044.
- The Southwark Council planning document number for the site access road is: 07/CO/0096.
- The Veolia planning document number for the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion is: 08/AP/0038.

Direct links for all of these planning documents will be provided on the Veolia London website. Also, Veolia will make every effort to obtain a printed copy to bring to meetings.

5. STRATEGIC DIRECTION, GOVERNMENT DRIVERS, WASTE ARISING IN SOUTHWARK

Edward Thomas gave a presentation to outline these topics, and answered some questions at the time – although others will be discussed in more detail at future meetings.

Issues raised:**Is the amount of household waste going to increase?**

- As the number of households are rising, we can expect an increase in the amount of household waste

What happens to Tetra Pak cartons?

- Tetra Pak cartons are currently taken to the Manor Place depot
- Tetra Pak cartons are difficult to recover as they are composed of a mixture of materials
- Manufacturers are looking into alternatives to address this issue

The Tetra Pak bank at Sainsbury's on Dog Kennel Hill is regularly over-flowing:

- Veolia will inform Tetra Pak of the situation and try to arrange more frequent collections or larger facilities in order to remedy the situation.
- Veolia Environmental Services are working with Tetra Pak to try to locate more carton recycling banks around the borough. Members were asked to provide suggested locations for suitable sites for this.

Other Veolia Environmental Services projects involve incineration. It has been said that landfill is in fact a better option. Will any waste arisings from Southwark be sent to landfill?

- In addition to SELCHP, the remaining non-recyclable waste will be sent to landfill.
- Indeed, landfill still has an important part to play in the waste management arena. It's part of the solution.

Could you incorporate energy generation on a local level?

- Veolia hopes that SELCHP will be able to provide district heating.

How many kW will be produced from the waste sent to SELCHP?

- Veolia will look into this. Also see <http://www.selchp.com/>

Will this site include an incinerator at a later date?

- The site has no facilities for incineration and will not incinerate any of the waste.
- All literature to date, produced by Southwark Council and VES, has clearly stated that there will be no incineration on this site.
- Both the planning permission and the Environmental Permit will state what Veolia can and cannot do. Veolia is not applying to be allowed to incinerate on site in either of these applications.
- Furthermore, it is not financially viable to build an incinerator as there is one a few miles away (SELCHP)

The public often do not know what questions to ask.

- The CLG meetings hopefully enable members to have enough information in order to ask the right questions

Will there be any metals in the fuel sent to SELCHP?

- There will undoubtedly be traces of metal. However, every effort is made throughout the waste management process to recover as much metal as possible.

Will SELCHP's emissions increase after processing the remaining amount of Southwark's waste?

- SELCHP will be running at its current capacity so the emissions should remain the same.

6. THE PLANNING PROCESS

David Nicholson outlined the planning process.

Issues raised:

How can residents have an informed opinion and make amendments (if necessary) to the planning application?

- The planning application is publically available on the Southwark's planning website (the links will be posted on the Veolia London/Old Kent Road CLG website)
- Technical documents will be summarised in relevant presentations where possible.
- Printed copies of documents will be available at future meetings.
- In order to formally comment on the planning application, residents may write to the planning authority.

What is remediation?

- Remediation is the process of decontaminating a specific site

When is the deadline to comment of the remediation application?

- The consultation period for the remediation application is currently open. This consultation period is due to close on 16 July 2008.

7. TECHNOLOGY

David Nicholson gave a brief presentation to outline the technology that will be used in the site but due to a lack of time, this subject will be covered at a later date.

Issues raised:

What happens if an item of machinery breaks down?

- The MBT is separated into different sections which can operate independently

What happens to the water after the waste management process?

- The waste water is discharged into the sewers. Veolia Environmental Services will need a discharge consent from Thames Water and this will also be controlled by the permit from the Environment Agency
- However, water will be taken from the run-off of the roof and used in the process.

When will the site be operating?

- The mechanical part of the site will be operating 24/7

- The arrival and disposal of recyclables and waste will mostly occur between the hours of 06.00 and 18.00. More detail on traffic movements will be provided in a later meeting

8. QUESTIONS, REQUESTS, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The following issues were raised at the end of the meeting:

- **There needs to be more order in chairing the meeting, making sure the agenda is addressed and that the meeting starts on time**
- **Copy of planning applications (road, remediation, scoping documents, site plan)**
- **Southwark should use recycled waste to power district heating units**
- **Ealing Council is producing electricity from its waste – why not Southwark?**
- **Members requested additional meetings and holding additional exhibitions around the borough to further raise awareness**
- **Members would like more in-depth information on the site remediation process**
- **Members would like to be sent information on specific topics prior to the meeting to get a greater understanding of the issues and have time to think of relevant questions**

