

Padworth IWMF Liaison Group

Terms of Reference

Our aim

1. The Group is established for the sole purpose of providing a good neighbour liaison during the construction phase of the development at Padworth Sidings.
2. Veolia Environmental Services (or West Berkshire Council where appropriate) will inform members of the Group of the various stages of the construction as it develops.
3. Members of the Group will become knowledgeable about the work completed and planned and understand its effects throughout the construction phase.
4. The Group shall raise issues relating to the development of an Integrated Waste Management Facility at the Padworth Sidings site and where appropriate discuss these with the relevant body responsible.
5. Membership of the Group in no way implies any personal support of, or objection to, the construction or operation of the facility.
6. Membership of the Group does imply that you will endeavour, through information and discussion, to assist that the works on site can be done with due consideration to its neighbours and with the minimum possible nuisance.
7. Veolia and West Berkshire Council will give fair consideration to the opinions and comments raised and will view them in line with their obligations and constraints.

The Group

1. The core membership of the Group shall comprise representatives of the residents of the village of Padworth, West Berkshire Council and Veolia Environmental Services. It is recognised that other organisations with a regulatory or other legitimate interest in the effective operation of the site shall also be members of the Group. These include the Environment Agency, British Waterways, Kennet and Avon Canal Trust, the Oil Pipeline Agency and certain local businesses.
2. Notes of the meetings will be taken and agreed by the Group prior to their non-restricted circulation.
3. The Group will meet at dates and times to be agreed at each proceeding meeting, taking account of the plan of works.
4. It is intended that the Group's meetings will take place near the site on weekday afternoons or evenings (to be agreed within the Group). On occasions meetings may take place elsewhere and at different times, for example to enable a site visit.
5. Members are expected to express opinions on issues raised in meetings and use their local knowledge or experience to suggest how this impacts upon the local community.
6. Other Local and County Officers, not members of the Group, may attend as observers.
7. Staff from Veolia and West Berkshire Council will attend all meetings and will participate in the discussions. The building contractor and other subcontractors may be invited to contribute to the meetings.
8. Membership is on a voluntary basis. Should a member wish to leave, the need for an appropriate replacement will be discussed within the Group.

Our Expectations

1. Members of the Group are expected to discuss the issues raised regarding the construction phase in and out of the meeting and where possible express views believed to be held in the local community.
2. Veolia and West Berkshire Council expect to develop a better understanding of what the local community feels related to the construction phase and how this may impinge on and/or contribute to the local community.
3. Veolia and West Berkshire Council expect that in discussing their programme of works with the Group, they have avoided or minimised negative impacts where possible.
4. Once construction is complete, the Group will decide whether and in what format it should continue.