9. VISIT TO VEOLIA'S RECOVERY SITE IN GREENWICH

The proposed dates for an organised visit to the Veolia Greenwich Recovery Site were:

- Thursday 10th July at 19.00
- Tuesday 22nd July at 14.30
- Friday 25th July at 10.30

The visit will now take place on Thursday 10th July. Members wishing to attend must report to the Southwark Resource Visitor Centre at 18.30 and will be taken by coach to the facility. Only 10 people can be accommodated on each tour so places will need to be booked in advance. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, please contact Jane Rayner at info@sauceconsultancy.co.uk or telephone 020 8256 0023 to book your place. If there is enough demand Veolia Environmental Services will look into arranging a second visit at a later date.

10. OUTCOME OF THE MEETING

How confident do you feel that the liaison group will be worth your while?



How easy do you find it to participate in the CLG meeting?



11. ACTION POINTS TO ADDRESS

- Rewrite the terms of reference – **JR**
- Look into the issue of overflowing tetra pak banks – **VES**
- Find out how much energy is produced from the expected amount of waste that will be sent to SELCHP – **VES**
- The planning applications for the road, the site and the remediation must be made available to the public in electronic and paper formats - **VES**
- Find out the deadline for the remediation application if residents want to make amendments – **VES - DN**
- Organise another meeting to address the points that were not covered in this meeting – **VES and Sauce**

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15th July 2008 from 7PM until 9PM at the Southwark Council’s Resource Visitor Centre**. We will be open from 6.30pm and will be offering sandwiches and refreshments.

The agenda for future meetings is detailed in the table below. This references the questions/comments raised in the first meeting (3 June 2008) and how and when these will be covered in the future meetings.

Table 2: Agenda topics for future meetings

Questions/ Comments	Topics	Meeting Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This group is not representative of the local community - how will this be addressed 2) Information on planning documents for proposed development 3) Information on the MBT process 	<p>Purpose of the Group; strategic direction; Government drivers; planning process; technology</p>	<p>23-Jun</p>
<p>Site visit to facilities already built</p>	<p>Site visit to Greenwich MRF</p>	<p>10-Jul</p>
	<p>Feedback from site visit</p>	<p>15-Jul</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Information on the stack and MBT process 2) Information on the smell factor and the disinfection procedure for the area 3) What will be the energy use of the plant and its overall carbon footprint 4) Will we be able to drop off electrical goods at the facility 5) How big will the pellets be 6) Questions over traffic movements 	<p>Technology of the MRF and MBT</p>	<p>15-Jul</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What does the remediation process involve 2) Will we have a complaints procedure to follow regarding the construction of the works 3) Information on the construction works (time and days of work, amount of time needed, dust/dirt) 	<p>Remediation of the site: Presented by Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>15-Jul</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Will Veolia trucks be dual duty (transporting trade waste at weekends) 2) Will there be an increase in traffic on the Old Kent Road 3) How will the route be controlled and managed 4) Which routes will the trucks be taking 5) Information about the smell factor and the disinfection procedure for the area 6) Information on the construction works (time and days of work, amount of time needed, dust/dirt) 7) Research into the impact of air quality, residents and businesses 	<p>Environmental Impact Assessment: Traffic & Planning: Presented by RPS</p>	<p>05-Aug</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Traffic movement issues 2) Information about smell factor and disinfection procedure for area 3) Will we have a complaints procedure to follow regarding construction of the works 	<p>Environmental Permit; Planning process</p>	<p>12-Aug</p>

Future meetings will be held at the same place and time. A further meeting has been scheduled on **5th August 2008** in addition to the arranged meeting on **12th August 2008**.

Public Exhibition is scheduled for **Friday 15th and Saturday 16th August 2008**.

13. GLOSSARY

EIA: Environmental Impact Assessment

MSW: Municipal Solid Waste

WTS: Waste Transfer Station

MBT: Mechanical-Biological Treatment

MRF: Materials Recovery Facility

CHP: Combined Heat and Power

Co-mingled recyclables: Several types of clean, dry recyclable material put out in one container for collection (e.g. glass, paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and cans).

HWRRC: Household Waste Re-use and Recycling Centre

ICC: Integrated Cleaning Contract (of London Borough of Southwark)

MPD: Manor Place Depot – the existing depot of waste collection vehicles, transfer station and HWRRC

UDP: Unitary Development Plan

Anaerobic Digestion: Waste treatment process without air

LATS: Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme

SELCHP: South East London Combined Heat and Power

VES: Veolia Environmental Services

EPA: Environmental Protection Act

SRF: Secondary Recovered Fuel